



## NOTICE OF INITIATION

Review No. TQ0085

### Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) review of category 4 steel products

#### Initiation of a Tariff Rate Quota Review

The Trade Remedies Authority (the TRA) makes the following Notice to initiate a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review into category 4 steel products (metallic coated sheet) under regulation 35B(5) of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations).

This review concerns a TRQ which was imposed as a result of [trade remedies notice 2025/12: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#). The updated measure was imposed from 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

The date of initiation of the review is 24 February 2026.

#### INITIATION OF A TRQ REVIEW

The TRA conducts regular, administrative reviews of the existing TRQ regime for the UK's steel safeguard measure. These reviews include consideration of whether the status of any countries subject to a Developing Country Exception (DCE) should change, based upon import volumes and shares over the most recent, representative period. The most recent TRQ review considering all product categories across the definitive safeguarding measure was concluded in June 2025 (TQ0066).

An application to initiate a TRQ review into Turkish imports of category 4 steel products has been lodged by **Tata Steel UK (the Applicant)**, a producer of the like goods or directly competitive goods in the United Kingdom, addressed at 18 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7HS (the Application).

The Application indicates that imports from a developing country member of the WTO which have been excluded from the application of the TRQ can no longer be excluded under regulation 43 (developing country exception).

Specifically, the Application has referred to the latest HMRC UK import data for category 4 steel products covering the 12-month period from December 2024 to November 2025. The data indicates that Turkish imports of the goods subject to review now exceed the 3% import share threshold for DCE status, as set out in the Regulations.

Having assessed [the Application](#), the TRA considers that the Applicant has provided sufficient evidence substantiating the need for a TRQ review.

The TRA's initial analysis indicates there has been a change in circumstances, which corresponds with regulation 35B(9)(f) of the Regulations. On the basis of the data

provided and our analysis, our proposed final determination is to amend Türkiye's DCE status as it relates to category 4 products, specifically to remove their DCE status and move Turkish imports into the residual quota for category 4.

## **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN A TRQ REVIEW**

When conducting a TRQ review, the TRA will refer to available information to determine whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQ.

A change in circumstances may, among other things, be:

- the fact that the TRQ, or any part of the quota, has been exhausted;
- a change in demand for the relevant goods;
- the effect of an anti-dumping amount or a countervailing amount being applied to the relevant goods or like goods and directly competitive goods in the United Kingdom;
- there has been a trade diversion in relation to the imposition of anti-dumping, countervailing, safeguard or other trade measures by a foreign country or territory;
- there has been a change in the impact of the TRQ on traditional trade flows;
- the fact that imports from a developing country member of the WTO which have been excluded from the application of the TRQ can no longer be excluded under regulation 43 (developing country exception);
- the fact that imports from a developing country member of the WTO which have not been excluded from the application of the TRQ should be excluded under regulation 43.

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;
- any other factors that the TRA considers relevant.

In light of the Application and the evidence provided, our main focus in this TRQ review is on the DCE status of Türkiye as it relates to category 4 steel products.

Pursuant to regulation 36(1) of the Regulations, the case team is considering whether it is appropriate to expand the matters to be considered in the review to consider whether other developing country members of the WTO (see annex for full list) should have their current status changed on the TRQ relating to category 4 steel products.

## HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE REVIEW

### *Registration period*

Anyone interested in taking part in the review can register their interest and comment on the Application, proposed expansion of the matters to be considered in the review and the intended final determination through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by **6 March 2026**.

Please contact [TQ0085@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:TQ0085@traderemedies.gov.uk) if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after **6 March 2026** may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

### *Interested parties and contributors*

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

Interested parties may include:

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

Like goods are goods which are like the goods subject to review in all respects, or if there are no such goods, those which have characteristics closely resembling the goods subject to review.

Directly competitive goods are goods produced in the UK which are directly competitive with the goods subject to review, i.e. the imported goods subject to review.

## **THE GOODS SUBJECT TO REVIEW**

The goods subject to review are:

Category 4 steel products – metallic coated sheet

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

7210 2000  
7210 4100  
7210 4900  
7210 6100  
7210 6900 20  
7210 6900 80  
7210 9080  
7212 2000  
7212 3000  
7212 5020  
7212 5030  
7212 5040  
7212 5061  
7212 5069  
7212 5090  
7225 9100  
7225 9200  
7225 9900  
7226 9910  
7226 9930  
7226 9970

## **SUMMARY OF THE REVIEW PROCESS**

The period of investigation for this review is **01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**.

The review will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the review and comment on the application, proposed expansion of the matters to be considered in the review and the intended final determination of the TRQ review;
- analysing information gathered;
- gathering comments; and
- making a Final Determination on whether to maintain or vary the low volume exporter status of Türkiye (and possibly certain developing countries listed in the annex to this notice) in relation to the category 4 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 low volume exporter status of Türkiye (and possibly other

developing countries listed in the annex to this notice) in relation to the category 4 TRQ measure to be maintained or varied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept, reject or ask that the TRA reassess the 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](#).

Jess Blakely & Carmen Suarez  
Chief Executive Officers  
Trade Remedies Authority  
24 February 2026

## **Annex – List of developing country members of the WTO**

Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Macao, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, People's Republic of China, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, UAE, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.