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Dear Nick,

Thank you for the Trade Remedies Authority's recommendation regarding the tariff-rate quota review of the steel safeguard measure.

I am writing to make you aware of my intended decision to reject the recommendation and to take a different decision.

In making this intended decision I considered the evidence contained within the recommendation and wider matters in the public interest, including the UK's obligations under the relevant World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement. The reason is to ensure the overall effectiveness of the UK's steel safeguard measure for domestic producers whilst balancing the need for security of supply for the UK market in line with traditional trade flows.

I have decided to:

- Increase the overall volume of each category's tariff-rate quota by 0.1% from 1 July 2025.
- Apply a 15% cap in the residual quota of category 4 and a 20% cap in the residual quotas of categories 7 and 13 to ensure that UK imports from exporting countries are more closely aligned with traditional trade flows, effective from 1 July 2025.

I have also decided to amend the allocation of the tariff-rate quotas as below, in line with the recommendation of the Trade Remedies Authority:

- Prevent any unused quarterly quotas from being made available in the following quarter.
- Prevent WTO Members with a country-specific quota from being able to access the residual quota in the final quarter.
- Update developing country exemptions based on UK import data for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and in line with the WTO Agreement on Safeguards.

I will now provide the opportunity for WTO Members to share their perspectives on my intended decision.

Yours sincerely,

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