

To the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate
and the Department for International Trade

Boehlerwerk, May 26, 2021

Re: TF006 - TF0006 – Safeguard measures on certain steel products

Dear Sirs,

We as voestalpine Precision Strip would like to express our deep concern in the name of our British customers regarding the proposed introduction of import quotas and a 25 % import tariff on certain steel products.

voestalpine Precision Strip is a world-leading producer of precision cold rolled strip steel and supplies numerous customers in the UK with strip steel for the manufacturing of wood saws, butcher saws, metal saws and industrial knives.

We as voestalpine and our UK partners strongly believe that the introduction of import quotas and tariffs would severely damage the local and international competitiveness of our domestic partners and consequently would jeopardize production sites of our partners in the UK.

Our four main arguments are:

- 1) There are no equal suppliers of precision strip coil material in the UK, capable to produce the same quantity and quality. Our UK partners will still be forced to source their material from voestalpine Precision Strip at 5 % higher costs.
- 2) This additional cost will only add inflationary pressure to the UK economy as this cost will have to be passed onto the end customers.
- 3) This additional 25 % tariff will make the finished goods of our UK partners uncompetitive globally and will prevent them from exporting their finished goods to other markets. Many of our UK partners are exporting a major share of their production internationally.

- 4) All competitors of our UK partners will be allowed to import finished goods into the UK, without any duty penalty.

Following the arguments above, we as voestalpine Precision Strip and our UK partners* would strongly recommend that the Commodity Codes 7211 23 30, 7211 29 00, 7211 90 80, 7226 92 00 and 7226 99 70 are excluded from any safeguard measure.

Best regards,

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*) Our UK partners are:

Customer A NEWPORT	Customer B OLDBURY, West Midlands
Customer C WORKINGTON, CUMBRIA	Customer D Somerset
Customer E Sheffield,	Customer F Featherstone, West Yorkshire
Customer G Blackburn	Customer H Featherstone
Customer I Newmarket	Customer J Rotherham
Customer K Sheffield	Customer L 1BD Bury
Customer M Leicestershire	