



Anti-Dumping Commission

Investigation 692

Certain welded steel mesh sheets

Exported from the People's Republic of China and Malaysia.

File note

Meeting with AKZ Reinforcing Pty Ltd

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the commission) has met with individual members of the Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia (SRIA) in relation to Investigation 692, concerning certain welded mesh sheets (mesh), to better understand the Australian market and the impact of imports from China and Malaysia. SRIA is a joint applicant in Investigation 692 with InfraBuild (Newcastle) Pty Ltd.

On 5 May 2026, the the commission met virtually with a representative from AKZ Reinforcing Pty Ltd (AKZ Reinforcing).

AKZ Reinforcing is a family-owned Australian steel reinforcing company with locations in Victoria, supplying reinforcement mesh and bar to the building and construction industry.

During the meeting, AKZ Reinforcing raised the following matters:

- regarding profitability, margins have been compressed over the past years including during the investigation period, with customers and competitors placing downward pressure on price;
- stated that market prices have been and currently are falling to levels where local mesh manufacturing was no longer commercially sustainable;
- for commercial reasons, AKZ Reinforcing ceased manufacturing mesh in December 2023 and transitioned to reselling mesh sourced from other suppliers since;
- advised that local production costs, including labour, testing, certification and operating costs, has made it cheaper to purchase finished mesh than manufacture it locally;
- when discussing pricing, AKZ Reinforcing raised that imported welded steel mesh was available at approximately \$200 per tonne below locally sourced product, with additional stock-held imports remaining competitively priced;
- considered that imported mesh had improved in quality and is available at materially lower prices than locally produced mesh;
- stated that importers, traders and overseas mills are increasingly targeting second and third-tier customers that had previously not been the focus of import competition, including parts of AKZ Reinforcing's customer base.

The commission requested further information from AKZ Reinforcing, including quotes, volume data, and monthly average selling price information for the relevant period.

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