



Investigation 692

Certain welded steel mesh sheets

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

File note

Meetings with Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the commission) has engaged with the Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia (SRIA) and its members in relation to Investigation 692 concerning certain welded steel mesh sheets (mesh), to better understand the Australian market and the impact of imports from China and Malaysia. The SRIA is a national non-profit organisation that supports reinforcing steel quality, capability, and technical standards in Australia's building and construction industry. SRIA is a joint applicant in Investigation 692 with InfraBuild (Newcastle) Pty Ltd.

On 4 February 2026, the commission met virtually with the Executive Director and CEO of SRIA, who advised that:

- increased import competition from China and Malaysia has affected Australian mesh producers through lower prices, lost sales and pressure on margins,
- market conditions varied across producers, regions and product types, and that available industry data may require further clarification to account for changes in market participation and reporting over time,
- there are a range of broader factors relevant to the commission's assessment, including construction activity, overseas production capacity (which has grown), and changes in sourcing patterns (of mesh by builders), and
- continued import pressure warrants consideration of appropriate preliminary action, subject to the evidence available to the commission.

On 12 February 2026, the commission met virtually with the Executive Director and CEO of the SRIA and representatives of SRIA members¹, who advised that:

- there are broad market conditions affecting the Australian mesh industry, including import competition, domestic mesh manufacturer trends and wider demand factors,
- different Australian producers may have experienced market impacts in different ways, and
- price competition and changes in sourcing patterns are relevant matters for the commission's assessment of injury and causation.

¹ The SRIA members in attendance were representing AKZ Reinforcing Pty Ltd, AUSREO Pty Ltd, Bianco Reinforcing Pty Ltd, BestBar Pty Ltd, Mesh & Bar Pty Ltd, Neumann Steel Pty Ltd and Wire Industries Pty Ltd.

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The commission requested further information from SRIA members to support its assessment of injury and causation, including evidence of customer price offers, lost sales, purchasing decisions and the prices at which imported mesh is supplied in the Australian market. The commission also subsequently met individually with SRIA members. Separate file notes have been published on the electronic public record (EPR) in relation to these meetings.

On 25 March 2026, the Executive Director and CEO of the SRIA, provided collated industry trend data as requested by the commission at the 12 February meeting. This data contained aggregated sales and production volume data for all SRIA members on a quarterly basis, broken down by state of production.

Following these consultations, the commission liaised with the Executive Director and CEO of the SRIA regarding the availability of whole of market data including information in relation to individual members to assist in the assessment of injury and causation, and to provide a deeper understanding of production and sales volume trends, changes in market size and market share, and the effect of changes in SRIA membership on the comparability of the data over time.

SRIA explained that sales data from its members are collected separately through a third-party provider so that each SRIA member's data is handled confidentially and the data not disclosed between SRIA members or to the SRIA itself. The SRIA only receives aggregated data.

The commission requested the confidential industry sales data from SRIA's independent third-party. SRIA's independent third-party provided collated confidential data from SRIA members on 1 April 2026, with additional earlier years and updated information on 11 July 2026. The data contained quarterly sales and production data of steel mesh sheets for SRIA members from 2016 to 2025. The data also removed inter entity sales to avoid any double counting in the aggregated analysis.