



Subsidy Questionnaire for contributors Case A0079: Creamy/White Limestone exported from Portugal

Period of Investigation (POI):	1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025
Injury period:	1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025
Deadline for response:	30 March 2026
Contact details:	AS0079@traderemedies.gov.uk
Completed on behalf of:	<i>Mineral Products Association</i>

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Introduction

About us, this case and this questionnaire

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) investigates whether trade remedies are needed to prevent injury to UK industry.

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) is responsible for investigating whether Creamy/White limestone from Portugal are causing injury to producers in the UK because the goods have benefited from a subsidy from a foreign authority.

A subsidy exists if there is either; a financial contribution by a foreign authority which confers a benefit on the recipient (usually an industry or business manufacturing goods), or a form of income or price support within the meaning of Article XVI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (part of Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement) received from a foreign authority which confers a benefit on the recipient.

Not all subsidies are countervailable (meaning they can be offset through a trade remedy). A subsidy is countervailable if it is specific to certain companies or industries (rather than general) and when it is granted either directly or indirectly for the manufacture, production, export or transport of goods. These subsidies may promote unfair trade in goods that harm UK industry.

Why should I take part?

We are asking contributors and interested parties to complete this questionnaire to help us understand the industry and market for this product and assess if a measure is needed. We need to establish whether the alleged imports of subsidised goods has occurred and has caused injury to the UK industry.

The information your company provides will help us to reach a fair and proportionate decision.

Please refer to our online guidance to understand more about [how we carry out a subsidy investigation](#) and the [differences between interested parties and contributors](#).

How do I respond?

Detailed guidance on how to complete the questionnaire is provided in the [instructions](#) section below.



Please provide all the information requested by **23:59 Uk time on 30 March 2026..** We may send a notice asking for clarification or supplementary information where necessary. Make sure you provide the sources for any information or data you don't own and clearly state any restrictions on sharing it.

Where can I find more information?

Our [trade remedies guidance](#) provides more information about our investigations and processes we follow.

If you have any specific questions relating to the case, now or while you're completing the questionnaire, please contact the Case Team at AS0079@traderemedies.gov.uk. For general information about trade remedies processes, please see our [online guidance](#).

You can also find out more about the regulatory basis of our investigations. The TRA investigates cases under the provisions of *Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as Amended by the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019* and under the *Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018*.

Instructions on completing this questionnaire

Preparing your response

This section sets out guidance on how to complete this questionnaire

If you think you won't be able to complete the questionnaire within the required time, please contact the Case Team ahead of the deadline using the contact details on the cover of this questionnaire. You should outline the length of extension you need and the reasons why. We will notify you of our decision.

If we can accommodate an extension, we will publish a note on our [public file](#) to record both the request and the extension granted.

Preparing confidential and non-confidential copies

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your questionnaire by the due date. We will publish the non-confidential version on the public file. **Please ensure that each page of information you provide is clearly marked either "Confidential" or "Non-Confidential" in the header.**

Please see our guidance on [how to submit information](#) for further details on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire.



In preparing your response, please note the following:

- It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information.
- Remember to include a statement explaining why information obtained in your response should be treated as confidential e.g. the data is commercially sensitive.
- Provide the source for all information or data you don't own and clearly state any restrictions on sharing it.
- If you do not provide a non-confidential summary (or a statement of reasons why you cannot provide this) each time you provide confidential information, the TRA may disregard the information you give us.

All information provided to the TRA in confidence will be treated accordingly and only used for this investigation (except in limited circumstance as permitted by regulation 46 of the *Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019*) and will be stored in protected systems. The non-confidential version of your submission will be placed on the public file, which is available on www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases.

How to complete this questionnaire

All statements should be substantiated with relevant data, information and the sources of these. You may be asked to attach supporting documents in appendices to supplement your responses. To help us verify your information, please retain all your supporting documents, including any calculations made when developing your responses.

Please also note the following points:

- Do not leave any questions blank. If the question is not relevant to your organisation, please explain why. If the answer to a question is “zero”, “no” or “none”, please write this.
- Please provide all formulas and calculations used within your questionnaire response.
- If there is insufficient space in any part of the questionnaire to provide the details requested, or we ask for copies of additional information, please submit this information as appendices. Please ensure that any attachments are given a corresponding appendix reference in the title of the document and that these are referenced in the boxes provided.
- Any documents not in English should be accompanied by an English translation.
- Please provide all dates in the format DD/MM/YYYY (e.g. 23/05/2023).
- Unless otherwise stated, ‘year’ or ‘calendar year’ refers to the period 1 January – 31 December and ‘quarter’ refers to the associated three-month periods e.g. 1 January – 31 March, 1 April – 30 June, etc.
- Identify all units of measurement and currencies used in tables, calculations and lists, if not provided by the corresponding instructions, and use units of



measurement consistently (e.g. do not use kg and metric tonnes interchangeably).

