



Trade Remedies
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Hot-Rolled Steel Plate

Anti-dumping duties on Hot-Rolled Steel Plate from South Korea

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Business responses

The TRA conducted an online survey of downstream businesses to help us to understand the economic impacts of the tariffs paid on Hot-Rolled Steel Plate from South Korea. The survey was open from 09/07/2025 to 11/08/2025. This document sets out the evidence received from this survey.

Number of responses and verification

We received 21 responses. We reviewed these and removed:

- Responses where the business identity could not be verified
- Responses from ineligible businesses
- Responses from outside of the UK
- Duplicate responses
- Incomplete responses

Once these responses were removed, there were 6 business responses

Business responses (6 responses)

After checking and removing responses as set out above, 6 business responses remained. These businesses are all downstream businesses, as indicated in their response to Question 2.

Q1: How did you find out about this survey?

| Answer | Responses |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Email from the TRA | 5 |
| Other (Please Specify) | 1 |

The other business indicated they were made aware of the survey by a trade association.

Q2 How does Hot-Rolled Steel Plate (HRP) relate to your business?

| Answer | Responses |
|---|------------------|
| We use/sell HRP in our business (Downstream Business) | 6 |

Q3 Please describe what your business does

The responding businesses are a mix of steel stockists and profilers/processors.

Q4 Does your company import Hot-Rolled Steel Plate (HRP)?

| Answer | Responses |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Yes, we import | 1 |
| Both, we import and buy from the UK | 5 |

Q5 Approximately how much Hot-Rolled Steel Plate (HRP) do you buy each year (in metric tonnes)? (Please mention both the country/supplier and the quantity purchased from each country/supplier) (i.e. Company name, Country, Quantity purchased in metric tonnes)

For confidentiality reasons we will not give full responses here.

Respondents' purchase volumes ranged from 800-20,000MT per year.

This included purchases from UK businesses and businesses located in: EU, South Korea and India.

Respondents mentioned importing because the UK's production capacity is too constrained and due to the goods imported not being produced in the UK.

Q6 For what purpose do you import HRP?

| Answer | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| To cut or otherwise alter to sell onto manufacturers | 2 |
| To sell on as a distributor/stockist | 2 |

Q7 If you use HRP in manufacturing/construction which of the following best describes your business?

| Answer | Responses |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Construction and infrastructure | 1 |
| Manufacture of energy equipment | 0 |
| Manufacture of machinery | 1 |
| Manufacture of transport equipment | 0 |
| More than one of the above | 1 |
| Other, please specify | 1 |
| Not Applicable | 2 |

Q8 Please provide your company's total sales revenue (in pound sterling) from the most recent financial year and state the accounting period for this sales revenue

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Company sales revenue varied from £0.5m-£92m.

Q9 Approximately what percentage of your total sales revenue in the last financial year were from sales related to HRP?

| Answer | Responses |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Less than 1% | 0 |
| Over 1% up to 10% | 2 |
| Over 10% up to 20% | 0 |
| Greater than 20% | 3 |
| Unsure | 0 |

Q9 Who do you sell to? (Other businesses/final consumers, etc)

We will summarise responses here rather than publish potentially confidential information.

Businesses listed: UK Engineering Companies, yellow goods manufacturers, construction companies and companies producing infrastructure.

Q10 Approximately how many UK employees does your company have?

Responses ranged from 5-34

Q11 *Number of UK employees working directly on HRP related products?*

Responses ranged from 5-34

Q12 *If they average costs of HRP were to increase, how would you respond?*

| Answer | Responses |
|--|------------------|
| Reduce purchases of HRP | 2 |
| Purchase the same quantity of HRP | 3 |
| Reduce purchase of other goods to maintain quantity of HRP | 0 |
| Purchase cheaper alternatives | 0 |

Q13 *If they average costs of HRP in the UK were to increase by 10%, how would you respond?*

| Answer | Responses |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| No change | 2 |
| Buy less HRP | 2 |
| Buy HRP from an alternative source | 1 |
| Other | 0 |

Q14 *If you face additional costs, to what extent (in percentage terms) would you pass these costs on to your customers? (e.g. 10% of your additional costs may be passed on to customers)*

Responses on this question were mixed. The majority of respondents indicated 100% of additional costs would be passed on. Others suggested they would absorb some of the costs by shrinking margins or that their pass through would depend on market conditions.

Q15 *Are your products ever used by customers with a protected characteristic? Protected characteristics are; age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.*

| Answer | Responses |
|--|------------------|
| Yes, please specify the relevant protected characteristics | 0 |
| No | 3 |
| Unsure | 3 |

Q16 *In your experience are there any notable differences in HRP from South Korea*

compared to those from other countries including the UK (e.g. in terms of price, quality or characteristics)?

Respondents consistently said South Korean steel was cheaper and of better quality than domestically produced steel.

Multiple respondents also highlighted that domestic producers have a more limited size/product range than South Korean exporters and these plates are used for different applications.

Q17 *Is there any other information you would like to provide to help us assess the effects of the tariff on HRP from South Korea on the overall economic interest of the UK?*

Two respondents indicated that they source HRP from South Korea due to the increased size/product range available. They highlight that wider plate has specific applications including defence, shipbuilding, construction, yellow goods, wind turbines, etc. They state major UK manufacturers require wider width plate and there may be significant negative consequences to restrictions on importing this type of plate.

One respondent indicated that the rate of imports from South Korea was causing them to sell older stock at a loss.

One respondent indicated they were reliant on HRP from South Korea to maintain low prices and compete with EU companies.

One respondent indicated domestic demand for HRP is low, therefore any measure restricting supply of South Korean HRP would only have a marginal effect on prices.