

**AMENDMENT OF GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR INQUIRIES BY THE PRODUCTIVITY
COMMISSION INTO WHETHER SAFEGUARD ACTION IS WARRANTED UNDER THE
AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

In order to comply with the requirements of the Singapore Australia Free Trade Agreement, the Australia United States Free Trade Agreement and the Thailand Australia Free Trade Agreement, this notice amends the General procedures for inquiries by the Productivity Commission into whether safeguard action is warranted under the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization Instrument.

Note The general procedures were published in Commonwealth *Gazette* No S 297 of 25 June 1998, and notified to the World Trade Organization. The general procedures relate to inquiries into safeguard action by the Productivity Commission in respect of a reference under Parts 2 and 3 of the *Productivity Commission Act* 1998.

Amendments

(section 3)

[1] Paragraph 5 (a)

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which shall be excluded from the inquiry; and

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[2] Paragraph 5 (b)

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imports of the product.

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[3] After paragraph 5 (b)

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- (c) product determined to be of Singapore origin pursuant to the Singapore Australia Free Trade Agreement, which shall be excluded; and
 - (d) product determined to be of United States origin pursuant to the Australia United States Free Trade Agreement, which may be excluded if those imports are not a substantial cause of serious injury, **or threat thereof**; and
 - (e) product determined to be of Thai origin pursuant to the Thailand Australia Free Trade Agreement, which may be excluded if those imports are not a cause of serious injury **or threat thereof or of serious damage or actual threat thereof**.
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