



Anti-Dumping Commission

Investigation 692

Certain welded steel mesh sheets

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

File note

Meeting with Wire Industries 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 6 May 2026, the commission met virtually with a representative from Wire Industries Pty Ltd (Wire Industries).

Wire Industries is an Australian owned and operated business that manufactures and supplies steel reinforcement products for residential, commercial and civil engineering projects. Its core products are the manufacture and supply of reinforcing mesh and reinforcing bar.

During the meeting, Wire Industries advised that:

- increased imports of mesh from China and Malaysia have contributed to pricing and profitability pressures in the Australian market;
- higher Australian labour, material and energy costs limit its ability to compete with lower-priced imported mesh;
- regarding profitability, margins for mesh had substantially decreased and remained under pressure for the past few years;
- increased imports were placing pressure on domestic producers and affecting competitive conditions in the Australian market;
- in relation to capacity utilisation, Wire Industries' production capacity remained in place, while utilisation and output rates had declined as manufacturing output fell;
- while anti-circumvention inquiry 643 was being considered by the commission, there was a temporary improvement in market conditions, however the improvement reversed after the termination of the inquiry;
- Wire Industries raised that traders are a major source of imported mesh and resellers sell significant volumes of imported product;
- changes in logistics, including the use of smaller sheet sizes to maximise ship container space, have reduced the cost of the international shipment of mesh which was traditionally a barrier to importing it;
- when discussing customer behaviour, Wire Industries noted customers were increasingly referencing the lower prices of the imported mesh when seeking

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- a lower price for domestically produced mesh, as well as adopting hybrid sourcing models involving both imported and Australian-produced mesh;
- a significant proportion of Wire Industries' mesh sales are made through reseller channels;
- import competition had contributed to a decline in manufacturing output, resulting in reduced staffing levels and changes to production shifts.

The commission requested additional information and evidence from Wire Industries to support the claims outlined above and specifically requested further evidence of pricing trends.