

NOTICE OF INITIATION

Safeguard measure on certain steel products

Initiation of a Discontinuation Review – Category 2 steel products

Case No. SD0064

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) provides notice of initiation of a discontinuation review regarding a definitive safeguarding remedy on category 2 steel products, in accordance with regulation 35A of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (as amended)¹ (the Regulations).

The review will consider whether the definitive safeguarding remedy on category 2 steel products should be revoked. Details of the measure currently imposed are set out in:

- [Trade Remedies Notice 2024/06: Safeguard Measure: Tariff-Rate Quota on steel goods](#)

The current safeguard measure is due to expire on 30 June 2026.

The date of initiation of this discontinuation review is **11 November 2024**.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GOODS SUBJECT TO REVIEW

The goods subject to review are: Category 2 steel - non-alloy and other alloy cold-rolled sheets.

The goods subject to review are subject to the following tariff classifications:

72091500, 72091690, 72091790, 72091891, 72092500, 72092690, 72092790, 72092890, 72099020, 72099080, 72112320, 72112330, 72112380, 72112900, 72119020, 72119080, 72255020, 72255080, 72262000, 72269200

APPLICATION FOR DISCONTINUATION

This review is initiated following an application made by a UK producer, Tata Steel UK (TSUK). The application included information indicating that there may have been a lasting change of circumstances since the application of the definitive safeguarding remedy. The information provided in the application also indicated that as a result of this lasting change of circumstances, UK producers would cease to suffer serious injury if the safeguarding remedy were revoked.

A non-confidential version of the application is available on the public file².

¹ [Trade Remedies \(Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(as amended\)](#)

² [TRA Investigations - Trade Remedies Service - GOV.UK \(trade-remedies.service.gov.uk\)](#)

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Under Regulation 35A(1) of the Regulations, the TRA may conduct a review to consider whether a definitive safeguarding measure should be revoked (a “discontinuation review”) where it is satisfied that there is sufficient information indicating that:

- There may have been a lasting change of circumstances since the application of the relevant definitive safeguarding remedy; and
- As a result, UK producers may no longer be suffering serious injury, or may cease to suffer such injury if the relevant safeguarding remedy is revoked.

Regulation 35A(4) sets out that, in conducting a discontinuation review, the TRA must determine whether:

- There has been a lasting change of circumstances since the application of the relevant definitive safeguarding remedy; and
- UK producers have ceased to suffer serious injury or would not suffer such injury if the relevant definitive safeguarding remedy is revoked.

Pursuant to regulation 35A(5) of the Regulations, following a discontinuation review, the TRA may make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (Secretary of State) that the application of a definitive safeguarding remedy be revoked.

PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION

The period of investigation is set as **1 January 2024 to 21 October 2024**. The definitive safeguarding measure on Category 2 steel products was extended on 1 July 2024, following the safeguard extension review (SE0041). However, the relevant period of investigation for the extension review ended on 31 March 2023. The period of investigation for this review therefore covers a period which has not previously been examined.

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

The TRA has reviewed the information provided in the discontinuation review application, and made an assessment on the evidence available both in the application and more widely. It considers that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the following conditions exist:

- there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the definitive safeguarding remedy, due to the steps taken by the sole active UK producer to cease production of Category 2 steel products for sale within the domestic UK market as evidenced in its application;
- the nature of that change is lasting and the UK producer has indicated that a reversal of the reduction in production levels of Category 2 steel products would not be possible prior to the expiry of the definitive safeguarding remedy;

- the sole active UK producer would not be seriously injured if the definitive safeguarding remedy is revoked.

Based on the application received from TSUK, and the evidence provided by them, it is the TRA's preliminary view that the conditions in Regulation 35A(4) apply and that a recommendation should be made to the Secretary of State to revoke the definitive safeguarding measure of Category 2 steel products.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCONTINUATION REVIEW

As part of the review, parties will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed revocation. Interested parties may request that the TRA conduct a hearing.

Anyone interested in taking part in the review can register their interest and provide comments through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by 23:59 UK time **24 November 2024**. Please contact SD0064@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why and provide a non-confidential summary of that information or a statement of reasons why it cannot be summarised. Please contact SD0064@traderemedies.gov.uk if you cannot provide a non-confidential version.

Our [Reviews of safeguard measures guidance](#) provides further information regarding the review process.

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