



# ADRP Conference Summary

## **Review No. 130 – Steel Reinforcing Bar exported from the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain (except Nervacero S.A.) and Taiwan (except Power Steel Co. Ltd)**

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| Panel Member | Scott Ellis  |
| Review type  | Review of Minister's decision                          |
| Date         | 28 January 2021  |
| Participants | Alistair Bridges (Moulis Legal, on behalf of Best Bar) |
| Time opened  | 10.30 am AEDT  |
| Time closed  | 11.00 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 exported from the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain (except Nervacero S.A.) and Taiwan (except Power Steel Co. Ltd).

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 will only have 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.
- 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

A list of matters about which information might be sought was circulated prior to the conference. A common list was used for conferences with the ADC and subsequent conferences with other participants in the review. Best Bar Pty Ltd and its associated entities (BestBar) indicated that it had no information in relation to topics 1 to 4, 6, 7 and 8. The remaining matters are identified below.

5. *The breakdown of purchases by BestBar between its various sources (InfraBuild, NatSteel and the domestic suppliers), including by (Australian) dollar value.*

BestBar did not provide a breakdown of its sales to the ADC as part of the investigation, so the ADC's breakdown must have been derived from other sources.

Mr Bridges indicated that BestBar's breakdown of its purchases of the goods was:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

I will consider whether this is information to which I can have regard.



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The traders sourced their supplies from overseas countries, but Mr Bridges was not able to identify which. Mr Bridges emphasised that BestBar needs sources of goods other than InfraBuild. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The two products (bar and coil) are somewhat interchangeable for BestBar because BestBar has the equipment necessary to uncoil coil. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

9. *The extent to which straights and coil are interchangeable products.*

The issue of interchangeability had been dealt with above.

Scott Ellis

Member

Anti-Dumping Review Panel

10 February 2021