



ADRP Conference Summary

Review No. 141 – Grinding Balls exported from the People’s Republic of China.

Panel Member	Jaclyne Fisher
Review type	Review of Minister’s decision – Continuation inquiry
Date	29 November 2021
Participants	Rhys Piper (ADC representative) Ben Merlin (ADC representative) Evan Schnell (ADC representative)
Time opened	10.00 am AEDT
Time closed	10.50 am AEDT

Purpose

The purpose of this conference was to obtain further information in relation to the application before the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (Review Panel) in relation to grinding balls exported from the People’s Republic of China (China).

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 relating to this matter. 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, submission or report is not something that the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (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

The specific information that the Review Panel sought in this conference relates to the grinding bar benchmark used for the purposes of assessing competitive market costs pursuant to regulation 43 of the Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015.

Could the ADC explain in greater detail the analysis undertaken of Molycop's submission/s as referred to in REP 569 and shown in confidential attachments 23 (Regional Steel Price Analysis (Molycop submission)) and 25 (Benchmark analysis - Molycop submission conversion costs).

The ADC indicated that REP 569 Confidential Attachment 23 contained the Molycop data provided regarding its preferred grinding bar benchmark. This is based on grinding bar prices of purchases by affiliated companies in a number of countries (in the regions of North American, South America and Europe). This information is split by country. The ADC outlined the process followed in analysing this information, while it had some data supporting these prices it was not provided with full details. The ADC collated this information and developed a grinding bar benchmark price for comparison purposes.

The ADC advised that REP 569 Confidential Attachment 25 develops a series of scenarios for comparison purposes of the actual grinding bar purchase prices for the Chinese exporters with the alternate grinding bar benchmarks under consideration:

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



█ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
█ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (*Confidential ADC analysis of grinding bar benchmarks [REDACTED]*)

The ADC advised that this information was used as part of its analysis in consideration of alternate benchmarks. Its final finding together with the reasons for the use of the Latin American steel billet based grinding bar benchmark are outlined in Section 6.6.5 of REP 569.

The ADC advised that none of the exporters had received the Latin American steel billet based grinding bar benchmark calculations tailored to its models/grades as these were considered confidential as the calculations were based on information from other sources. Each exporter had received its own calculations of the normal values and dumping margins.

The Review Panel advised that the draft summary of this conference would be provided to the parties within one working day, and it would be appreciated if any comments regarding the accuracy and confidentiality could be provided to the Review Panel Secretariat within two working days.