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Investigation 692

Certain welded steel mesh sheets

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

File note

Meeting with Mesh & Bar Pty Ltd

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the commission) 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 20 May 2026, the commission met a representative of Mesh & Bar Pty Ltd (Mesh & Bar) at the Mesh & Bar premises in Victoria.

Mesh & Bar is an Australian manufacturer of reinforcing steel and steel mesh products. Mesh & Bar has major offices and regional branches across New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland that supply construction projects throughout eastern Australia.

Mesh & Bar provided the commission with a tour of the manufacturing facilities, including the steel mesh production facilities, to provide further context on its manufacturing process.

During the meeting, Mesh & Bar stated that:

- there was no recovery in mesh sales during the investigation period, with year-on-year sales of square mesh declining in each annual period since 2021;
- national mesh sales volumes for the year-to-date period in 2026 were lower than for the corresponding period in 2025, indicating a continued decline in sales volumes;
- when discussing profitability, Mesh & Bar raised that profit margins remain below pre-COVID levels;
- Mesh & Bar advised that local producers have experienced a loss of market share and difficulty regaining customers during and after the investigation period;
- ongoing price pressure in the mesh market is due to competition from imported products;

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- Mesh & Bar had deferred planned investment in additional mesh manufacturing capacity due to ongoing price pressure and uncertainty regarding the future commercial viability of the welded steel mesh market.

The commission requested that Mesh & Bar provide evidence to support the claims made during the meeting and outlined the types of additional confidential data or evidence that could be provided to assess longer-term trends in pricing and customer behaviour.