



Anti-Dumping Commission

Investigation 692

Certain welded steel mesh sheets

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

File note

Meeting with Bianco 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 commission met virtually with a representative from Bianco Reinforcing Pty Ltd (Bianco Reinforcing).

Bianco Reinforcing is a South Australian manufacturer and supplier of steel reinforcement products, including welded steel mesh sheets for the building, civil and construction industries. Bianco Reinforcing draws/produces ribbed wire from wire rod in coil via cold rolling lines in its wire factory. The finished wire is then welded into mesh. All manufactured wire and mesh is tested to maintain quality-control and to comply to AS/NZS 4671 Australian Standards in their onsite testing lab.

During the meeting, Bianco Reinforcing raised the following matters:

- imported welded steel mesh has been and is available at materially lower prices than locally produced mesh, placing downward pressure on achievable selling prices;
- the cost of locally purchased wire rod at the moment exceeds the price of imported finished mesh, affecting the commercial viability of local welded steel mesh manufacturing;
- Bianco Reinforcing has been approached by distributors offering imported finished welded steel mesh at prices below the cost of purchasing wire rod locally;
- regarding sales volumes, welded steel mesh sales volumes for Bianco Reinforcing have remained steady despite growth in the broader South Australian construction and housing market, which it considered inconsistent with current market demand for welded steel mesh;
- customers have disclosed they can obtain cheaper welded steel mesh from alternative suppliers, including suppliers of imported product from China;
- it has sought to avoid purchasing imported welded steel mesh to support local manufacturing and employment, but that the price differential is making this increasingly difficult;

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- while employment levels have not yet been reduced, it has concerns about the future sustainability of mesh manufacturing if imported finished mesh continues to be available below local production costs.