



## Verification report – Overseas Exporter STINKO Case AD0071: Hot-rolled steel plates exported from the Republic of Korea

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Interested Party verified:	STINKO CO., LTD

For further details, please see the [Notice of initiation](#) on the public file.



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## Executive Summary

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) is conducting an anti-dumping investigation to determine whether injury is being caused to the United Kingdom (UK) due to dumping of hot-rolled steel plates imported into the UK from the Republic of Korea (ROK).

More information about the case can be found on the public files:

[Case AD0071 public case file](#)

STINKO Co., LTD (STINKO) an exporter of the goods concerned, returned a completed exporter questionnaire ('questionnaire response').

STINKO acted as an agent in the export of goods concerned from the domestic producers in ROK to the UK importer. They facilitated negotiations, order placement and payment between producer and importer; with goods being shipped directly from the producer in the ROK to the UK importer.

The TRA sought to verify the completeness, relevance and accuracy of the information submitted.

- We compared questionnaire responses and other accompanying evidence and information to open sources and STINKO's corporate website, checking for consistency.
- We checked information and data provided for consistency with financial statements and responses from other interested parties.
- During on-site verification at STINKO's offices we conducted a walk-through of the accounting systems to assess how much reliance we can place on information produced by them.
- During on-site verification we also performed verification procedures on a sample of transactional-level data by comparing it to source documentation and financial data extracted live from its accounting systems.

Based on the verification activity undertaken the TRA have a reasonable level of assurance on the completeness, relevance and accuracy of the information provided by STINKO and we can use it for the purpose of this investigation. No material findings were identified, and no major issues were observed.

## Purpose of verification

The purpose of the TRA's verification activity is to determine whether the information provided by interested parties is complete, relevant, and accurate and can be used in our investigation. This verification report sets out the conclusions reached for each component part that covers the scope of our work. It also provides an overall



conclusion stating the level of assurance reached.

The information verified may then be considered in our assessments and analysis to determine whether dumping has occurred and if this is causing injury to the UK industry. This will form the basis for establishing appropriate measures, where necessary, and to assess whether these are in the UK's economic interest.

We carried out verification activities onsite. The TRA did not seek to verify all information provided, but undertook the work considered appropriate and possible within the time constraints of the investigation to obtain assurance concerning the information submitted by STINKO, upon which to base our case decision.

## Confidential information

STINKO must provide a non-confidential version of the verification report marked as 'non-confidential' in the header.

If any information contained in the verification report is considered confidential, STINKO should delete or redact those sections and provide a non-confidential summary of the information which has been removed. It must provide reasons as to why the particular information is considered confidential (see also [public guidance](#)).

The non-confidential version of the verification report will be placed on the public file.



## Verification

Please find below a summary of work completed by the TRA to determine whether the information provided by STINKO in their questionnaire response is complete, relevant, and accurate.

### A. Company structure and associations

#### What information was considered

- Company details including date of incorporation, company addresses etc
- General company structure, ownership and management
- Company ownership i.e., shareholders
- Associations with other companies
- Accounting compliance and auditor opinion

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#### How the information was checked

We checked the company structure and declared associations to gain an understating of STINKO's operations and corporate relationships. This process enabled us to confirm the completeness and accuracy of the information provided.

##### **Company details**

We cross-checked information submitted by STINKO to its audited financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2024, and to other open sources including its corporate website.

##### **General company structure, ownership and management**

We compared details provided by STINKO on its structure, ownership, and management with publicly available information.

##### **Associations with other companies**

We reviewed the questionnaire response and did not identify any undeclared associated parties. We also discussed the nature of relationships with other corporate entities and found no inconsistencies when compared to our own independent research.

##### **Accounting compliance and auditor's opinion**

The statutory financial statements of STINKO are produced in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the Republic of Korea



(K-IFRS). The independent auditor issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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#### Exceptions/Findings/Adjustments

None.

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#### Conclusions

The information relating to company structure and associations provided by STINKO is verifiable. Based on the work performed, we have a reasonable level of assurance that the information can be treated as complete, relevant, and accurate and can therefore be used by the TRA for dumping and injury assessments and for any other purpose within the investigation.

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## B. Accounting systems and procedures

#### What information was considered

- Information technology systems
- Sales and purchase order process and procedures
- Inventory accounting

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#### How the information was checked

- The information technology system (Douzone) was assessed during an accounting walk-through held during the on-site verification visit. This included the presentation of a system flowchart, tracing transactions through to source documents, and viewing selected financial records live in the system.



- We conducted a sales order process walkthrough; we confirmed that the STINKO information system adequately records customer orders through to purchases and then sales of goods concerned.
- In relation to inventory accounting, we considered processes and procedures by reviewing the associated policies. We noted that all inventory is processed into the inventory ledger and remains there until the end of the accounting period when it is cleared, with no physical inventory held for stock holding purposes.

