

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my concerns for the proposed TF0006 – Safeguard measures on certain steel products and the effect which it would have on my business and my clients in the niche engineering and cutlery industries if it were to be implemented.

Due to the nature of the market I supply in the UK and internationally and ad valorem duty of 25% would be deleterious.

The majority of the specialized steels my clients depend upon are either single source from Swedish mills – voestalpine {Uddeholm} Sandvik and Damasteel and the rest of the materials demanded are sourced elsewhere in Europe. Some of these products have never been made in the UK.

There is no feasible alternative supply in the UK that can supply to the desired quality my clients need. This has been the case for decades. Having been involved in the steel industry in and around Sheffield for over 45 years I am aware of the decline of the home industry and its impact particularly since the 1980's when the industry was decimated by various government actions.

If you need further information, I am more than willing to discuss this with you.

I look forward to your reply .

Best Regards

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