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FACT SHEET – COPPER, LEAD AND ZINC

ASEAN is an important market for Australia's metals industries, especially for copper cathodes where ASEAN accounts for about 45% of Australia's exports. Australian exports to ASEAN of copper, lead and zinc, and articles of copper, lead or zinc, were \$1.7 billion a year in 2006-8, with some \$1.2 billion of that in copper cathodes. Tariffs for raw materials and simply transformed products generally are not high, but elimination of tariffs and guarantees against future possible tariff increases will provide increased opportunities and security of market access. There are significant tariffs on more elaborately transformed metal articles in some ASEAN countries and phased removal of these tariffs will open up these markets. All tariffs will be removed in this sector except for Indonesia's 5% tariff on refined copper cathodes which will be bound against future increase (exports of \$152 million in 2006-8). While the 1% tariff on copper cathodes to Thailand (exports of \$361 million in 2006-8) will not be eliminated until 2015, Australia already enjoys tariff-free access for this product under TAFTA.

Australia's Exports to ASEAN (Australian Produce)

Product (HS 74, 78, 79)	Exports to ASEAN 3 Year Average (2006-2008) (\$A million)	Exports to ASEAN as Percentage of Australia's Total Exports of Each Product 3 Year Average (2006- 2008) %
Unwrought refined copper cathodes (HS 7403.11)	1,200 (Indonesia: 151.7) (Malaysia: 438.4) (Thailand: 361.0) (Vietnam: 190.3)	45.7
Copper bars, rods and profiles (HS 7407.10)	90	21.9
Copper tubes and pipes (HS 7411.10)	25	31.3
Unwrought lead (HS 7801)	184	19.4
Unwrought zinc (HS 7901.11, 7901.12, 7901.20)	182	13.2
Other	27	6.5
Total	1,709	29.2

Summary of Outcomes

Australia

All tariffs eliminated by 2010.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (raw forms, waste and scrap, powders, flakes, etc) bound at entry-into-force (EIF).
 - Tariffs of 5% (copper bars, rods, profiles, wire, plates, sheet, foil, tubes and pipes, nails, tacks, springs, tableware, sanitaryware, etc) will be eliminated at EIF or in 2010.
- **Lead:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (raw forms, waste and scrap, powders, flakes, etc) bound at EIF.
 - Tariff of 5% on some articles of lead will be eliminated at EIF.
- **Zinc:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (raw forms, waste and scrap, powders, flakes, etc) bound at EIF.
 - Tariff of 5% on some articles of zinc will be eliminated at EIF.

Cambodia

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2021.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs of 7% (raw forms, waste, bars, rods, plates, sheets, foil, tubes, etc) phase to 0% by 2021, with reductions commencing in 2019.
 - Tariffs of 35% (cloth, nails, screws, bolts, tableware, sanitaryware, vats, other articles) phase to 0% by 2021, with reductions commencing in 2011.
- **Lead:**
 - Tariffs of 7% (raw forms, waste, powders, bars, rods, plates, sheets, foil, tubes, etc) phase to 0% by 2021, with commencing in 2019.
 - Tariffs of 35% (some lead articles) phase to 0% by 2021, with reductions commencing in 2011.
- **Zinc:**
 - Tariffs of 0% bound at EIF (plates, sheets, strip, foil).
 - Tariffs of 7% (raw forms, waste, powders, bars, rods, profiles, etc) phase to 0% by 2021, with reductions commencing in 2019.
 - Tariffs of 35% (some zinc articles) phase to 0% by 2021 commencing in 2011.

Indonesia

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2014, except for copper cathodes which is bound at 5%.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (e.g. waste and scrap, powders) bound at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 5% (e.g. unrefined copper, bars, profiles, plates, sheet, strip, foil) will be eliminated in 2010.
 - Tariff of 5% on refined copper cathodes bound at EIF but will not be reduced.
 - Tariffs of 10-20% phase to 0% by 2012, 2013 or 2014.

