



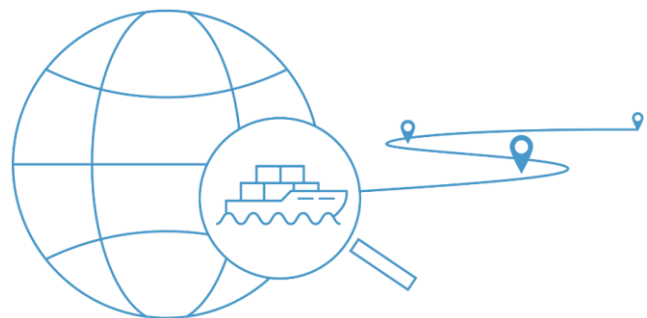
Australian Government  
Department of Industry,  
Science and Resources

**Anti-Dumping  
Commission**

# International Trade Remedies Forum Minutes

**Wednesday 18 March 2026**

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## **Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and introduction**

The Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission welcomed members to the first ITRF meeting for 2026, and congratulated members on their reappointment and new appointment. The Commissioner emphasised the value of the ITRF as a trusted forum for sharing insights and supporting government decision-making, particularly in the current global trade environment.

The Commissioner made an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Commissioner asked members if there were any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were declared.

## **Agenda Item 2 – Member introductions**

The Commissioner invited newly appointed ITRF members to introduce themselves. New members provided brief introductions, outlining their roles and interests, including:

- The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies, representing a broad membership across the mining and critical minerals sector.
- Nufarm, outlining its agricultural chemicals manufacturing footprint in Australia and globally.
- The Timber, Furnishing and Textiles Union, which highlighted links between its members' sectors and the anti-dumping system.
- United Workers' Union (apology received).

The Commissioner welcomed new members and noted apologies from members unable to attend.

## **Agenda Item 3 – Review of previous action items**

The Director, Engagement and Market Intelligence provided an update on actions from the previous ITRF meeting, noting that all items were either completed or ongoing.

### **Discussion on current international trade environment, including global supply disruptions**

The Commissioner invited members to share updates relevant to the trade remedies environment. Members from aluminium, steel, timber and manufacturing sectors noted increasing global supply disruptions and trade flow volatility, as well as a heightened risk of trade diversion into Australia resulting from geopolitical tensions and overseas trade barriers. Members also raised concerns that rapid changes in global markets may outpace existing trade remedy timelines, and anticipated an increase in case volumes, including in more complex downstream and fabricated products.

The Commissioner acknowledged these insights which inform the Commission's market intelligence and ongoing engagement work.

DISR requested that information from ITRF members on supply chain issues be brought to the attention of the Department's Office of Supply Chain Resilience.

## **Agenda Item 4 – Anti-Dumping Commission Update**

### **Commissioner's Update**

The Commissioner provided an overview of the Commission's recent activity, noting continued growth in caseloads and an increasing complexity of matters. Key themes included timeliness, effectiveness and accessibility, consistent with the Minister's Statement of Expectations.

The Commissioner highlighted significant improvements in investigation timelines for new cases, with several investigations on track to conclude well below historical averages, as well as the Commission's increased use of Preliminary Affirmative Determinations (PADs) where the evidence

supports early intervention. The Commissioner also outlined the Commission’s ongoing focus on SME engagement, including working with industry associations to support first-time users of the system, and noted the alignment of the Commission’s work with the Government’s Future Made in Australia agenda. The Commissioner spoke about the preparatory work underway for the transfer of the safeguards function to the Commission, alongside a strong program of stakeholder engagement, awareness-raising activities and international engagement.

Members raised questions regarding the Commission’s resourcing level, the sustainability of the Commission’s funding beyond the current financial year, and anticipated increases in its workload given global conditions. The Commissioner noted the continued support of the Government and acknowledged that budget considerations were ongoing.

### **Investigations Update**

The Acting Deputy Commissioner, Investigations, provided an update on investigations and operational improvements. He made the following points:

- An updated Case Information Report had been circulated, separating dumping and countervailing cases, in response to previous ITRF feedback
- The Commission currently has 44 cases on hand
- Several new investigations were expected to conclude within 300–350 days, representing a significant improvement in timeliness and overall against ADC’s key performance indicators.
- This financial year, there had been a strong uptake of the pre-application service since its relaunch, supporting higher quality applications and earlier identification of issues, as well as increased use of PADs to provide earlier interim measures where appropriate.

Members welcomed the improved transparency and timeliness and sought clarification on PAD timing and confidence in projected case completion dates.

### **Strategy and Operations Update**

The Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Operations, provided an update on strategic activity across the Commission. This included preparatory work for assuming responsibility for the safeguards function, including engagement with international counterparts and shadowing the Productivity Commission’s current inquiry. The update also included an update on ongoing SME engagement initiatives such as regional outreach, development of guidance materials, and collaboration with AusIndustry and the International Trade Remedies Advisory (ITRA) service. She noted continued strengthening of domestic and international stakeholder engagement, along with progress toward enhanced trade data access and early warning capabilities, with OSCR identified as the preferred platform, subject to funding and budget processes. The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted continued collaboration with the ABF, including updates to data-sharing arrangements.

