



Pre-Limited Examination Questionnaire (Importer)

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Safeguard measures on certain steel products

Case: TF0006

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The scope of this transition review

I - Goods subject to review

The goods subject to review in this transition review are detailed in the following table¹:

Product category number	Product category	Commodity codes
1	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7208 10 00, 7208 25 00, 7208 26 00, 7208 27 00, 7208 36 00, 7208 37 00, 7208 38 00, 7208 39 00, 7208 40 00, 7208 52 10, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 10, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 13 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, 7212 60 00, 7225 19 10, 7225 30 10, 7225 30 30, 7225 30 90, 7225 40 15, 7225 40 90, 7226 19 10, 7226 91 20, 7226 91 91, 7226 91 99
2	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Cold Rolled Sheets	7209 15 00, 7209 16 90, 7209 17 90, 7209 18 91, 7209 25 00, 7209 26 90, 7209 27 90, 7209 28 90, 7209 90 20, 7209 90 80, 7211 23 20, 7211 23 30, 7211 23 80, 7211 29 00, 7211 90 20, 7211 90 80, 7225 50 20, 7225 50 80, 7226 20 00, 7226 92 00
4A	Metallic Coated Sheets	TARIC Codes: 7210 41 00 20, 7210 49 00 20, 7210 61 00 20, 7210 69 00 20, 7212 30 00 20, 7212 50 61 20, 7212 50 69 20, 7225 92 00 20, 7225 99 00 11, 7225 99 00 22, 7225 99 00 45, 7225 99 00 91, 7225 99 00 92, 7226 99 30 10, 7226 99 70 11, 7226 99 70 91, 7226 99 70 94
4B	Metallic Coated Sheets	CN Codes: 7210 20 00, 7210 30 00, 7210 90 80, 7212 20 00, 7212 50 20, 7212 50 30, 7212 50 40, 7212 50 90, 7225 91 00, 7226 99 10 TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 30, 7210 41 00 80, 7210 49 00 30, 7210 49 00 80, 7210 61 00 30, 7210 61 00 80, 7210 69 00 30, 7210 69 00 80, 7212 30 00 80, 7212 50 61 30, 7212 50 61 80, 7212 50 69 30, 7212 50 69 80, 7225 92 00 80, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 93, 7225 99 00 95, 7226 99 30 90, 7226 99 70 19, 7226 99 70 96
5	Organic Coated Sheets	7210 70 80, 7212 40 80
6	Tin Mill products	7209 18 99, 7210 11 00, 7210 12 20, 7210 12 80, 7210 50 00, 7210 70 10, 7210 90 40, 7212 10 10, 7212 10 90, 7212 40 20
7	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates	7208 51 20, 7208 51 91, 7208 51 98, 7208 52 91, 7208 90 20, 7208 90 80, 7210 90 30, 7225 40 12, 7225 40 40, 7225 40 60
12	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Merchant Bars and Light Sections	7214 30 00, 7214 91 10, 7214 91 90, 7214 99 31, 7214 99 39, 7214 99 50, 7214 99 71, 7214 99 79, 7214 99 95, 7215 90 00, 7216 10 00, 7216 21 00, 7216 22 00, 7216 40 10, 7216 40 90, 7216 50 10, 7216 50 91, 7216 50 99, 7216 99 00, 7228 10 20, 7228 20 10, 7228 20 91, 7228 30 20, 7228 30 41, 7228 30 49, 7228 30 61, 7228 30 69, 7228 30 70, 7228 30 89, 7228 60 20, 7228 60 80, 7228 70 10, 7228 70 90, 7228 80 00
13	Rebars	7214 20 00, 7214 99 10

¹ Please note that the list uses the same category numbers and category names as EU Regulation 2019/159 for those goods subject to review within this Transition Review. Product categories 3, 8, 9, 10, 18, 22, and 24, will not be transitioned and are therefore excluded from the list.