We found no material risk factors when reviewing the accounting system. We were able to trace sampled transactions from source documents to postings in the general ledger regarding the purchase and sales of goods concerned.

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Exceptions/Findings/Adjustments

None.

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Conclusions

Based on the work performed, we obtained a basic understanding of the relevant accounting and associated business system of STINKO. This enabled us to plan appropriate verification procedures.

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C. Goods

What information was considered

- Goods description and comparability to the Product Control Number (PCN) allocations for the goods concerned
- Goods description and comparability to the like goods made and sold in the UK
- Tariff codes allocated to goods concerned

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How the information was checked

We checked the information submitted in STINKO’s questionnaire response to determine the accuracy of assigning PCNs to goods concerned, as well as to determine whether its submission correctly differentiated between goods within scope of the investigation and those that were out of scope.

During on-site verification:

- the process used to identify all goods concerned was fully explained;
- technical documentation from the producers of goods concerned was obtained and checked for a sample of sales transactions; and
- the method to assign tariff codes to the goods concerned was reviewed and we were satisfied they had been correctly assigned.

We found no evidence of inaccuracies in the data provided.

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None.

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Conclusions

The information relating to the company’s goods provided by STINKO is verifiable. Based on the work performed, we have a reasonable level of assurance that the information can be treated as complete, relevant, and accurate and can therefore be used by the TRA for dumping and injury assessments and for any other purpose within the investigation.

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D. Sales

What information was considered

- Sales reconciliation
- A sample of relevant sales transactions



- Price setting and price reduction policies

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How the information was checked

**Completeness of sales**

During onsite verification, we obtained trial balance extracts from STINKO to enable us to create a POI-aligned version of the underlying accounting sales data, as well as trial balance records that aligned to the statutory accounting period. We used these extracts to reconcile data between the audited financial statements and the POI-aligned questionnaire response without issue.

**Sales transactions**

We sampled sales transactions and reviewed underlying source documents including sales orders, invoices, delivery records, and proof of payments, as well as other supporting documentation provided. We were satisfied that the sales transactions listing is complete and extracted accurately.

**Pricing and price reductions**

We reviewed the sampled source documents to ensure any price reductions or delivery charges were reflected accurately in the questionnaire response. We identified no issues. We discussed discount policies more generally and found no evidence to suggest misstatement or omission affecting the questionnaire response.

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Exceptions/Findings/Adjustments

None.

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Conclusions

The information relating to sales provided by STINKO is verifiable. Based on the work performed, we have a reasonable level of assurance that the information can be treated as complete, relevant, and accurate and can therefore be used by the TRA for the dumping and injury assessments and for any other purpose within the investigation.

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### E. Fair Comparison

#### What information was considered

- Credit costs
- Domestic brokerage
- Bank charges

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#### How the information was checked

##### **Fair comparison adjustments for export sales**

STINKO reported that it made adjustments to export sales on credit costs, domestic brokerage and bank charges.

During onsite verification we reviewed source documents and working sheets used by STINKO to calculate these adjustments. We are satisfied that the methodologies used are appropriate and that the adjustments have been accurately recorded in the questionnaire annex, and no other adjustments were identified.

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None.

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#### Conclusions

The information relating to fair comparison provided by STINKO is verifiable. Based on the work performed, we have a reasonable level of assurance that the information can be treated as complete, relevant, and accurate and can therefore be used by the TRA for the dumping and injury assessments and for any other purpose within the investigation.

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## Conclusions

Company information was reviewed and checked to independent sources where possible. Company information was also discussed and evidenced further during on-site verification procedures with no issues identified.

During on-site verification, STINKO provided presentations and information regarding its accounting systems and procedures. We viewed a demonstration transaction from beginning to end in the form of an accounting walk-through, and observed transactions live in the financial system with no issues identified.

During on-site verification, information was presented regarding where goods concerned and like goods reside in STINKO's internal organisation structure and systems, and how PCNs were assigned. This was then tested at a transactional level through sampling with no issues identified.

Questionnaire responses and supporting evidence in terms of trial balance extracts were analysed prior to our on-site verification visit to consider the completeness of sales data. During on-site verification, a presentation was provided and balances viewed live in the financial system. Additional verification procedures considered the relevance and accuracy of sales data, which included sample testing of transactional level data to underlying source documents, such as invoices to confirm they agreed to the detailed transaction information submitted.

STINKO provided sufficient and appropriate evidence, which enabled us to conduct suitable verification work, including on a sample basis as detailed in the above sections.

Based on the work performed, we have a reasonable level of assurance that the information provided in its questionnaire response is complete, relevant, and accurate for the purpose of this investigation.



## Annexes

### Annex 1: Meetings

Date and duration	Type of authentication	Company representatives	TRA representatives
26 January 2026 all day	<input type="checkbox"/> remote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on-site	[Redacted: Personal information, 4 individuals]	[Redacted: Personal information, 3 individuals]