



NOTICE OF REASSESSMENT

Safeguard measure on certain steel products

Suspension Review – Category 1 Steel – Hot Rolled Flat and Coil

Case No. SS0051

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) provides notice of a request made by the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) to reassess its recommendation to suspend the definitive safeguarding remedy on Category 1 steel products. A copy of this request is available on the [public file](#).

This request has been made pursuant to Regulation 39(9)(b) of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (as amended) (the Regulations).

A copy of the TRA's original recommendation is available on the [public file](#). Parties are invited to provide comments on the Secretary of State's request for reassessment, particularly in relation to the temporary change in market conditions which formed the basis of the original recommendation, via the Trade Remedies Service (TRS) by 23:59 BST **13 October 2024**.

Background

On 9 February 2024, the TRA initiated a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Review with respect to Category 1 steel products. This was to address the exhaustion of the residual quota and the change in demand for imports as a result of changed domestic production levels of Category 1 steel products.

On the same day, and with respect to the same change in market conditions being addressed in the TRQ Review, the TRA initiated a Suspension Review regarding a definitive safeguarding remedy on Category 1 steel products. The TRA set out its intended recommendation in the [Notice of Initiation](#) (NOI) and invited interested parties and contributors to comment on the proposal.

Following the comment period, the TRA found that there had been a temporary change in market conditions and that, as a consequence of that change, serious injury to UK producers was unlikely to recur if the definitive safeguarding remedy were to be suspended.

The TRA was satisfied that it was appropriate to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State to suspend the definitive safeguarding remedy on Category 1 steel products for a period of 9 months.



Request to Reassess

Pursuant to Regulation 39(9)(b) of the Regulations, the Secretary of State can request that the TRA reassess its recommendation, by reference to any matters specified in the request, with a view to amending or replacing the recommendation.

On 30 September 2024, the Secretary of State accepted the TRA's recommendation on the TRQ Review. Following this decision, the TRA has received a request by the Secretary of State to reassess its recommendation to suspend the safeguard measure on Category 1 Steel.

Noting the changes to the TRQ for Category 1, the request specifically asks the TRA to reassess whether or not the temporary change in market conditions which justified the suspension recommendation remains. If the TRA finds that those market conditions do remain, then the TRA is also requested to reassess whether, in light of those changes, serious injury to UK producers is likely to recur if the measure were to be suspended.

Next Steps

Parties are invited to provide comments via the TRS by 23:59 BST **13 October 2024**, particularly in relation to the temporary change in market conditions which formed the basis of the original recommendation. Please provide both a confidential and non-confidential response.

Before finalising the reassessment, the TRA will publish a draft of its findings and invite comment. This is likely to be in November 2024. As requested by the Secretary of State, the TRA expects to conclude the reassessment process in December 2024.