14	Stainless Bars and Light Sections	7222 11 11, 7222 11 19, 7222 11 81, 7222 11 89, 7222 19 10, 7222 19 90, 7222 20 11, 7222 20 19, 7222 20 21, 7222 20 29, 7222 20 31, 7222 20 39, 7222 20 81, 7222 20 89, 7222 30 51, 7222 30 91, 7222 30 97, 7222 40 10, 7222 40 50, 7222 40 90
15	Stainless Wire Rod	7221 00 10, 7221 00 90
16	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Wire Rod	7213 10 00, 7213 20 00, 7213 91 10, 7213 91 20, 7213 91 41, 7213 91 49, 7213 91 70, 7213 91 90, 7213 99 10, 7213 99 90, 7227 10 00, 7227 20 00, 7227 90 10, 7227 90 50, 7227 90 95
17	Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non-Alloy Steel	7216 31 10, 7216 31 90, 7216 32 11, 7216 32 19, 7216 32 91, 7216 32 99, 7216 33 10, 7216 33 90
19	Railway Material	7302 10 22, 7302 10 28, 7302 10 40, 7302 10 50, 7302 40 00
20	Gas pipes	7306 30 41, 7306 30 49, 7306 30 72, 7306 30 77
21	Hollow sections	7306 61 10, 7306 61 92, 7306 61 99
25.A	Large welded tubes	7305 11 00, 7305 12 00
25.B	Large welded tubes	7305 19 00, 7305 20 00, 7305 31 00, 7305 39 00, 7305 90 00
26	Other Welded Pipes	7306 11 10, 7306 11 90, 7306 19 10, 7306 19 90, 7306 21 00, 7306 29 00, 7306 30 11, 7306 30 19, 7306 30 80, 7306 40 20, 7306 40 80, 7306 50 20, 7306 50 80, 7306 69 10, 7306 69 90, 7306 90 00
27	Non-alloy and other alloy cold finished bars	7215 10 00, 7215 50 11, 7215 50 19, 7215 50 80, 7228 10 90, 7228 20 99, 7228 50 20, 7228 50 40, 7228 50 61, 7228 50 69, 7228 50 80
28	Non-Alloy Wire	7217 10 10, 7217 10 31, 7217 10 39, 7217 10 50, 7217 10 90, 7217 20 10, 7217 20 30, 7217 20 50, 7217 20 90, 7217 30 41, 7217 30 49, 7217 30 50, 7217 30 90, 7217 90 20, 7217 90 50, 7217 90 90



II - Like goods

‘Like goods’ are goods produced in the UK which are like the goods subject to review in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them.

III - Directly competitive goods

‘Directly competitive goods’ are goods produced in the UK which are directly competitive with the goods subject to this transition review.

This can include goods that are not only similar to the goods subject to review, such as a different type or variety, but also includes goods that occupy a position of direct competition with the goods subject to review. A directly competitive good may be one that is substitutable with the goods subject to review.

Please follow the instructions for each question to provide the appropriate information regarding the goods subject to review.

Instructions

The Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) of the United Kingdom's Department for International Trade is carrying out a transition review of safeguard measures active under the EU system that the United Kingdom (UK) decided to transition after EU exit. This transition review will assess whether the safeguard measures on certain steel products should be maintained, varied or discontinued in the UK. It will also consider whether the current safeguard measure should be extended.

IV - Why you are being asked to complete this pre-limited examination questionnaire

We are seeking your cooperation as a **UK importer** of the goods subject to review to the UK, to inform our review of whether the current safeguard measure should be maintained, varied, discontinued and/or extended.

This pre-limited examination questionnaire allows us to collect basic information and data about your company. If a large number of UK importers complete this pre-limited examination questionnaire, we will use the information each one provides to help us decide which companies we want to sample for further investigation.

V - Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you are a UK importer of the goods subject to review.

If you are not a UK importer, please complete either the relevant Pre-Limited Examination Questionnaire or the relevant Registration Form.

VI - Deadline for response

Please submit your completed questionnaire to us via the Trade Remedies Service no later than **15 October 2020**. If you can't provide a completed submission by the given due date and you wish to request an extension, please contact the Case Team ahead of the deadline using the contact details on the cover of this questionnaire.

VII - Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your pre-limited examination questionnaire by the due date. Please ensure that each page of



information you provide is clearly marked either “Confidential” or “Non-Confidential” in the header. It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information.

Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#how-we-handle-confidential-information> for further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire.

All information provided to TRID in confidence will be treated accordingly, only used for this investigation (excepted in limited circumstance as permitted by regulation 17 of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and kept in protected systems. The non-confidential version of your submission will be placed on our public file, which is available on <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases/>.

VIII - Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is **1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017** reflecting the period of the original EU investigation.² During the investigation, TRID will use data provided for the period of investigation to assess whether the safeguard measure on certain steel products should be maintained, varied or discontinued in the UK.

In the questions below, you will be asked about data for the POI. Where figures are required, please provide totals of the data for this 5-year-period.

IX - Most recent period

The most recent period is **1 January 2018 to 30 June 2020**. During the investigation, TRID will use data provided for the most recent period to assess whether the safeguard measure on certain steel products should be reduced or extended in the UK.³

² This is the period of investigation set out in the EU Regulation.

³ The MRP is the period which begins immediately after the end of the POI (as specifically defined under reg. 49(4) of the SG Regs. (as amended)) and runs up to the end of the most recent TRQ quarter before initiation of the review. Data for this period is needed to help us consider whether it is appropriate to reduce or extend the period for which the safeguarding measure applies to the goods concerned in the review.



Section A – Activities of your company and any associated parties

A1 – Your company's activities

1. To determine your company's role as an interested party for the purpose of this review, please select the activity/activities of your company below.

- ☒ importer of the goods subject to review into the UK.
- ☒ other (please give details below)

If you have selected 'other', please describe the role of your company in relation to the goods subject to review, like goods or directly competitive goods:

Importers and stockholders supplying UK distributors and end users throughout the United Kingdom. We believe we are the largest importer, and that we have the largest stock of stainless steel long products within the UK.

2. Please detail your company's activities.

We supply stainless steel long products both directly and indirectly to manufacturers of finished components which are supplied into the following market sectors: Oil & Gas, Petrochemical, Pharmaceutical, Power Generation, Nuclear, Aerospace, Mining, Automotive, Shipbuilding, Construction, Water Industry, Medical/Hospital Equipment, General Engineering, Agriculture, Dairy Industry, Food & Drink Processing.

3. Please describe your interest in this case:

Virtually all of our purchases are from EU producers. We believe that the vast majority of the stainless steel bars we purchase (around 85%) are not actually produced within the UK and haven't been for many years. An import quota will not protect something that does not exist, and will cause great damage to the thousands of UK end user manufacturers of finished components who rely 100% on EU sources. The quota will create shortages of material, increase prices, and affect quality-critical users. Instead of raw materials (which feed our end users) coming in from the EU, we risk finished components being imported rather than manufactured in the UK. This quota will potentially cost thousands of UK jobs, not save them.

A2 – Associated parties and operational links

Please give details of your company and all associated parties involved in the production, import, and/or sales (export and/or domestic) of the goods subject to review during the POI. Both natural persons (individuals) and legal persons (e.g. companies) are considered to be associated where they meet the definition of ‘Related Persons’ in [regulation 128 of the Customs \(Import Duty\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018](#).

Examples of activities could include manufacturing, exporting, purchasing, warehousing, sales (domestic), sales (export), further processing of the goods subject to review.

	Company name	Location (city, country)	Activities	Relationship
Associated Party 1	<i>Aceros Inoxidables Olarra SA</i>	<i>Bilbao, Spain</i>	<i>Stainless steel bar producers.</i>	<i>UK agents and 50/50 owners of UK Division.</i>
Associated Party 2	<i>Rodacciai SpA</i>	<i>Bosisio Parini, Italy</i>	<i>Stainless Steel bar & wire producers.</i>	<i>UK agents</i>
3.	<i>Aceralava SA</i>	<i>Bilbao, Spain</i>	<i>Stainless Steel bar and billet producers.</i>	<i>UK agents.</i>
4.	<i>Outokumpu Degerfors</i>	<i>Degerfors, Sweden</i>	<i>Stainless Steel & Special grades bar producers</i>	<i>Long term co-operation</i>
	<i>Roldan AS</i>	<i>Leon, Spain</i>	<i>Stainless steel bar producers</i>	<i>Long term co-operation</i>
	<i>Bollinghaus Steel Lda.</i>	<i>Vieira De Leiria, Portugal</i>	<i>Stainless steel bar producers</i>	<i>Long term co-operation</i>
	<i>Sidenor SA</i>	<i>Bilbao, Spain</i>	<i>Stainless steel bar producers</i>	<i>Long term co-operation</i>
	<i>Aperam Stainless Services & Soluions</i>	<i>Rodange, Luxembourg</i>	<i>Stainless steel flat bar producers</i>	<i>Long term co-operation</i>