- **Lead:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (waste and scrap) bound at 0% at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 5-10% on other lead will be eliminated in 2010 or phase to 0% by 2012.
- **Zinc:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (unwrought lead, waste, dust, powders, etc) bound at 0% at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 5% (e.g. tubes, wire, bars), 10% (e.g. surface worked, gutters) and 15% (domestic articles) phase to 0% by 2010, 2012 and 2013 respectively.

Malaysia

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2013, except for copper wire which phases to 0% by 2020.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs of 0% bound at EIF (including cathodes).
 - Tariffs of 5% (e.g. cloth, alloy pipe fittings, sanitaryware) phase to 0% by 2010.
 - Tariffs of 18-25% phase to 0% by 2012 or 2013, except for copper wire on which the tariff phases to 0% by 2020.
- **Lead:**
 - Tariffs of 0% bound at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 15% (some unwrought lead) phase to 0% by 2012.
- **Zinc:**
 - Tariffs of 0% bound at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 5% (other zinc articles) phase to 0% by 2010.
 - Tariffs of 20-25% (sheets, plate, strip, building materials, household articles, etc) phase to 0% by 2012 or 2013.

New Zealand

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2012.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (raw forms, waste and scrap, powders, flakes, etc) bound at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 5-7% (copper bars, rods, profiles, wire, plates, sheet, tubes and pipes, nails, tacks, tableware, sanitaryware, etc) will be eliminated at EIF or in 2010, with the exception of 1 tariff line (other articles of copper) for which the tariff phases to 0% by 2012.
- **Lead:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (raw forms, waste and scrap, powders, flakes, etc) bound at EIF.
 - Tariff of 7% on some articles of lead will be eliminated at EIF.
- **Zinc:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (raw forms, waste and scrap, powders, flakes, etc) bound at EIF.
 - Tariff of 7% on some articles of zinc will be eliminated in 2010.

Note: Australia already benefits from bound 0% tariffs under ANZCERTA.

Philippines

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2013.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs between 1% and 15% phase to 0% by 2010 (unrefined, cathodes, bars, rods, wire, plate tubes, foil, etc), by 2011 (washers, screws, bolts, etc), by 2012 (nails, tacks, cookware, etc), or by 2013 (vats, other articles).
- **Lead and zinc:**
 - Tariffs between 1% and 5% will be eliminated 2010.

Singapore

- **All tariffs bound at 0% at EIF.**

Note: these tariff commitments the same as in SAFTA.

Thailand

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2015.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs of 1% (mattes, powders, flakes, etc) will be eliminated at EIF, except for tariffs on refined copper (including cathodes) which will be eliminated in 2015.
 - Tariffs of 5% (e.g. bars, rods, wire, plates, sheets, tubes and pipes, foil) will be eliminated at EIF or in 2010.
 - Tariffs of 10-20% (cloth, tableware, nails, staples, bolts, other articles, etc) phase to 0% by 2010 or 2012.
- **Lead and zinc:**
 - Tariffs of 1%-5.5% will be eliminated at EIF (unwrought, powders, bars, rods, wire, plates, sheet, foil, tubes, etc).
 - Tariffs of 20% (other articles) phase to 0% by 2012.

Note: tariff commitments are as good or better under TAFTA (including on copper cathodes).

Vietnam

All tariffs phase to 0% by 2018.

- **Copper:**
 - Tariffs of 0% (e.g. bars, rods, cathodes, waste, foil, powders) bound at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 3-40% phase to 0% by 2016 (e.g. tubes, washers, bolts, screws, wire), by 2017 (e.g. nails, tacks, staples), or by 2018 (e.g. tableware, sanitaryware).
- **Lead:** tariffs of 0% bound at EIF.
- **Zinc:**
 - Tariffs of 0% bound at EIF.
 - Tariffs of 10% (e.g. anodes, nails, gutters and building components, nuts, bolts, screws, some zinc articles) phase to 0% by 2016, with reductions commencing in 2012.