



Geoff Johannes, Customs National Manager for Trade Measures.

Customs attends international anti-dumping conference

Australian Customs was represented at the first international anti-dumping conference held in China in June.

The conference was conducted over two days in Beijing and marked the 10th year of China's anti-dumping administration.

Customs National Manager for Trade Measures, Geoff Johannes, was one of several guest speakers representing governments and organisations from around the globe. There were delegates from the World Trade Organization (WTO), the European Community, Brazil, Pakistan, South Africa and the United States of America.

Through participating in the seminar, several new relationships were formed which will increase future opportunities for sharing information on anti-dumping policies and practices of the administrations represented.

"The contacts we have made will contribute to strengthening Australia's international relations with other anti-dumping authorities," he said.

"I am looking forward to future opportunities to build on the discussions of our respective

systems and the common challenges that we face. Such cooperation is particularly important given the dynamic global trade environment in which we all work".

Geoff Johannes presented a paper to the seminar titled "Australian Anti-Dumping Practice and Potential Changes" and participated in a panel discussion.

The paper covered Australia's anti-dumping practice including changes flowing from the recent Joint Study of the administration of Australia's anti-dumping system and the Government's commitment to an independent review of Australia's anti-dumping policy and practice.

He said that the seminar "provided an insight into the position of other anti-dumping administrations on topical issues and an opportunity to explore the differing structures and processes of other administrations".

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