



TRANSITION REVIEW No. TD0027

Anti-dumping duties - Ceramic Tiles from the People's Republic of China

Note to Public File

20 July 2023

Following the publication of its [Notice of Initiation](#) on 22 September 2022, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) has commenced a review of the anti-dumping measure in respect of Ceramic Tiles originating in the People's Republic of China (PRC). This measure was transitioned under the [Notice of Determination](#) issued by the Department of International Trade (now Department of Business and Trade) on 31 December 2020.

As set out in the Notice of Initiation, the goods subject to review and scope of the transitioned measure are:

- Glazed and unglazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles
- Glazed and unglazed ceramic mosaic cubes and the like, whether or not on a backing.

Commodity codes:

6907 2100 00

6907 2300 00

6907 4000 00

6907 2200 00

6907 3000 00

Likelihood assessments

In this transition review we will conduct a likelihood of dumping assessment, and a likelihood of injury assessment, to inform our recommendation to the Secretary of State.

Engagement from overseas exporters has been minimal, with only one PRC exporter engaged with this transition review. This PRC exporter exports only goods subject to review classified under commodity code 6907210000 (porcelain tiles) to the UK. We have received information that there is domestic production of like goods under commodity code 690721000, but no evidence of that domestic production has been submitted. We therefore cannot make a direct comparison between the goods subject to review exported to the UK by the PRC exporter and the like goods produced domestically by the UK industry.

With such minimal engagement, we do not have a representative sample of the PRC Ceramic Tiles industry, as the PRC exporter represents less than 0.1% of the industry and is therefore not representative of that industry. We have decided not to conduct verification of the PRC exporter.

Evidence in respect of single piece large format tiles

We have no evidence of domestic production of like goods, which are single piece large format tiles exceeding 600mm by 600mm in dimensions or exceeding 0.36m² in total area.



Therefore, with no evidence to currently support the full scope of the measure, we propose to remove these single piece large format tiles from the scope of the measure in commodity codes 6907210000, 6907220000 and 6907230000. We would welcome comments.

Evidence in respect of brick slips and brick thins

We understand that brick slips and brick thins, when produced by extrusion, are within the scope of this measure, as we have evidence of imports of extruded brick slips or extruded brick thins to the UK under commodity code 6907220000. This is in contrast to brick slips and brick thins produced by cutting brick, which are classified under commodity code within Harmonized System (HS) Heading 6904 (Ceramic building bricks, flooring blocks, support or filler tiles and the like).

We have engaged in discussion with the brick industry in the UK. We understand that there may be domestic production of extruded brick slips or extruded brick thins. However, we currently have no evidence of current domestic extruded production and would welcome evidence from current domestic producers of these products.

We have information that two brick UK producers have each made significant investments to domestically produce these brick slips and brick thins, by extrusion, within the next 12-18 months. We have invited those UK producers, and a brick industry body, to register to this case.

We would welcome further evidence in respect of 'pistols', which we understand are brick slip and brick thin products incorporating a return to facilitate corner coverage.

Request for submission of evidence

We seek to enhance our evidence base with regards to UK production of all commodity codes currently in the scope of the measure. This is reflective of current engagement with this transition review. We may rely upon the best facts available to us in making our recommendation to the Secretary of State if necessary.

Whilst we have further work to complete, based upon the evidence and facts currently available to us, we currently assess we have insufficient evidence to substantiate an assessment that injury to the UK industry is likely to recur should the measure be revoked.

The TRA seeks to consult and invites comments on the above, as we will shortly seek to crystallise our evidence base. A confidential and a non-confidential version of comments should be submitted, as a general submission of evidence, via the Trade Remedies Service for those registered to the case, and to TD0027@traderemedies.gov.uk for those not registered to the case, by no later than **17:30 GMT on Thursday 3 August 2023**. We may consider submissions made after this date, but please note that we are not obliged to do so if we find it would cause an unnecessary delay to the progress of the case.