

NOTICE OF INITIATION

Tin Mill Products

Imported into the United Kingdom from the People's Republic of China

Initiation of an investigation into alleged dumping

Investigation No. AD0062

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice under paragraph 9(5) 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 **25 September 2024**.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by Tata Steel UK Ltd, company number 02280000, 18 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7HS (the Application).

The Application was made on behalf of the UK industry for tin mill products.

A non-confidential copy of the application is available on the public file for this investigation www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/AD0062/.

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 at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/> by **10 October 2024**.

Please contact AD0062@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after 10 October 2024 may not be able to participate fully 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 People’s Republic of China;
- any overseas exporter or importer of the goods concerned;
- any overseas producer of the goods concerned;
- 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 in 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.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION

The Goods

The goods subject to investigation (the goods concerned) are:

Flat-rolled products, of iron or non-alloy steel, coated or plated with tin, whether or not coated with a plastic material and/or varnished (“tinplate”) and flat-rolled products, or iron or non-alloy steel coated with chromium oxides or with chromium and chromium oxides (also called electrolytic chromium coated steel or “ECCS”)

These tin mill products are currently classifiable within the following commodity codes. These commodity codes are only given for information:

7210 11 00 10	7210 70 80 20	7212 10 10 00	7212 40 20 99
7210 11 00 90	7210 70 80 25	7212 10 90 11	7212 40 80 12
7210 12 20 10	7210 70 80 92	7212 10 90 19	7212 40 80 15

7210 12 20 90	7210 70 80 95	7212 10 90 90	7212 40 80 30
7210 12 80 10	7210 90 30 00	7212 30 00 20	7212 40 80 35
7210 12 80 90	7210 90 40 10	7212 30 00 30	7212 40 80 80
7210 50 00 10	7210 90 40 90	7212 30 00 80	7212 40 80 82
7210 50 00 90	7210 90 80 20	7212 40 20 10	7212 40 80 85
7210 70 10 15	7210 90 80 91	7212 40 20 91	7212 40 80 87
7210 70 10 91	7210 90 80 99	7212 40 20 93	7212 50 20 11
7212 50 20 19	7212 50 20 90		

The applicant considers that the like goods are the same as the goods concerned for the purposes of this investigation.

Allegations of dumping and injury

The Application alleges that the goods concerned have been imported into the United Kingdom from the People's Republic of China, and that the export price is less than the normal value.

The Applicant claims that the alleged dumping has caused injury to industry in the United Kingdom through the effects on:

- profitability;
- price depression.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The period of investigation is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2024.

The investigation will involve the following process:

- 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;
 - all UK producers, importers, and overseas exporters and overseas producers identified in the Application; and
 - any trade or business association of UK producers, importers and overseas exporters 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;
- determining an amount adequate to remove the injury;
- considering whether applying an anti-dumping amount would be in the economic interests of the UK;
- publishing a Statement of Essential Facts. On publication, we will set a period of time, 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 or reject that 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 are 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.

Parties are invited to comment on the issue of a 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 it appropriate to sample.

Hearings

Interested parties can request a hearing by using the Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/>.

For further information about hearings during an investigation, 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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25 September 2024