

**Re: UK Steel Safeguards
Stainless Wire & Rod (category 15)**

Dear Sirs

We support UK Steel's submission that analysis for this review should be conducted at the global and product family level, but there are grounds to apply an economic interest test on individual product categories where specific conditions require.

As such, we feel it necessary to inform you that yesterday we were approached by one of our customers, xxxxxx, who expressed concerns about these Safeguards. This had not been raised with us previously by customers.

It seems in addition to sourcing xxxx xxxxxxxx import xxxxxx stainless wire rod into the UK, being mostly grades that Outokumpu are not able to produce, and also, importantly that xxxxxxxx would be damaged by the imposition of safeguards at the limits proposed based on historical imports.

Outokumpu do not want to cause potential damage to the downstream industry by curtailing our customers' plans for growth and development, and therefore based on the information we have received, we no longer believe it to be in our best interests nor those of our UK customers to continue with the measures on stainless wire rod and would request that the safeguard be reconsidered and removed.

Apologies for the lateness of this request, but the information only came to our attention yesterday afternoon

Yours sincerely

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