



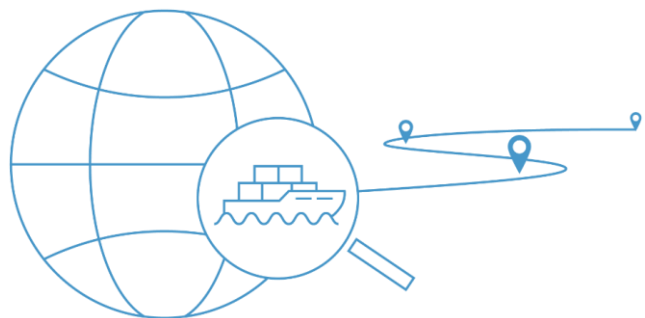
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**Anti-Dumping
Commission**

International Trade Remedies Forum Minutes

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Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Introduction

The Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission opened the meeting and thanked the International Trade Remedy Forum (ITRF) members for attending.

The Commissioner made an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Commissioner welcomed new attendees, including representatives from the Australian Forest Products Association, the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union and the National Farmers' Federation.

Agenda Item 2 – Review of Previous Action Items

The Director, Engagement and Market Intelligence provided an update on action items from the March 2026 meeting, noting that all previous items had been completed or were underway.

Members raised questions regarding the Commission's ongoing engagement with the Australian Border Force (ABF). The Secretariat noted that ITRF members would be updated on collaboration efforts between the Commission and the ABF.

Agenda Item 3 – Industry Update, Intelligence and Supply Chain Developments

Members provided updates on market conditions, supply chain developments, trade diversion risks and industry challenges relevant to the trade remedies environment.

Steel sector representatives raised concerns about global steel excess capacity, the downturn in Chinese construction and infrastructure activity, closed markets overseas and the risk of flows being redirected to countries without comparable trade barriers. Members also noted concerns about downstream and fabricated steel products.

Timber sector representatives raised concerns about overseas trade flows affecting the Australian timber market. A representative noted that the sector was in the process of preparing an anti-dumping application.

Members noted supply chain uncertainty resulting from conflict in the Middle East, price shocks, shifts in product premiums, and the entry of new traders and suppliers into Australian markets.

DISR Supply Chain Update

DISR provided an update on non-fuel supply chain work, noting that the Middle East conflict had created significant disruptions which were being transmitted mainly as price shocks rather than shortages, at this time.

Agenda Item 4 – Anti-Dumping Commission Update

Commissioner's Update

The Commissioner provided an update on the Commission's priorities, including preparation for the establishment of the safeguards function in the Commission, domestic and international engagement and performance improvement.

The Commissioner reported on his participation in the Seoul International Forum for Trade Remedies. He also noted bilateral and technical discussions with overseas trade remedies agencies on matters such as circumvention, subsidies and trade distortions.

The Commissioner also outlined the Commission's first independent stakeholder satisfaction survey, developed with Quantum Market Research, noting that the results would help identify areas for improvement and support assessment against expectations relating to accessibility, effectiveness and timeliness.

Strategy and Operations Update

The Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Operations provided an update on SME access work. The Commission is engaging directly with SMEs and intended to broaden outreach to regional industry associations, business networks and organisations working closely with SMEs. Members were invited to provide suggestions to the ITRF Secretariat.

The Deputy Commissioner also outlined the Commission's data strategy work. The Commission is developing a data and analytics capability to support investigations, the proposed safeguards function, market intelligence and other analytical functions. The Commission is assessing opportunities to use existing DISR technical capabilities and relevant ABS and departmental data holdings, and engaging a business analyst to document operational requirements, user needs, governance considerations and capability options.

Investigations Update

The Deputy Commissioner, Investigations noted a shift towards cases involving downstream and fabricated goods, fragmented markets, complex supply chains and SME participants.

The Commission remains focused on reducing new investigation timeframes while maintaining the defensibility and quality of recommendations. Members welcomed progress but noted that timely delivery of cases are particularly important for businesses under pressure. Discussion also covered the timing of preliminary affirmative determinations, exporter verification reports, case extensions and the need for industry and the Commission to work closely to maintain case momentum.

Agenda Item 5 – Safeguards Legislation

DISR Update on Legislation

DISR provided an update on legislative reform activity. Since the March meeting, the Regulatory Reform Omnibus Bill 2026 and the Customs Amendment (Safeguards) Bill had been introduced in Parliament.

DISR also outlined the intended process for safeguards inquiries at the Commission. DISR noted that the Commissioner would need to be satisfied that there had been an import surge resulting from unforeseen developments, serious injury or threat of serious injury verified by objective factors and data, and a genuine and direct causal link between increased imports and serious injury or threat. Public interest considerations would include the nature of the injury, benefits of a safeguard measure, economic significance of affected industries and likely impacts on consumers, downstream industries and the economy.

Commission Update on Preparations for Establishment of Safeguards Function

The Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Operations outlined the Commission's preparations for the proposed establishment of the safeguards function. The Commission is planning inquiry design, operational procedures, governance arrangements, business processes, systems requirements, and more.

The Commission is also consulting across government, including with DISR, DFAT, ABF and Home Affairs, observing the current Productivity Commission inquiry, engaging with international counterparts and considering overseas practices.

Agenda Item 6 – ADC Satisfaction Survey

Quantum Market Research presented findings from the Commission's independent stakeholder satisfaction survey. The survey sought to measure stakeholder perceptions of the Commission's performance, with a focus on timeliness, quality and accessibility of investigations and communications. The survey was undertaken in April and May 2026.

