

Investigation into Alleged Subsidisation

AS0020 - Ironing Boards from the Republic of Türkiye

Note to public file - Proposal to amend the scope of the investigation

21 October 2022

Following the publication of its Notice of Initiation (NOI) on 7 April 2022, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) has been investigating the alleged subsidisation of ironing boards imported into the United Kingdom from the Republic of Türkiye.

On 20 May 2022 the TRA published its questionnaires and invited any interested parties and/or contributors to complete and return these. The TRA has received responses from various parties, which are available to view on the [public file](#).

Scope limitations

While verifying the questionnaire responses, the TRA has identified that Turkish ironing board exporters may be in receipt of other subsidies that could be considered countervailable, but which do not result from them being located within Turkish Free Zones. These subsidy programmes specifically relate to preferential financing through equity and other capital instruments, and provision of preferential export credit and insurance provided by the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and other state-owned entities, including banks. The current scope of the investigation, as set out in the NOI, is limited to subsidies received as a result of being located in the Turkish Free Zones.

Proposal to change scope

In the NOI, the scope was based on the applicant's specific allegations and was limited by the applicant's knowledge of the Turkish ironing board industry.

As outlined above, new evidence suggests that Turkish producers may be receiving additional subsidies that are not covered by the existing scope and could be considered countervailable. In order to investigate these programmes and what, if any, impact these may have on the investigation, the case team proposes to revise the scope to include these additional subsidy programmes in the investigation.

In line with Regulation 41(4)(b) of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations), the TRA may revise the scope of an investigation to include alleged subsidies not referred to in the NOI where it has provided interested parties and contributors with reasons for the proposed revision and has given them an opportunity to comment.

It should also be noted, that in line with Regulation 41(5) of the Regulations, our initial assessment is that:

- It is likely the TRA would have initiated its investigation with a revised scope had this information been available in the application.

- The proposed revision does not cause any prejudice to the interests of any interested party or contributor.
- The proposed revision will not prevent the TRA from proceeding with the investigation expeditiously.

Next Steps

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact us via the Trade Remedies Service at AS0020@traderemedies.gov.uk by **28 October 2022 at 17:30 hours GMT**. We may consider submissions made after this date, but we are not obliged to do so if we believe it would cause an unnecessary delay. Where we reject information for any reason, we will publish our reasons for rejection in our final recommendation.

Following the consideration of any comments received from the parties after the publication of this notice, the TRA will make a final decision on the scope and will publish a note to the file with the decision, together with an amended NOI and updated external case timeline if appropriate.