- For all numerical figures, where appropriate please express every third number with a comma (e.g. '1,300' for one-thousand three hundred, '1,300,000' for one million and three-hundred thousand).
- Please limit all sales/currency/income figures to two decimal places, apply a full point as a decimal separator and use the appropriate currency symbol or abbreviation (e.g. £1,300.00).
- Provide all costing figures as actual amounts. Where actual amounts cannot be provided and you have reported standard costing instead, please indicate this in the relevant answer, and explain the variance from actual costs, if any.
- All figures should be reported net of tax unless otherwise stated.
- Please refer to the case number, AS0079, in any correspondence with the TRA.

What happens next

Once you have completed your questionnaire responses, you must upload confidential and non-confidential versions along with any additional documents you're providing through our [Trade Remedies Service](#). Following this:

- you will receive an email confirming the documents have been uploaded successfully;
- the Case Team will contact you if further information is required; and
- the non-confidential responses will be placed on the public file.

For further information please refer to our guidance on [how we carry out a subsidy investigation](#).



The scope of this investigation

Goods concerned

This investigation covers **Creamy/White limestone** exported from **Portugal**, described as:

Creamy/White limestone originating in Portugal in the form of slab and finished stone. Slab refers to natural stone that has been simply cut or sawn. Finished stone refers to natural stone that has been processed and worked in a factory, making it ready for installation. For these purposes, 'processed and worked' includes but is not limited to cutting, shaping, and surface finishing to meet the specifications required for its intended use.

The product **Creamy / White Limestone** is currently classifiable within the following commodity code(s): *68010000, 68022100, 68022900, 68029100, 68029200*. These codes are only given for information.

In this questionnaire, these goods will be referred to as '**the goods concerned**'. Any reference to 'goods concerned' in this questionnaire refers to the goods description above, regardless of the commodity code under which they are exported.



SECTION A: About the case

A1 General information

1. Please complete the table below. Make sure the point of contact you name has the authority to provide this information.

Name (point of contact):	[REDACTED]
Address:	First Floor, 297 Euston Road, LONDON, NW1 3AD
Telephone No:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Website:	www.mineralproducts.org

If you are representing a company, please also fill in the information below:

Company registration number:	1634996
Place of registration:	UK
Legal name of organisation:	Mineral Products Association Ltd
Legal structure (e.g. limited company, sole trader, partnership etc):	Limited Company
Position in the organisation:	[REDACTED]
Year of establishment:	2009
Other operating names:	
Countries you operate in:	UK

2. Please explain your interest in this investigation.

The Mineral Products Association is the trade association for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, dimension stone, lime, mortar and industrial sand industries

Appendix reference:



A2 Information about this investigation

For each question, please provide any information you have which you feel is relevant to the case. If you have no information, say so in your answer.

In this case, it has been alleged that imports of Creamy/White limestone from Portugal have benefited from one or more subsidies and that this is causing injury to UK industry.

1. Please provide any information regarding the alleged subsidisation of Creamy/White limestone from Portugal (the goods concerned) between 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Please answer here

Appendix reference:

2. Provide any information you have about injury, or potential injury, to UK producers of Creamy/White limestone. You can refer to our [guidance on how we assess injury](#) for a definition of injury.

Please answer here

Appendix reference:

3. Provide any information you have on the cause(s) of the injury (as identified in question 2) to UK producers of Creamy/White limestone?

Please answer here

Appendix reference:

4. Please provide any information about the possible economic effects on the UK if a countervailing measure was to be introduced on the goods concerned.

Please answer here

Appendix reference:

5. If you have any other information which you consider may be helpful to this investigation, please provide it below.

The UK has a rich resource of local building and roofing stones and their use over the centuries make a strong visual connection to our sense of place and cultural heritage.



The ability to continue to use UK building and roofing stone to contribute to the repair or extension of historic buildings and structures and the significant contribution it makes to the conservation and enhancement of our built environment means that continued access to domestic materials is essential.

Portland Stone occupies a special cultural and political significance in this because of its use in iconic British landmarks, including St Paul's Cathedral **following** the Great Fire of 1666, Buckingham Palace, **the** British Museum, **and the** Cenotaph.

Other examples of the cultural & political significance of Portland Stone:

- **National Identity:** In 2013, it was designated the first Global Heritage Stone Resource due to its role in shaping British architectural identity.
- **Wartime Legacy:** It is the standard material for Commonwealth War Graves headstones worldwide, selected for its longevity and dignified appearance.

The MPA would therefore wish to ensure that our members can compete on a level playing field and we remain deeply concerned that subsidised foreign imports could lead to the loss of iconic British stones and the implications this has for the conservation and enhancement of the UK's heritage assets and built environment.

Appendix reference:

SECTION B: Next steps

Next steps

Please submit this questionnaire through the Trade Remedies Service (www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk) by 23:59 UK time on 30 March 2026.

A confidential and non-confidential version of the questionnaire must be submitted. You can find guidance on how to complete confidential and non-confidential versions in our guidance on [how to submit information](#).

Please list any appendices that you have referenced in your responses and are attaching with this questionnaire.

Appendix reference	Document title



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