

Anti-Dumping Review Panel Conference Summary

2016/47 Grinding Balls exported from the People's Republic of China

Panel Member	Scott Ellis
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Participants	Phillipa Crouch (ADC) Catherine Gladman (ADC)

Confirmation of reinvestigation requirements

Ms Crouch foreshadowed the structure of the reinvestigation report to assist in identifying whether the report addressed the reinvestigation request.

She identified that the substantive part of the report commenced at Chapter 4, which would be divided into 4 parts, A through D to align with the questions from the 'Request for Reinvestigation' letter.

In relation to Part A, Ms Crouch pointed out that the information requested was not available and that this affected the other Parts of Chapter 4. However, the ADC would provide three pieces of information that could assist with this question. This information included the cost to make grinding balls provided by Longte, a list of purchases of grinding bar that Longte made showing who they came from and the Longteng's cost to make grinding bar (provided by Longteng, the parent company of Longte). Ms Crouch indicated that the information matched the nature of the inquiry made in the reinvestigation request. Ms Crouch also confirmed that the lack of information available to the ADC limited the conclusions that could be drawn.

Part B of the reinvestigation report was discussed. Part B asked the question, had the information requested in Part A been available, could the ADC perform the competitive market cost test on that piece of information? Ms Crouch stated that because the information isn't available, the test could not be done. A further analysis of Part B is included in the report.

Part C of the Reinvestigation request was discussed. Ms Crouch inquired about the reason for the request. Mr Ellis clarified that the reason for the request arose from the second area of disagreement identified in Longte's application for review and the assertion that the company uses its own materials to manufacture grinding balls. Longte's manufacture of its own grinding bar may impact on the appropriateness of the Latin American benchmark to calculate the dumping margin. Ms Crouch confirmed that after conducting further analysis of the issues, the Commission did not consider it appropriate to make the adjustment referred to in Part C. Further, given the limits on the information available at the time, the Commission did not consider that it was able to make a calculation of the kind identified in Part C of the request for reinvestigation.



The ADC requested that Mr Ellis provide some background to the request for reinvestigation in the form a letter to the ADC. Mr Ellis agreed to do so.