



IMPORTER MEETING MINUTE

File No.: Case 355 **Date of Meeting:** 22 July 2016

Time/Duration: 1000 – 1130

Location: Romak Hardware
177 – 187 Atlantic Drive
KEYSBOROUGH VIC

Attendees: Ryan Hemsley (ADC)
Rhys Piper (ADC)
Chris Hill (ADC)

Eddie Wu (Romak)
Andrew Derer (Romak)
Yai Pasakorn (Romak)
Allan Cheng (Romak)
Andrew Hudson (Gadens Lawyers)
Alister Lloyd (Gadens Lawyers)

1. Meeting purpose:

Romak called the meeting to discuss the goods description as it relates to the steel shelving investigation. Romak wanted clarification about the goods description to determine whether shelving units it imports are affected by the investigation.

2. Discussion points:

- **Introduction:** Andrew Hudson from Gadens Lawyers provided an introduction, outlining the information he has provided to his client about anti-dumping and investigation processes. Andrew stated that Romak has engaged Gadens Lawyers to act on their behalf.
- **ADC outlines investigation process:** The ADC explained the anti-dumping system and the investigation process. There was discussion of how dumping margins are calculated, China's status as a market economy and meaning of 'a particular situation in the market', and how duties are imposed.
- **Goods description and demonstration:** Andrew Hudson outlined Romak's concern that the goods description for steel shelving is broad and ill-defined. There was no clear definition of things like 'industrial shelving'. Furthermore, other shelving units may be captured by the goods description even if they do not compete in the same market.

Romak showed ADC representatives examples of goods that are imported by Romak and goods that it claims are manufactured and/or imported by Summit. Romak explained that all of its shelving systems are imported in a complete package. Those packages are then sent to retailers for selling to end-users.

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Romak asked whether shelving units with wire shelves were definitely excluded from the goods description. The ADC confirmed this is the case. However, the ADC could not provide further clarity on other shelving units and whether they would be captured by the description.

The ADC said that it is consulting with Summit to clarify the goods description, and will provide further advice to interested parties as a priority.

- **Importer and exporter information:** Andrew Hudson stated that one of Romak's suppliers in China was Ningbo Beilun Songyi Warehouse Equipment Manufacturing Co Ltd (Songyi). Andrew Hudson said that he is encouraging Songyi to cooperate with the investigation. However, Andrew Hudson noted that Songyi is the supplier that provides Romak with shelving units that Romak considers are not the goods subject to the investigation.

The other supplier to Romak is Eastern Field Promotion Pty Ltd.

Romak advised that all its import declarations are effected by its licensed customs broker and Andrew Hudson advised that Romak will pass on details of its licensed customs broker to the Commission.

The Commission will shortly provide Romak with the importer questionnaire spreadsheet template for Parts B and C. The Commission acknowledged that given the delays in clarifying the goods description, there may be scope to extend the deadline. The Commission requested Romak include all possible steel shelving units in its data for Parts B and C. This can ensure that the Commission has all of the data required, and will not be required to seek further information if the goods description is unchanged. Romak agreed to provide this data.