

## **Ceramics UK response to the Statement of Essential Facts for Case TD0027**

We are grateful for the approach that the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) took with this transition review. The sheer amount of effort and resource required to fill in all required paperwork and host the verification visits meant only one of our members was able to fully engage. This was then complicated by a widening of which products were included in the measures later in the investigation. The investigating team then took the initiative to visit as many manufacturers as they could, gaining valuable knowledge. Going forward we believe this should be standard in all transition reviews.

We do not disagree with the recommendations within the SEF and are glad that the measures will remain for the vast majority of imported Chinese tiles and brick slips. The industry would not support reducing the surface area of the tiles that are excluded from the measures any further as this decision was based on evidence gained from members and visiting tiles and brick slips sites manufacturing in the UK. We believe any attempt to reduce the size of tile would be motivated by an intention to circumvent the trade remedy tariff.

We do however urge the TRA to reconsider the expiry date of 24 November 2027. At around the same time as the SEF was published, the European Union (EU) published their regulation on the same tiles anti-dumping measures, the tariffs were maintained in full: [Implementing regulation - EU - 2024/493 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#) this is extended at least until 12 February 2029, plus one year if the Commission opens an expiry review investigation. We believe the EU has taken a much more sensible approach given the amount of work required by everyone involved including the TRA themselves!