

26th May 2021

To whom it may concern

Dear Sirs,

**Re: UK Trade Measures – Organic Coated Steels
TF0006 – Safeguard measures on certain steel products**

We write to you in the strongest possible terms of our intense disappointment, confusion and frustration over your Statement of Intended Preliminary decision issued last week. Contained within is your decision to continue with the inclusion of Organic Coated material xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, in the Import quota levels from all origins.

- We have provided evidence to show that products xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx cannot be produced by the local Uk producer Tata Steel, with the only option available to us then being import.
- Our manufacturing plants in Holywell, North Wales and Sherburn, North Yorkshire need in the region of xxxxxxxxxxxx of this product each year in order to keep our 5 production lines running (approx. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx each year)
- With the existing high level of manufacturing costs already in the Uk, coupled with rising raw material prices and long lead times, we are struggling to maintain our position as primary supplier to our customers, in both domestic and export markets.
- The Duty from quotas currently in place will cost our company > xxx in June alone.
- We face the same prospect in the last month of each quarter going forward if the decision is not reversed.
- Local producers are unwilling to invest in equipment to manufacture this essential thickness of material for us.
- Local producer could physically manufacture 0.345mm in place of 0.32, but they have not had any free capacity on their lines for xxxxx to even consider this. Critically, if we were to use their thicker and more expensive product, it would make us even more uncompetitive versus imported Insulated Panel and even more uncompetitive for our exports of Insulated Panel.

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