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NOTICE OF INITIATION

**Hot-rolled steel plates imported into the United Kingdom
from the Republic of Korea (ROK)**

**Initiation of an investigation into Alleged Dumping
Investigation No. AD0071**

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice under paragraph 9(5)(d) of Schedule 4 to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (the Act) to initiate an investigation into alleged dumping.

The date of initiation of the investigation is 6 June 2025.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by Spartan UK Limited (Company number 04140355), Ropery Road, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 2RD, represented by Sayenko Kharenko, 32/2 Kniaziv Ostrozkykh, Kyiv 01010, Ukraine (the Application).

The Application was made on behalf of the United Kingdom (UK) industry for hot-rolled steel plates. A non-confidential copy of the Application relating to this investigation is available on our public file.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION

Registration period

Anyone who wants to participate in the investigation can register their interest through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by 23 June 2025. Please contact AD0071@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after 23 June 2025 may not be able to fully participate in the investigation process.

Interested parties and contributors

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to the investigation through the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

Interested parties may include:

- the government of the ROK;
- any overseas exporter, overseas producer or importer of the goods concerned;



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- any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the goods concerned;
- any producer of the like goods in the UK;
- any importer of the goods concerned within the UK; and
- any trade or business association of UK producers of the like goods.

Contributors are those, other than interested parties, who have notified us that they would like to participate in the investigation.

Information Sessions

The TRA will be holding information sessions for interested parties to attend and learn about how they can engage with the investigation and provide an opportunity to ask the case team any general questions. Please contact the case email AD0071@traderemedies.gov.uk and specify which session you would like to attend to receive the meeting invites:

- Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 11:00 – 12:00 GMT – General session for any interested parties
- Thursday 12 June 2025 at 13:00 – 14:00 GMT – General session for any interested parties
- Monday 16 June 2025 at 07:00 – 08:00 GMT – Republic of Korea parties (exporters/producers/government/trade bodies)
- Monday 16 June 2025 at 11:00 – 12:00 GMT – UK Importers

If you are unable to attend any of the above sessions, please contact the case team for a separate discussion.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION

The Goods

The goods subject to investigation (the goods concerned) are hot-rolled steel plates (alternative names for the same product – hot-rolled plates, quarto plates, reversing mill plates) described as:

Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, not in coils; not further worked than hot-rolled, of a thickness exceeding 4.75mm, excluding tool steel. Including perforated or not further worked than surface-treated or simply cut into shapes other than rectangular; and/or

Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, clad; and/or



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Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, not further worked than hot-rolled, not in coils, of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more.

The above goods descriptions fall under the following commodity codes:

7208 5120	7208 5191	7208 5198
7208 5210	7208 5291	7208 5299
7208 9020	7208 9080	7210 9030
7225 4040	7225 4060	

The applicant considers that the following are like goods for the purposes of this investigation:

Steel plates with thickness from 8 to 150 mm, max width 2,100 mm and max length 22 m. Spartan UK produces steel plate according to most applicable standards in the UK and the rest of Europe, EN 10025, EN 10028, EN ISO 683, with the most common grades used in the market are EN 10025-2 S275, S355. This is a standard steel product produced to required dimensions with guaranteed chemical composition and mechanical properties governed by the standard.

Allegations of dumping and injury

The Application alleges that the goods concerned have been imported into the UK from the ROK and that the export price of the goods concerned is lower than their normal value. The applicant claims that the alleged dumping has caused injury to industry in the UK through negative effects on:

- Domestic prices;
- Domestic sales;
- Profitability from the sales in the UK market;
- The applicant's UK market share;
- The value of production and utilisation of production capacities;
- The applicant's productivity; and
- Investments and return on investments for the applicant.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The period of investigation is 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. To assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2025.

The investigation will involve the following process:



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- inviting parties to register their interest in the investigation;
- issuing questionnaires, where practicable, to:
 - all interested parties (other than the government of the foreign country or territory) who have registered an interest in the investigation;
 - all contributors who have registered an interest in the investigation; and
 - all UK producers, importers, and overseas exporters and overseas producers identified in the Application.
- carrying out verification visits to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered;
- determining whether goods are being dumped and the dumping is causing injury to UK industry (including the threat of material injury);
- determining an amount adequate to remove the injury;
- considering whether applying an anti-dumping amount would be in the economic interest of the UK;
- publishing a Statement of Essential Facts. On publication, we will set a period, which will be no longer than 30 days, during which parties will be able to comment on the Statement of Essential Facts; and
- at the end of the investigation we will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) which may include provision for an anti-dumping amount to be applied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept, reject or request that the TRA reassess the recommendation.

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process.

Provisional Affirmative Determination

If, at any time during the investigation, we are satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for recommending imposition of an anti-dumping amount, we may make a provisional affirmative determination under paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 to the Act and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State under paragraph 13 of that Schedule that importers of the goods concerned be required to give a guarantee in respect of an estimated anti-dumping amount. We will only require a guarantee where we are satisfied that it is necessary to prevent injury being caused during the investigation to UK industry in the relevant goods.



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Parties are invited to comment on the issue of making a provisional affirmative determination and requiring a guarantee throughout the investigation.

Sampling

Depending on the number of parties registering an interest in the investigation, we may consider it appropriate to limit examination to a sample of:

- overseas exporters;
- overseas producers;
- importers;
- categories of goods;
- UK producers;
- transactions for the purchase of the like goods in the UK; or
- anything else we consider appropriate to sample.

Hearings

Interested parties can request a hearing during the investigation using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

For further information about hearings, please see our [Meetings, Hearings and Visits guidance](#).

Confidential information

Information provided during an investigation may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why and provide:

- a non-confidential summary of that information; or (where that is not possible)
- a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.



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FURTHER INFORMATION

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigation process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

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