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Safeguard measures on certain steel products

Case: TF0006

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Section A – Your organisation’s interest in the case

To register your organisation’s interest in this case, please complete the text boxes below. You should use this form if you are not a UK producer, UK importer or overseas exporter of the goods subject to review, like goods or directly competitive goods. For a definition of goods subject to review/ like goods/ directly competitive goods, please refer to the Notice of Initiation.

1. Please describe the role of your organisation in relation to the goods subject to review, like goods or directly competitive goods:

Colas Rail are a world leader and rail infrastructure specialist with projects spanning five continents, making us a truly global player in the rail industry. We work on rail projects spanning the globe, building up our experience of challenging and changing environments while securing long term projects on home soil where we remain committed to the continual maintenance and upgrading of the UK’s rail network.

We are at the forefront of the global rail industry and in the UK we are also the leading track renewal contractor with a particular strength in delivering large programmes of work through a collaborative approach.

Colas Rail has a wealth of experience in delivering light rail schemes throughout the world having been leading light rail contractors for over 30 years. We have developed metro and tram schemes in over 40 cities around the world including work encompassing Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

2. Please describe your interest in this case:

The primary focus of Colas Rails current UK Light Rail activities is the Midland Metro Alliance (MMA) where we are engaged with our Alliance and sub-Alliance partners to develop and deliver a £1bn+ programme of six separate extensions for the West Midlands.

This 10 year programme will create links with HS2, mainline railways and Birmingham airport to see a truly integrated transport solution and drive urban regeneration for the extended West Midlands region. Over this period the Midland Metro Alliance, working on behalf of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), will expand the tram network by approximately 32km.

The six projects that form the extension work include routes along Broad Street to Edgbaston, out to the Eastside of Birmingham along Digbeth High Street to Wolverhampton Railway Station and eventually to Brierley Hill and all the way out to Birmingham Airport in Solihull.



The Midland Metro Alliance is working with local business growth hubs, chambers of commerce and training academies to maximise the opportunities and long lasting benefit to the people of this area to deliver a legacy of social and economic regeneration.

To make all the above possible we currently import our rail from manufacturers located around Europe. Unfortunately, there are currently no manufacturers of grooved or vignole rail in the UK so we have no option but to import this from our UK based Supply Chain via their extended manufacturing plant network across Spain, France and Austria.

As all of our work is public funded if our rail supply was to suddenly start attracting additional import tariffs it would put a further burden on our ability to provide value for money and best value for our client and bring additional cost to the public purse.

Section B – Additional information

Use the box below to provide any other relevant information which you think would be useful to help our review.

This may include:

- other parties which you think should be invited to register an interest in the case;
- scope of the review, including product categories and/or custom codes you think should be added or removed, and reasons why; or
- anything else you consider relevant.

The UK's leading importer of rail is Network Rail, as they are at the forefront of rail procurement they should be invited to give evidence. Between 2014 - 2019 Network Rail planned to replace 700km of rail, this equates to over 115km of track a year which in turn is just under 6,500 Tonnes of Rail. With the potential quota being set at 1,300 Tonne per quarter this would mean Network Rail alone would use all the quota for their own supply. This would mean the remaining UK supply would attract the additional 25% tariff on top.

Colas Rail currently procure a considerable quantity of Grooved (7302 1040) and Vignole Rail (7302 1022) which are listed within the Goods subject to review. As detailed above there are currently no UK based manufactures of these items. We feel all items within Category 19 (Railway Material - 7302 10 22, 7302 10 28, 7302 10 40, 7302 10 50, 7302 40 00) should be removed from the safeguarding measures as there are no suppliers within the UK that are able to manufacture this product and ultimately suffer as a result