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Dear Nick,

Category 1 Steel Safeguard Suspension Review Reassessment

Following a consultation between DBT and TRA officials on 17 September, I am writing to request that the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) conduct a reassessment of the final recommendation made in relation to the suspension review of category 1 of the UK's steel safeguard measure.

I am making this request because I believe that the solution that you have recommended, and which I have accepted, in relation to the TRQ review on category 1 constitutes new information that had not been considered as part of the original suspension review. In your final recommendation for the suspension review, the TRA stated that the outcome of the TRQ review may mean that a suspension is no longer appropriate. In light of this, I ask that you reassess whether the circumstances to justify a suspension still exist.

To account for your ongoing pipeline of investigations, I ask that you endeavour to complete the reassessment for 31 December 2024. In undertaking the reassessment, I would like the TRA to analyse whether, following implementation of the TRQ review solution, the temporary change in market conditions still exists. If the TRA is satisfied that the temporary change in market conditions remains, then I ask that you consider whether, as a consequence, UK producers would be seriously injured as a result of any suspension and whether a suspension would still be appropriate.

Upon completing the reassessment, if you determine the measure should be suspended, you must submit to me a new recommendation. If you determine the measure should not be suspended, and therefore there would be no decision for me to take as there would be no recommendation, please notify me at least two working days before issuing a new notice reflecting this on the suspension review public file for the reasons of your determination.

Best wishes,

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