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**FILE NOTE**

**REVIEW 499 OF ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES APPLYING TO CERTAIN HOT  
ROLLED STRUCTURAL STEEL SECTIONS**

**EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA FROM  
JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TAIWAN (EXCEPT FOR EXPORTS BY  
FENG HSIN STEEL CO LTD) AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**

**MEETING WITH LIBERTY STEEL**

**27 June 2019**

The Commission met with Liberty Steel on 27 June 2019. During this meeting, Liberty Steel presented its views on the Commission's approach to model matching and the Model Control Code (MCC) structure that is being applied in Review 499. Liberty Steel provided a presentation on these matters. A copy of this presentation is available for the public record.

Liberty Steel reiterated its views that the Commission should not conduct its model matching on the basis of mill test certificates as the market specifies and purchases on the basis of the relevant standards and grades of steel.

The Commission acknowledged this view and undertook to continue to check its calculation of dumping margins in Review 499 and to check that its approach to model matching is consistent with that view.

Liberty Steel stated its concerns regarding unpublished information relating to model matching especially in circumstances where the standards and grades produced by the exporters were already in the public domain.

The Commission acknowledged these concerns and stated that it must maintain a balance between maintaining transparency and maintaining the confidentiality of information it receives. The Commission indicated that the MCC process has only been in place for less than one year and it continues to work on developing the process.

Liberty Steel stated its concerns regarding technical matters pertaining to various categories in the MCC structure that are being applied in Review 499. Liberty Steel acknowledged the difficult task that the Commission staff has in relation to understanding the technical and commercial aspects of varied investigations and proposed that technical experts be engaged where necessary.

The Commission noted these concerns and stated that it developed the MCC structure after consultation with Liberty Steel and with regard to what information was available on matters that affect price. The Commission also indicated that the Commissioner, in his notice announcing the initiation of Review 499, encouraged interested parties to make submissions on the MCC by the date exporter questionnaires were due, but that no party provided such a submission.

Liberty Steel acknowledged that it hadn't made a submission by the date of the exporter's questionnaire, but stated they had as part of the application proposed a model control code

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structure on factors that affected price (including weldability) and that they re-iterated the requirement for these key criteria to form part of the MCC structure in the briefing prior to exporter verification.

The Commission indicated that the MCC process aims to provide the best framework possible for comparing normal values with export prices in a manner that maintains an appropriate balance between factors that influence prices and technical features of products.