Members discussed opportunities to further engage customs brokers and freight forwarders as key intermediaries in the system.

## **Agenda Item 5 – Improving access to the anti-dumping system for small to medium enterprises**

The Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Operations, outlined progress on improving SME access, noting the challenges of awareness and system complexity. Key initiatives underway included outreach through industry events, webinars and intermediaries, the development of plain-language factsheets for industry bodies and government partners, and closer collaboration with ITRA.

The Manager, Anti-Dumping Policy Section (DISR) provided an update on the ITRA service, advising that it had been repositioned within the department to strengthen policy and operational alignment.

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He noted improved response times, increased direct engagement with SMEs, work underway to refresh ITRA website content and guidance materials, and ongoing assistance provided to SMEs across the steel, aluminium and related sectors.

Members welcomed the strengthened focus on SME engagement and offered to support their improved access to the anti-dumping system through industry and chamber networks.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Future Made in Australia**

The Acting Deputy Secretary, Industry and Commercialisation Group in DISR provided a high-level overview of the Government's Future Made in Australia agenda, highlighting its role as the Government's overarching industrial policy framework. She outlined significant public investment announced to support priority sectors linked to net zero transformation and economic resilience, and identified priority sectors including green metals, clean energy technologies, hydrogen, low-carbon fuels and forestry.

The Acting Deputy Secretary emphasised the importance of trade remedies in ensuring a fair and competitive environment to support domestic investment, and noted the interconnected nature of trade policy, industrial capability, energy, skills and supply chain resilience.

Members raised concerns about cumulative regulatory, cost and trade pressures facing domestic industries, and the risk of these undermining investment confidence. The Department acknowledged these concerns and encouraged continued engagement and intelligence sharing.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Price undertakings under anti-dumping laws**

The ADC Executive Director, Legal, provided an overview of price undertakings as an anti-dumping measure, noting that while they are available under the WTO framework, they have not been used in Australia for some time. The presentation covered the legal basis and operation of price undertakings, recent international examples including in the European Union and South Korea, and associated risks and administrative complexities, including monitoring, compliance and circumvention concerns.

Members expressed mixed views, highlighting potential risks for domestic industry, enforcement challenges, and interaction with market dynamics. The Commissioner noted that this was an introductory discussion given recent international cases, and members were invited to provide further views to the Secretariat.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Government updates**

#### **Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR)**

DISR provided an update on trade remedies reform, noting strong stakeholder support for reform in its consultation process. DISR advised that work is underway to prioritise the transfer of the safeguards function to the Anti-Dumping Commission ahead of broader legislative reforms, and the development of policy advice on reform measures, including SME-specific reforms and goods advice. DISR acknowledged concerns about consultation timeframes and resourcing pressures.

Members discussed the possibility of the ITRF writing to the Minister regarding funding pressures. The Secretariat noted it could facilitate this if members wished to proceed but that the Commission would not provide input into the content of the letter.

**Australian Border Force (ABF)**

ABF provided updates on enforcement and compliance activity, noting continued risk-based targeting of anti-dumping and countervailing duty evasion, and increased compliance activity and detections across a range of steel and aluminium products. The update outlined the use of sanctions including warnings, targeting and infringement notices, and highlighted common non-compliance issues such as misuse of exemptions, tariff misclassification and incorrect origin declarations.

Members welcomed the update and requested compliance data be circulated with the minutes.

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)**

DFAT noted that submissions are currently open for the Productivity Commission’s safeguard inquiry into fabricated structural steel, closing on 20 April. DFAT provided updates on international trade remedies engagement, including participation in WTO Rules Week and bilateral dialogues, ongoing monitoring of overseas trade remedy actions affecting Australian exports, engagement through the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity, and forthcoming bilateral trade remedies dialogues with regional partners. DFAT emphasised close collaboration with the Commission and invited continued engagement from members.

**Agenda Item 9 – Other Business**

No additional items were raised.

**Agenda Item 10 – Next meeting and closing remarks**

The Commissioner thanked members for their contributions and engagement. He proposed that the next ITRF meeting be held in July.

