

Good afternoon

We are extremely disappointed with the outcome of the review as detailed in the above decision.

- It is based on historical data, which has insufficient relevance to the actual UK and global steel market in 2021.
- The original EU Safeguard Measures themselves were only intended to be a protective measure against *potential* diversion of excess steel to the EU following the 232 measures introduced in the USA. That was three years ago and the global situation now is completely different now to what it was then. There is no valid reason therefore to continue with any measures on this basis.
- It is wrong to have as a start-point a duty rate of 25%, but 'x' quantity is allowed in without paying that duty - under normal trading rules, the correct procedure is to investigate specific cases of anti-dumping or quantities which are disruptive to the market, and act on them if found to be substantiated. These tools are always available and should be all that is necessary in a free trade market, which the UK claims to be, as witness the great efforts currently going on to secure Free Trade deals with many countries.
- We would suggest that TRID take a look at whether domestic producers are coping with demand, whether they are able to deliver orders on time and as ordered, and it is not due to imports that Liberty Group is struggling, when in today's boom market any cost-efficient producer should be making sufficient profits to be able to stand alone.
- It is fundamentally unfair to protect the few at the expense of the many, and whilst importers may not employ large numbers of people, it is the service which they supply to the many which is critical. It is the time to help economic recovery, not to hinder it.

We strongly recommend that the DIT pursue its Free Trade agenda and dismiss this decision in its entirety.

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