Quantum reported that 93 per cent of respondents were familiar with the Anti-Dumping Commission. Overall, 65 per cent of stakeholders were satisfied with how the Commission carried out its role, irrespective of outcome, which exceeded the Commission's benchmark score of 60 per cent. Satisfaction among Australian manufacturing businesses and industry representatives was reported at 76 per cent.

Opportunities for improvement included simplifying processes for small businesses and first-time participants, reducing complexity, improving procedural transparency and providing succinct summaries. The Commissioner noted that the survey would provide a benchmark for future annual surveys and help identify areas for continuous improvement.

Agenda Item 7 – Government Updates

Australian Border Force (ABF)

ABF provided an update on risk management, targeting, enforcement and compliance activities associated with anti-dumping measures at the border.

Members welcomed the goods compliance updates and the increased level of border activity. Members asked about infringement notices for repeated non-compliance and the frequency of the Goods Compliance Update.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

DFAT provided an update on steel-related developments, additional defensive trade remedies cases abroad and international engagement. DFAT outlined new EU and UK steel measures. Both had replaced their longstanding global safeguards from 1 July with more restrictive measures reducing tariff-free import volumes and increasing out-of-quota tariffs. DFAT noted that Australia was engaging bilaterally with the EU and UK, and with CPTPP partners in response to the UK's measure.

DFAT also noted Australia's continued engagement in WTO Rules Week meetings, the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity, and upcoming bilateral trade remedies dialogues with regional partners.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Business

No additional items were raised.

Agenda Item 9 – Next meeting and closing remarks

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

Attachment A – Attendees

Anti-Dumping Commission	
<i>In Person</i>	
- David Latina, Commissioner - Isolde Lueckenhausen, Deputy Commissioner, Investigations - Jason Fitts, Director, Engagement and Market Intelligence (ITRF Secretariat) - Cameron Just, Assistant Director, Engagement and Market Intelligence (EMI) - Kilian Keenan, Engagement Officer, EMI	
<i>Virtual</i>	
- Aggie Marek, Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Operations - Katrina Gunn, Executive Director, Legal - Anthea Hung, Assistant Director, EMI (ITRF Secretariat) - Monika Lacey, Executive Officer	
Industry Members	
<i>In Person</i>	
- Louise McGrath, Head of Industry Development and Policy, Australian Industry Group - Marghanita Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Aluminium Council - Lachlan Smith, Deputy Director, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Dominic Lane, Senior Policy Manager, Australian Forest Products Association - Mark Cain, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Steel Institute - Marc Cousins, Manager International Trade Affairs, BlueScope - Luke Hawkins, Divisional General Manager, Capral Aluminium - Bernard Lee, Director, Chemistry Australia - Matt Condon, Trade and Government Affairs Manager, InfraBuild - Brett Sutherland, Regional General Manager, Nufarm - Thomas Mortimer, National Policy Director, Australian Workers' Union	
<i>Virtual</i>	
- Hamish Gamble, National Economic Research Officer, Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union - David Buchanan, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Steel Association - Russell Wiese, Director, CGT Law representing the Freight and Trade Alliance - Brad Leonard, Manager, Border and Biosecurity, IFCBAA - Ross Becroft, Principal, Gross and Becroft Lawyers, Law Council of Australia - Charlotte Wundersitz, General Manager, National Farmers' Federation - Travis Wacey, National Policy Research Officer, Timber Furnishing and Textiles Union	
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	
<i>In Person</i>	
- Tara Oliver, Head of Division, Heavy Industry Transition - Belinda Morris, Acting General Manager, Trade Remedies & Global Industry	
<i>Virtual</i>	
- Julian Stockwell, A/g Manager Trade Remedies Policy, Trade Remedies Branch - Jeremy Rees, Manager Trade Remedies Reform, Trade Remedies Branch	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	
<i>In Person</i>	
- Ben Jarvis, Director, Market Access and Trade Remedies Section - Laurence Sandral, Assistant Director, Subsidies and Trade Remedies Law Section	
<i>Virtual</i>	
- Ben Greig, Director - Tara Leaney, Policy Officer, Market Access and Trade Remedies Section - Travis Hughes, Policy Officer, Market Access and Trade Remedies Section	

Australian Border Force

- Fiona Malone, Acting Superintendent, Trade Compliance
- Sondra Gagliardi, Inspector, Trade Risk & Enforcement
- Felicity Wang, Inspector, Compliance Capability and TRS Administration

Apologies

- Sash Pavic, Director, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies
- Mel Cheesman, Head of Government and Regulation, Orica
- Dillan Amin, Director of Global Trade, Rio Tinto
- Godfrey Moase, Executive Director, United Workers Union

Observers

In Person

- Jaelle Bajada, Sustainability, Industry & Government Relations Lead, Nufarm
- Arthur Vlahonasios, Senior Trade Manager, InfraBuild
- Rebecca Mohr, Senior Legal Professional, Capral Aluminium

Virtual

- Sarah Salter, Anti-Dumping Review Panel Secretariat, DISR
- Richard Hyett, Deputy CEO, Australian Forest Products Association

Attachment B: Action Items from ITRF meeting

No.	Description	Lead
1	The Commission and ABF to share insights gained from discussions with customs brokers with the ITRF	Secretariat
2	DISR to provide (if possible) a breakdown by sector of loans paid out through the Economic Resilience Fund	DISR
3	The Commission to clarify in the Case Information Report at what day in the investigation the PAD was issued	Secretariat
4	The ABF will investigate the feasibility of including infringement related statistics in the Goods and Compliance Update	ABF
5	The ABF to disseminate feedback internally on the frequency of the Goods Compliance Update	ABF
6	The Commissioner to discuss the frequency of the Goods Compliance Update with the ABF Commissioner	Secretariat