



ADRP Conference Summary

2018/85 Steel Reinforcing Bar from Korea

Panel Member	Joan Fitzhenry
Review type	Review of Commissioner's decision to terminate anti-circumvention inquiry
Date	17 July 2018
Participants	Mathew Williams, Gavin Crooks and Raoul Renard (ADC)
Time opened	2.30pm AEST
Time closed	2.54pm AEST

Purpose

The purpose of this conference was to obtain further information in relation to the review before the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (ADRP) in relation to steel reinforcing bar exported from Korea.

The conference was held pursuant to s.269ZZRA of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act).

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

Discussion

The specific information that the ADRP sought in this conference was:

- Confirmation of the pattern of importations of steel reinforcing bar (rebar) by Stemcor (SEA) Pte Ltd (Stemcor) during the inquiry period.
- Clarification of the profitability analysis conducted on the sales of rebar by Stemcor during the inquiry period.

The representatives from the ADC provided the following information:

- Regard should be had to the Importer Verification Report (EPR 452 No 7), confidential attachment 5 to TER 452 and confidential attachment 2 to the Verification Report.
- There was no pattern such as that described in paragraph 27 of the grounds of the application for review.



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- There had been no weighted average assessment. They had selected twelve consignments and reviewed all of the documents for those consignments which led to sixteen sales transactions
- The sales transactions relating to the sampled consignments had been assessed as to whether that were profitable at a gross level and then after the deduction of SG&A costs whether that were profitable at a net level.
- Once the documentation from the sixteen sales transactions was verified, there was an analysis of the profitability of the sales across the whole inquiry period.
- It was not possible to assess every consignment and every sales transaction over the twelve month inquiry period and get source documents for each one. They had to take a sampling approach.
- In addition to testing the profitability of the sampled sales, there was an assessment of Stemcor's net profit or loss position in relation to goods imported from Daehan Steel from Korea for the entire inquiry period derived from the financial statements.
- Within the sixteen sales transactions originating from the twelve consignments, some of the transactions were observed to be unprofitable with the remainder observed to be profitable. Overall the sampled sales transactions were profitable. Confidential Attachment 2 to the Verification Report contained the data.
- The gross profit margin was about [REDACTED] and the net profit margin was around [REDACTED].¹

¹ Confidential financial information belonging to Stemcor