+ Add additional rows as required



Section B – Goods subject to review

In the tables below, please specify each product category of the good(s) subject to review that you imported during the POI by indicating the corresponding product category number. For a definition of the product categories, please refer to the section above on *I - Goods subject to review*.

B1 – Imports

In the table below, please fill in your total import volume and total import value during the POI for each product category you imported.

Product category number	Total import volume (t)	Total import value (GBP)
14	40-50,000 tonnes	£90 – 100 Million
15	500 – 1000 tonnes	£1 – 1.5 Million

+ Add additional rows as required

B2 – Sales volume and value

In the table below, please fill in your total UK sales volume and total UK sales value during the POI for each product category you imported.

Product category number	Total sales volume (t)	Total sales value (GBP)
14	40 – 50,000 tonnes	£100 – 120 Million
15	400 – 800 tonnes	£1 – 1.5 Million

+ Add additional rows as required

B3 – UK upstream and downstream supply chain

As part of this review, we will conduct an Economic Interest Test to assess whether our preliminary decision is in the economic interest of the UK. Therefore, we ask you to help us identify upstream and downstream contributors to our review. Please provide the names



and contact information for any UK-based companies operating upstream or downstream of you in the supply chain for your goods subject to review.



Section C – Additional information

Provide any other relevant information your company considers useful to assist TRID, in the box below.

This may include:

- *other companies which you think should receive a questionnaire;
- **scope of the investigation, including product categories and/or custom codes you think should be added or removed; and reasons and reasons why substantiated with evidence

*** Regarding the investigation: Amodil Supplies Ltd has supplied the UK stainless bar market for over 40 years. Today we believe we are the largest importer and largest stockholder of stainless steel bars in the UK. In our early years we purchased from UK producers, but today all our material is from the EU. We have not purchased from UK sources for more than 20 years as in reality 90% of what we purchase has not been made in the UK for as long as this.*

The UK stainless steel bar market is dominated by European producers, as, in our opinion, there are no significant UK producers of the vast majority of stainless steel bars utilised by UK manufacturers of finished components. In our opinion, as much as 85/90% of the stainless steel bar imports from the EU are not and cannot be made in the UK. As such, this import quota cannot protect a UK industry which does not exist. It can and will do great damage to the thousands of UK manufacturers who totally rely on EU producers to supply their raw materials. It will potentially increase costs, create shortages, affect quality-critical manufacturers and lose countless UK jobs.

The tariff numbers detailed below are those for which we believe there are no UK producers and as such should be totally removed from this quota: 72221111, 72221181, 72221910, 72222011, 72222021, 72222029, 72222039, 72222081, 72223051, 72224010, 72224050, 72224090.

The following tariff number 72222031 refers to Bright Drawn stainless steel bars which are produced in the UK by Outokumpu. It is our opinion that this is the only UK producer of this product and is a relatively small supplier to the UK market. It is probable that whatever increase in sales this company could gain from the quota could be lost and exceeded by retaliatory quotas introduced by the EU on UK exports. It is our opinion that a quota for this tariff should not be introduced as the quantity required by UK end user manufacturers is around 7,000 tonnes pa and this can only be supplied by EU producers who have sufficient production capacity to fulfil this.

As stated previously, an import quota would only cause problems for UK manufacturers of finished components who totally rely on EU producers.



As we are probably the UK's largest supplier of stainless steel bars from the EU we would welcome discussion with the Department for International Trade as we feel we can offer a great deal of information which will help to determine the correct decisions for all concerned.