

Anti-Dumping Review Panel - Conference Summary

2017/55 – A4 Copy Paper Exported from the Federative Republic of Brazil, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of Thailand

Applicant: Various – Material injury

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Panel Member	Jaclyne Fisher
Date	9 August 2017
Participants	Justin Wickes (Anti-Dumping Commission), Tim King (Anti-Dumping Commission)
Time opened	9.30am
Time closed	11.45 am

Purpose

The purpose of this conference is to obtain further information in relation to the review before the ADRP, in relation to A4 Copy Paper exported from the Federative Republic of Brazil, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of Thailand.

In the course of this conference, I may ask parties to clarify an argument, claim or specific detail contained in the party's application or submission. The conference is not a formal hearing of the review, and is not an opportunity for parties to argue their case before me.

I have only had regard to information provided at this conference that relates to relevant information (within the meaning of section 269ZZK(6) of the *Customs Act 1901*). Any conclusions reached at this conference are based on that relevant information.

Discussion

1. The Panel Member indicated that a number of applicants had raised issues in relation to whether dumping had caused material injury or whether other factors such as the US Dumping investigation into uncoated paper exported by Australian Paper to the US had caused injury. Could the Commission provide the evidence it had considered in relation to this issue.

The Commission provided the confidential spreadsheet summarising production and sales (domestic and export) figures for Australian Paper of all products including A4 copy paper which is attached to the Australian industry verification visit report. The Commission provided confidential Australian Paper export information regarding the sales of paper to the United States.

2. The Panel Member asked the Commission what information had been used in the Table 19 Price undercutting by country of export (pages102-103 of REP 341) given some of the information appeared to be contradictory to other comments regarding price undercutting made in other areas of REP 341, for example pages 98 – 99 Figures 11 and 12.

The Commission advised that Table 19 included an examination of the individual exporter importer monthly weighted average price combinations, taking into account the comparable level of trade and comparable models with the monthly weighted average prices of Australian Paper. The Commission indicated that it had provided all of these confidential spreadsheets to the Panel.

The Panel Member indicated that given the number of electronic files provided, it would be beneficial for the Commission to take the Panel Member through an example of the analysis undertaken for two of the exporters and requested that the confidential spreadsheet analyses be provided for Double A and I P Brasil in order to understand the methodology undertaken by the Commission.



The Commission advised that the Chart in Figure 11 is the monthly weighted average of all sales made by the exporters in each country at FOB level compared with all sales by Australian Paper, that is, sales to all levels of trade. Figure 12 uses all of the information from Figure 11 but provides a different view of this information with the point of reference comparison with Australian Papers sales. The confidential detailed spreadsheets for each of the exporters which underpinned Figures 11 and 12 were provided.

This information is summarised in the confidential spreadsheet "Undercutting Analysis Detailed". The Commission also provided a confidential table which summarised the comparison categories for each exporter which were used in Table 19 (page 102 of REP 341).