



Anti-Dumping Commission

Investigation 692

Certain welded steel mesh sheets

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

File note

Meeting with VicMesh 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 2 June 2026, the commission met with representatives of VicMesh Pty Ltd (VicMesh) at the VicMesh premises in Victoria.

VicMesh is an Australian owned and operated manufacturer and supplier of reinforcing mesh and bar products to the residential, commercial and civil construction sectors.

VicMesh provided the he commission with a tour of the manufacturing facilities, including the steel mesh production facilities, to provide the commission with further context of its manufacturing process.

During the meeting, VicMesh stated that:

- VicMesh is an established participant in the reinforcing mesh market, with the workforce and manufacturing operations based in Victoria;
- it has historically undertaken wire drawing and mesh manufacturing activities, but changes in raw material supply arrangements and competition from imported mesh have affected its operating model over time;
- when discussing the goods, VicMesh stated that imported finished mesh have been available at lower prices than locally sourced alternatives, affecting VicMesh's ability to compete when using domestically sourced raw material;
- it remains a domestic mesh manufacturer and considers that the commission's injury assessment should focus on businesses that continue to manufacture mesh and maintain investment in local production capacity;
- when discussing injury, VicMesh raised that any improvement in financial performance during the investigation period should be considered alongside ongoing loss of customers, reduced market share and continued margin compression;
- on sales volumes, VicMesh advised that mesh sales had declined over the previous six months and the effects of import competition had become more pronounced;

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- imports from China and Malaysia were placing pressure on the Australian mesh market, with imports from China being the primary source of competitive pressure for mesh products;
- VicMesh continues to maintain production capacity but has reduced production levels;
- importing mesh has become more commercially attractive for some local businesses due to the relative pricing of imported finished mesh compared with domestic production costs.

The commission requested additional information and evidence from VicMesh to support the statements made about market pricing and conditions.