



ADRP Conference Summary

Review No. 127- Steel Reinforcing Bar exported from the Kingdom of Thailand

Panel Member	Jaclyne Fisher
Review type	Review of Minister's decision
Date	21 October 2020
Participants	Tim King – Anti-Dumping Commission (ADC), Trent Macri – ADC, John Bracic representing Millcon Steel Public Company Ltd (Millcon)
Time opened	9:30 am AEDT
Time closed	9:45 am AEDT, Mr Bracic exited the conference at 9:40 am AEDT

Purpose

The purpose of this conference was to obtain further information in relation to the review before the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (Review Panel) in relation to steel reinforcing bar (Rebar) exported from the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand) by Millcon Steel Public Company Limited (Millcon).

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

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

I have only had regard to information provided at this conference to the extent that it relates to relevant information within the meaning of section 269ZZK of the Act. Any conclusions reached at this conference are based on that relevant information. Information that relates to some new argument not previously put in an application or submission is not something that the Review Panel may have regard to and, therefore, is not reflected in this conference summary.

At the time of the conference, I advised the participants:

- That the conference was being recorded and transcribed by Express Virtual Meetings Pty Ltd, and that the recording would capture everything said during the conference.
- That the conference was being recorded for the Review Panel to have regard to when preparing a conference summary. The conference summary would then be published on the Review Panel's website.



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- Any confidential information discussed during the conference would be redacted from the conference summary prior to publication.

Prior to the conference, participants were provided with a copy of the Review Panel's Privacy Statement. The Privacy Statement outlines who the conference recording and transcript may be disclosed to. The Privacy Statement is available on the Review Panel's website [here](#). The participants indicated that they understood the Privacy Statement and consented to:

- The recording of the conference; and
- The recording being dealt with as set out in the Privacy Statement.

Discussion

The specific information that the Review Panel sought in this conference was:

1. Following the previous conference with the ADC, a revised confidential spreadsheet of the export price had been developed. The Review Panel explained the differences in the export price calculation and requested that Millcon assess it for accuracy of calculation. A copy of the confidential spreadsheet would be provided to Millcon by the Secretariat. Feedback would be necessary with 24 hours.

Millcon advised that feedback would be provided within the specified timeframe.

Millcon was requested to then leave the meeting due to the further confidential information being sought from the ADC.

2. The Review Panel advised that there appeared to be inconsistent information in the export volume information, and in particular [REDACTED], (confidential export volume information) supplied to the Review Panel following the conference held with the ADC on 8 October 2020. Could the ADC review this information and provide an update.

The ADC advised that there had been a discrepancy in the information which had distorted the export volumes. The ADC would provide further assessment of the impact of this discrepancy following the conference.



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Information to be supplied following the conference:

- Millcon confirmed the accuracy of the confidential export price calculation
- The ADC to advise of the impact of the export volume discrepancy.

The ADC advised in relation to the information requested at the conference:

'The Commission has since reviewed the revised ABF data and finds that the pattern of trade for like goods is consistent with the findings of REP 518 – that export volumes shifted to a variety of alternative sources due to the imposition of anti-dumping measures. The analysis shows that the quarterly average export volumes of like goods from other countries subject to measures [REDACTED] [REDACTED] between the review period and the preceding two years. Countries not subject to measures [REDACTED] [REDACTED] their quarterly average export volumes of like goods over the same period' (Confidential export volume information).