

NOTICE OF INITIATION

Safeguard measure on certain steel products

Initiation of a Tariff Rate Quota Review – Review of Developing Country Exceptions

Case No. TQ0066

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) provides notice of initiation of a tariff rate quota review (TRQ review) in accordance with regulation 35B(5)(a) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019¹ (the Regulations).

This review will consider whether the tariff rate quota to which certain steel products are subject should be varied.

Details of the measure currently imposed, including the tariff rate quotas, are set out in:

- [Trade remedies notice 2024/06: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#)
- [Trade remedies notice 2024/08: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#)
- [Trade remedies notice 2025/02: Safeguarding measure on category 2 steel products](#)

The date of initiation of the review is **28 February 2025**. The TRA is initiating this review on its own initiative, pursuant to regulation 35B(2)(b) of the Regulations.

SCOPE OF THE REVIEW

This TRQ review will consider whether the tariff rate quotas to which certain steel products are subject should be varied. The goods subject to review are listed in Annex 1.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Under regulation 35B(1) of the Regulations, the TRA may conduct a review to consider whether a tariff rate quota to which the goods are subject should be varied where it is satisfied that there is sufficient information indicating that there may have been a change of circumstances since the application of that tariff rate quota to those goods.

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

Under regulation 35B(2)(b) of the Regulations, the TRA may initiate a TRQ review on its own initiative.

Regulation 35B(9) sets out a non-exhaustive list of what may constitute a change of circumstances. This includes:

- the fact that imports from a developing country member of the WTO which have been excluded from the application of the tariff rate quota can no longer be excluded under regulation 43 (developing country exception);²
- the fact that imports from a developing country member of the WTO which have not been excluded from the application of the tariff rate quota should be excluded under regulation 43.³

Under regulation 43 of the Regulations, the TRA must not recommend the application of a safeguarding remedy to imports from a developing country member of the WTO accounting for 3 per cent or less of the total imports of those goods into the UK, unless the imports from all low volume developing country exporters collectively account for more than 9 per cent of the total imports of the goods concerned into the UK.

The TRA has reviewed trade data which indicates that there may have been a change of circumstances which corresponds with the provisions in regulation 35B(9)(f) and regulation 35B(9)(g), namely that import levels from certain developing countries have changed since the application of the measure.

On this basis, the TRA considers that there is sufficient information indicating that there may have been a change of circumstances and that the threshold to initiate a review under regulation 35B(1) of the Regulations has been met.

PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION (POI)

The period of investigation for this review is 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN A TRQ REVIEW

During the review, the TRA will consider data from the POI to assess whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the tariff rate quotas to which certain steel products are subject.

When conducting this TRQ review, the TRA may consider:

- whether the amount or allocation of the TRQ is appropriate for domestic market conditions;
- the desirability of maintaining, as far as possible, traditional trade flows; and
- any other factors that the TRA considers relevant.

² Regulation 35B(9)(f)

³ Regulation 35B(9)(g)

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE TRQ REVIEW

Registration period

As part of the review, parties will have the opportunity to comment.

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 **14 March 2025**.

Anyone registering their interest after the registration period may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

Interested parties may request that the TRA conduct a hearing by using the [Trade Remedies Service](#). For further information on hearings, please see our [guidance](#) on meetings, hearings and visits.

Please contact TQ0066@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 statement of reasons why it cannot be summarised. Please see our [guidance](#) on submitting confidential information and non-confidential summaries.

Please contact TQ0066@traderemedies.gov.uk if you cannot provide a non-confidential version.

SUMMARY OF REVIEW PROCESS

The review will involve the following steps:

- Invite parties to register their interest in the review;
- Analyse information from the POI;
- Publish a Statement of Intended Final Determination (SIFD);
- Review parties' comments to the SIFD;
- Make a Final Determination (FD).

At the end of the review, a recommendation will be made by the TRA to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) which may include provision for the TRQ measures to be maintained or varied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept or reject that recommendation.

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

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Annex 1 – Product categories within scope of the review

- 1 – non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheet and strip (split into categories 1A and 1B (authorised use))
- 4 – metallic coated sheet
- 5 – organic coated sheet
- 6 – tin mill products
- 7 – non-alloy and other alloy quarto plates
- 12 – merchant bars and light sections (split into categories 12A (alloy merchant bars and light sections), and 12B (non-alloy merchant bars and light sections))
- 13 – rebar
- 16 – non-alloy and other alloy wire rod
- 17 – angles, shapes, and sections of iron or non-alloy steel
- 19 – railway material
- 20 – gas pipe
- 21 – hollow section
- 25 – large welded tube (split into categories 25A (large welded tube (1)) and 25 B (large welded tube (2))
- 26 – other welded tube

A full list of the commodity codes which are included in each category can be found in [Trade remedies notice 2024/06: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#)