



Note to the File

TRANSITION REVIEW NO. TS0038

Transition review of countervailing measures on certain electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China

Q&A from the drop-in sessions for interested parties

The case team for the electric bicycles from China case held several drop-in sessions to answer any questions from interested parties.

The sessions were held at the following dates and times:

Party Type	Date and Time
Overseas exporters	09:00 – 10:00(BST) Thursday 25 May
UK producers	15:00 – 16:00(BST) Thursday 25 May
Importers	15:00 – 16:00(BST) Tuesday 30 May
Importers (additional session)	11:00 – 12:00 (BST) Wednesday 31 May
Other interested parties or contributors	13:00 – 14:00(BST) Thursday 1 June

Below is the list of the questions we received and the TRAs responses:

Drop-In Session Questions and Answers

Q: Do we need one letter of authority for just the group as a whole, or one from each party within the group?

A: You will only need one letter of authority for the group as a whole. In the letter of authority, you can list all the organisations within the group that you are authorising to be represented.

Q: What are the criteria for sampling?

A: We usually sample overseas exporters based upon export volume to the UK, however the TRA can also use any statistically valid method.

Please see our guidance on sampling:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#sampling>

Q: Do you undertake desk verification, or on-the-spot verification?

A: The TRA undertakes desk verification but is hopeful that in person verification will be possible within this transition review.

For more information on our verification process please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#our-verification-process>

Q: If a company is not sampled, what would its further role be within the review?

A: If the company is an exporter, importer, or producer and is not sampled, they would still be an interested party and can still submit information to the case for the TRA to consider.

Q: Is it correct that I cannot fully register on TRS until I upload the letter of authority and PSQs?

A: You will need to upload the letter of authority and a confidential and non-confidential version of the PSQ to register on TRS.

Q: Do I need to upload the PSQs using the registration documentation button on TRS?

A: Yes, the PSQs are uploaded through this link.

Q: Will my registration cover all transition reviews on TRS, or will I need one registration per review?

A: Once you register on TRS, you can use this registration throughout all the reviews and investigations on TRS.

Q: We have different offices do we need to register these separately on TRS?

A: You do not need to register your offices separately if you are one legal entity, but you can if you want to.

Q: Do associated exporters need to complete the PSQs individually, or can one PSQ be completed with cumulative figures?

A: Associated exporters can complete PSQs individually, and then if the ultimate controlling company is sampled, cumulative figures can be used for the full questionnaire.

Q: If an exporter was given a non-sampled cooperating rate in the EC case, but did not import to the UK during the POI, which rate will they receive?

A: If an exporter cooperated in the EC investigation but did not export to the UK during the POI it can still register in this transition review as an overseas producer. If they continue to cooperate in the transition review and the TRA recalculates the duties it can obtain the non-sampled cooperating rate.

Q: If an exporter was given an individual rate in the EC case, but did not import to the UK during the POI, which rate will they receive?

A: If an exporter was given an individual rate in the EC case and did not export to the UK during the POI, they would still be able to register in this transition review as an overseas producer. If the TRA recalculates the duties and the company cooperates

in the transition review, it can obtain the non-sampled cooperating rate.

Q: Should we record all downstream companies if we have a large number of customers?

A: If you have a large number of customers and would not be able to list all of them out in the PSQ, please list the top 10 largest customers and perhaps provide a separate list of the smaller customers. We ask for this information so we can contact other parties who may have an interest in the transition review.

Q: Why do we want the volume of electric bikes in KG?

A: HMRC records the import data in the total weight of the bikes that are imported, rather than the number of individual bikes. This means we will be able to compare the UK market with the weight of bikes imported from China.

Q: How should I complete the non-confidential version of my pre-sampling questionnaire?

A: If possible, financial data should be provided in ranges or indexed as this can provide trends of data. If you cannot provide any information in a non-confidential way, then an explanation is required for why this is the case.

Please see our guidance on confidential and non-confidential information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#confidential-information-and-non-confidential-summaries>

Q: I import from an associated exporter in the PRC that produces electric bicycles, which questionnaire should I complete?

A: If you are associated with an exporter from the PRC, then can you complete the importer pre-sampling questionnaire. Can you also ask your associated exporter in the PRC to complete the exporter pre-sampling questionnaire.

Q: I am interested in both cases; do I need to complete both sets of pre-sampling questionnaires?

A: Yes. The cases are separate and so have two separate case folders. As such, we would like you to complete both sets of pre-sampling questionnaires.

Q: Can I register other people from my organisation on TRS?

A: Yes, there are options on TRS to add others once you are registered. You can select 'Manage users' after logging in, then add people through that.

Q: We have not imported from China during the POI, what information can we contribute on this case?

A: You can still register as a contributor or interested party to the case and submit information that you think the TRA should consider in its' decisions.

Q: How do we compare the characteristics of the e-bikes from China to the e-bikes produced in the UK?

A: We have product control numbers (PCNs) which represent the characteristics and the price drivers of the e-bikes. We use the PCN to compare the e-bikes exported from China with the e-bikes produced and sold in the UK.

Please see our guidance on how we use PCNs for our dumping and injury

calculations:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/how-we-assess-injury#how-we-calculate-the-injury-margin>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/how-we-carry-out-a-dumping-investigation#how-we-calculate-a-dumping-margin-for-an-exporter>

Q: There is a lack of batteries and motors produced in the UK, how is this factored into this case?

A: UK producers are defined as those producing like goods in the UK, meaning goods that are like those goods exported from China. Not all parts of the e-bikes need to be produced in the UK.

Q: Is there anything happening with the EU duties?

A: The EU measures are due to expire January 2024, the EU industry could apply for an expiry review which could result in a change to the EU measures. As the UK is no longer part of the EU, any changes to the EU duties would not affect the UK's decision.

Q: Would only sampling 4-5 companies affect the duty?

A: During sampling we want to represent as much of the industry as possible, if we are made aware of sectors of the industry that are not represented in the sample, we can consider including them in our sample for the purposes of assessing injury to the UK industry.

Please see our guidance on sampling:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#sampling>

Q: At what point is an e-bike an e-bike: i.e. If it has no battery when it is brought into the UK? If it is a different kind of e-bike? If it is missing parts or still needs some assembly?

A: We are still considering this and are looking for feedback and evidence from interested parties as we continue to investigate.

Q: How do shipping cost spikes affect the prices of goods? Does the model take into account price shocks from recent global conflict/pandemic?

A: Our calculations are based on the period of investigation. Transportation costs are included in the calculation of the UK landed price for the purpose of assessing injury. This is the price of the dumped goods or subsidised imports when they arrive at the UK port. It equates to the CIF (Cost, Insurance and Freight) import price plus any relevant import duties and other costs associated with import. We do not inherently take price shocks into account.

Please see our guidance on how we calculate our injury margins:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/how-we-assess-injury#how-we-calculate-the-injury-margin>