**Meeting closed.**

Attachment A – Attendees

<b>Anti-Dumping Commission</b>	
<b><i>In Person</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- David Latina, Commissioner (Presiding Member)</li> <li>- Aggie Marek, Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Operations</li> <li>- Mayuran Jeyarajah, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Investigations</li> <li>- Katrina Gunn, Executive Director, Legal</li> <li>- Jason Fitts, Director, Engagement and market Intelligence (ITRF Secretariat)</li> <li>- Anthea Hung, Assistant Director, Engagement and Market Intelligence (ITRF Secretariat)</li> <li>- Claudia Thomas, Engagement Officer, Engagement and Market Intelligence</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Virtual</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Juniper Hind, Engagement Officer, Engagement and Market Intelligence</li> </ul>	
<b>Industry Members</b>	
<b><i>In Person</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chris Barnes, Head of Business Development and International Affairs, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>- Ross Becroft, Principal, Law Council of Australia</li> <li>- Mark Cain, CEO, Australian Steel Institute</li> <li>- Mel Cheesman, Head of Government and Regulation, Orica</li> <li>- Matt Condon, Manager, Trade Development, InfraBuild Steel</li> <li>- Marc Cousins, Manager, International Trade Affairs, BlueScope</li> <li>- Richard Hyett, Deputy CEO, Australian Forest Products Association</li> <li>- Louise McGrath, Head of Industry Development and Policy, Australian Industry Group</li> <li>- Thomas Mortimer, National Policy Director, Australian Workers’ Union</li> <li>- Brett Sutherland, Regional General Manager Asia Pacific, Nufarm</li> <li>- Travis Wacey, National Policy Research Officer, Timber, Furnishing and Textiles Union</li> <li>- Russell Wiese, Director CGT Law representing the Freight and Trade Alliance</li> <li>- Chris Young, General Manager, Trade and Economics, National Farmers’ Federation</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Virtual</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dillan Amin, Director, Global Trade and Customs, Rio Tinto</li> <li>- David Buchanan, CEO, Australian Steel Association</li> <li>- Royce Christie, Director Skills Policy and Programs, Chemistry Australia</li> <li>- Luke Hawkins, Divisional General Manager, Capral Limited</li> <li>- Andrew Hudson, Partner, Rigby Cooke Lawyers representing the Food and Beverage Importers Association</li> <li>- Marghanita Johnson, CEO, Australian Aluminium Council</li> <li>- John McNally, Regional Manager Queensland, International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of Australia</li> <li>- Joshua Newton, National Coordinator Research and Legal, Australian Manufacturing Workers’ Union</li> <li>- Sash Pavić, Director, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies</li> <li>- Chad Uphill, Director, Chad Uphill Trade Advisory representing Capral</li> </ul>	
<b>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</b>	
<b><i>In Person</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tara Oliver, Acting Deputy Secretary, Industry and Commercialisation Group</li> <li>- Ana Markulev, Acting Head of Division, Heavy Industry Transition</li> <li>- Daniel Hyde, Manager, Anti-Dumping Policy</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Virtual</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Belinda Morris, Acting General Manager, Trade Remedies and Global Industry</li> <li>- Corin McCarthy, Assistant Director, Trade Remedies and Global Industry</li> </ul>	

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

***In Person***

- Ben Jarvis, Director, Market Access and Trade Remedies

***Virtual***

- Ben Greig, Director, Trade Defence and Government Procurement Section
- Samuel Alexander, Director, Subsidies and Trade Remedies Law Section
- Laurence Sandral, Assistant Director
- Travis Hughes, Senior Policy Officer

**Australian Border Force**

- Sally McLean, Superintendent, Compliance Capability and Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) Administration
- Sondra Gagliardi, Inspector, Revenue Analysis Unit, Trade Risk and Enforcement Section, Customs Enforcement Branch
- Josephine Herman, Inspector, Trade Compliance, Customs and Trade Compliance Branch
- Felicity Wang, Inspector, Compliance Capability and TRS Administration

**Apologies**

- Godfrey Moase, Executive Director, United Workers Union

**Observers**

***In Person***

- Bill Gearing, Senior Manager Strategy AusPac, Orica
- Diana Hallam, CEO, Australian Forest Products Association

**Attachment B: Action Items from ITRF meeting**

No.	Description	Lead	Status
1	The Commission to provide to ITRF members information on the 7 PADs published, with specification of publication at or before the SEF.	Secretariat	Pending
2	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) to provide ADC/ITRA access to ACCI footprint to better engage with SMEs.	ACCI	Pending
3	ITRF members to draft a one-page letter communicating to the Minister the industry's view on the need for additional funding for the ADC. Letter to be drafted by Orica.	Orica, with ITRF Secretariat to facilitate consultation among non-government members	Pending
4	The ABF to share Goods Compliance Data on verification activities with ITRF members.	ABF	Pending
5	The Commission to share Future Made in Australia PowerPoint slides with ITRF members.	Secretariat	Completed
6	The Commission to share Price Undertakings PowerPoint slides with ITRF members.	Secretariat	Completed
7	The Commission to share the Office of Supply Chain Resilience's (OSCR) email with ITRF members so they can share intelligence on supply chain and price impacts, particularly relating to fertilisers, plastics and petrochemicals	Secretariat	Completed
8	The Commission to share Minister Ayres' speech referenced in the Future Made in Australia speech by Tara Oliver.	Secretariat	Completed
9	The Commission and ABF to collaborate with customs brokers on insights into enhanced administration of the anti-dumping system.	Commission & ABF	Pending