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Anti-Dumping Commission

Meeting minute

Investigation 384
The alleged dumping of alloy round bar from the People's Republic of China (China)

18 April 2017

PRESENT:

Marubeni-Itochi Steel Oceania:

Interlloy:

Anti-Dumping Commission: Mayuran Jeyarajah, Case Manager
Rachel Price, Operational Policy

The Anti-Dumping Commission met with representatives of Interlloy and Marubeni-Itochi Steel Oceania on 18 April 2017. Interlloy requested to meet with the Commission in order to clarify the scope of the goods description. The Commission agreed to meet with both companies in order to obtain further information and evidence about alloy round bar which has been further worked with heat and/or surface treatments. The following points were discussed:

1. Interlloy consider that alloy round bar that has undergone heat treatment and/or surface treatment does not fall within the goods description in this investigation. The expression 'hot rolled' as used in the goods description means 'as rolled'. Interlloy explained that OneSteel do not manufacture alloy round bar that has been heat treated. Interlloy explained that heat treatment/or surface treatments are applied to meet over 95% of the end user market requirements.

2. Interlloy noted that the majority of their end user customers and the market on whole require alloy round bar that has undergone heat treatment and/or surface treatments. Interlloy stated that 'as rolled' alloy round bar is not substitutable or comparable to alloy round bar that has been heat treated and/or had surface treatment(s). This is because heat treated bars have improved mechanical properties and surface treated bars have significantly less surface impurities/defects. This enables the bars to be supplied to end users who then do not have to further rework the bars to achieve these desired outcomes; this is typically cost inhibitive on a much smaller scale.