



ADRP Conference Summary

ADRP Review No. 153: 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

Panel Member	Paul O'Connor
Review type	Review of Minister's decision
Date	22 June 2022
Participants	Anti-Dumping Commission representatives: Rhys Piper and Gavin Crooks (ADC Representatives)
Time opened	2:00pm AEST
Time closed	2:30 AEST

Purpose

The purpose of this conference was to obtain further information and clarification in relation to the application before the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (Review Panel) 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.

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 the ADC Representatives to clarify aspects of REP 588 and its confidential attachments and to respond to certain claims made in each of the three applications for review.

The conference was not a formal hearing of the review.

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.

At the time of the conference, I advised the ADC Representatives:

- 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.



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- 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, the ADC Representatives 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 ADC Representatives 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. The ADC representatives were referred to page 89 of REP 588 which refers to "CIF values of verified export sales examined in a Review 551". The representatives confirmed that the CIF values were derived from verified exports examined in review 551 which reflected freight rates then applying to that review period which ended in calendar year 2019.
2. The ADC representatives provided an explanation of the methodology applied in the preparation of Figures 15 and 16 in REP 588 which formed part of the Commission's price undercutting analysis. The analysis referred to fully landed prices both including and excluding interim dumping duty. The analysis was not undertaken to predict future prices and was intended to reflect the effect on price if there were no measures in place. Figure 16 reflected that FOB prices of the subject exporters had continued to come down year-on-year over the period 2019 to 2021.
3. Clarification was provided regarding the source of the two datasets used to inform the Commission's assessment of excess production capacity on page 71 of REP 588 and the information that can be inferred from the data. ADC Representatives commented that capacity is viewed in the context of questioning whether exports are



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likely to continue or recur. One of the factors which helps answer that question is whether exporters would possess an ability to continue their exports and what would allow them to do so. An exporter's ability to draw upon sufficient excess or sufficient production capacity would be a relevant factor. It is not determinative, it is just one of several examined by the Commission.

Paul O'Connor

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13 July 2022