



NOTICE OF INITIATION

Safeguard measure on certain steel products

Initiation of a Tariff Rate Quota Review – Category 1 steel – HRFC

Review No. TQ0052

The Trade Remedies Authority (the TRA) makes the following Notice under regulation 35B(5)(a) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations) to initiate a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review into certain steel products.

This review concerns whether the Tariff Rate Quota in relation to category 1 goods needs to be revised, following the measure imposed as a result of the reconsideration of the transition review TF0006 from 1 July 2022 and the TRQ DCE review SM0016 from 1 July 2022. Details of the measure imposed are set out in:

- [Trade remedies notice 2022/01: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#); and
- [Trade remedies notice 2023/10: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#).

The date of initiation of the review is **9 February 2024**.

INITIATION OF A TRQ REVIEW

Applications to initiate a TRQ review (the Application) has been lodged by Tata Steel UK and Kromat (the Applicants). The Applications contain information which, in accordance with regulation 35B(1), indicates a change in circumstances following the implementation of the measure.

The Applications contained information indicating that the Tariff Rate Quota, or part of it, has been exhausted particularly in relation to the residual quota. They highlighted a change in demand for imports as a result of shifting domestic conditions. Finally, the Applications referenced the impact of the Tariff Rate Quotas on traditional trade flows.

Having assessed the Applications, the TRA considers that the Applicants have provided sufficient information to substantiate the need for a TRQ review.



ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN A TRQ REVIEW

When conducting this TRQ review, the TRA will refer to available information to determine whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the relevant tariff rate quota. A change in circumstances may, among other things, be:

- The fact that the tariff rate quota, or any part of the quota, has been exhausted;
- A change in demand for the relevant goods; and
- The impact of the tariff rate quota on traditional trade flows.

During the 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.

Currently, TRQs are allocated to supply countries, based on traditional trade flows. As part of this review, the TRA is considering whether it is possible and appropriate to change the method of allocation to give importers an individual allocation of TRQs.

As part of that consideration, in determining a party's allocation, the following factors could be taken into consideration:

- Historic levels of imports;
- Historic levels of production; and
- Other relevant considerations.



HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE REVIEW

Registration period

Anyone interested in taking part in the review can register their interest through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by **25 February 2024**.

Please contact TQ0052@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after **25 February 2024** may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

Interested parties and contributors

Interested parties may include:

- The government(s) of the relevant foreign country(s) or territory(ies);
- An overseas exporter or importer of the goods subject to review;
- An overseas producer of the goods subject to review;
- A trade or business association of producers, overseas exporters or importers of the goods subject to review;
- A producer of like goods and/or directly competitive goods in the UK; and
- A trade or business association of UK producers of like goods and/or directly competitive goods.

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

THE GOODS SUBJECT TO REVIEW

The goods subject to review are: Category 1 Steel – non-alloy and other alloy hot rolled sheets and strips.

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

72081000, 72082500, 72082600, 72082700, 72083600, 72083700, 72083800, 72083900, 72084000, 72085210, 72085299, 72085310, 72085390, 72085400, 72111300, 72111400, 72111900, 72126000, 72251910, 72253010, 72253030, 72253090, 72254015, 72254090, 72261910, 72269120, 72269191, 72269199.

PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION (POI)

The period of investigation for this review is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. During the review, the TRA will consider data for this period to assess a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQs on the goods subject to review.



SUMMARY OF THE REVIEW PROCESS

The review will involve the following process:

- Inviting parties to register their interest in the review;
- Analysing information gathered;
- Publication of a Statement of Intended Final Determination (SIFD), which will set out a summary of the facts considered during the review and the recommendation which will be put forward for a Final Determination;
- Gathering comments on the SIFD - on publication of the SIFD we will set a period of time, which will be no longer than 15 days, during which parties will be able to comment on the SIFD; and
- Making a Final Determination on whether to maintain or vary the TRQ.

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 measure to be maintained or varied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept or reject that recommendation.

Oral hearings

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

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

Confidential information

Information provided during a review 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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