

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in connection with the possible steel tariffs which could be applied to the steel we purchase from [Voestalpine](#).
In order to manufacture our Extra cut wide bandsaw blades.

We have been in business since 1943 and we buy this at a premium cost because it is a high quality cold rolled carbon steel that is not available in the UK.

It is imperative we have a quality strip as we supply our saws to most of the high production mills in the UK, these mills have invested in state of the art high production lines (as we have to manufacture the saws) which can incorporate up to 20 head rigs cutting over 1000 cubic metres of cut wood per day, you can appreciate if one saw fails the downtime cost is vast!

There used to be two UK manufacturers producing this type of strip but the quality was not suitable and they are no longer in existence.

I agree we need to protect our industry and if we had the choice we would buy from the UK but I can assure you for this material it is not the case.

Director
Lancashire Saw