



## NOTICE OF INITIATION

### Rutile titanium dioxide originating in the People's Republic of China

#### Investigation into alleged dumping

#### Investigation no. AD0086

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice under paragraph 9(5)(d) of Schedule 4 to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (the Act) to initiate an investigation into alleged dumping.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by Tronox Pigment UK Limited (company number 00162303), Laporte Road, Stallingborough, Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire, England, DN40 2PR (the Application).

A non-confidential copy of the application ( [TRA Investigations - Trade Remedies Service - GOV.UK](#) ) is available on our public file relating to this investigation.

The date of initiation of the investigation is **3 March 2026**.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION

### *The exporting country or territory*

The investigation concerns the goods subject to investigation (Goods Concerned) originating in the People's Republic of China (China).

### *The goods*

The Goods Concerned are:

Rutile titanium oxides in pigments and preparations based on rutile titanium dioxide, containing a minimum of 80% by weight of titanium dioxide calculated on the dry matter and having all types of particle sizes, classified under Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Numbers 12065-65-5 and 13463-67-7.

The Goods Concerned are currently subject to the following commodity codes:

- 2823 0000 10
- 2823 0000 30
- 2823 0000 80
- 2823 0000 83
- 3206 1100 10
- 3206 1100 30
- 3206 1100 80
- 3206 1100 85

The like goods for the purposes of this investigation are the same as the Goods Concerned described above.



### ***UK industry***

The Application was made on behalf of the UK industry in rutile titanium dioxide, which, at the time of initiation, consists of one producer, Tronox, who submitted the Application.

### ***Allegations of dumping and injury***

The Application alleges that the Goods Concerned originating in China have been imported into the United Kingdom, that there is a particular market situation in China which prevents a proper comparison between the like goods destined for consumption in the exporting country and the Goods Concerned, the export price of the Goods Concerned is lower than their normal value and that the alleged dumping has caused injury to the UK industry in rutile titanium dioxide through:

- Price depression
- price suppression;
- reduced profitability; and
- negative effects on ability to raise capital.

The application further alleges that the Goods Concerned originating in the China are threatening to cause injury to the UK industry in rutile titanium dioxide through:

- increasing production capacity of the Goods Concerned;
- increasing volume of imports of the Goods Concerned;
- increasing inventories of the Goods Concerned;
- decreasing prices of the Goods Concerned; and
- decreasing export market access of the Goods Concerned.

### ***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;
- 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.



### ***Period of investigation***

The period of investigation is 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2025.

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS**

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, 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 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 interest 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, reject or request that the TRA reassess the recommendation. If our recommendation is rejected, the Secretary of State may decide to apply an alternative remedy.

### ***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 recommend the requirement to give a guarantee where we are satisfied that it is necessary to prevent injury being caused during the investigation to a UK industry in the relevant goods.

Parties are invited to comment on the issue of making a provisional affirmative determination and requiring a guarantee throughout the investigation.

### ***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
- in exceptional circumstances, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

### ***Non-cooperation***

Please be aware that we may disregard information supplied by an interested party where we determine that the party has failed to cooperate with an investigation or has otherwise significantly impeded the progress of an investigation. We may decline to accept information supplied outside any applicable time limit, and may make determinations on the basis of information obtained from secondary sources, provided we do so with special circumspection and verify such information from independent sources (where practicable).

### ***Further information***

Our Trade Remedies Guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process>) provides more information about the investigations process, including our requirements for submitting and summarising confidential information, on non-cooperation and on our use of information and facts available.

### ***Information sessions***

The case team will be holding a general information session for interested parties to learn about how they can engage with the investigation and provide an opportunity to ask any general questions.

The session will be held on the 6 March 2026 at 13:00 – 14:00 GMT. If you would like to attend the session you can register at the following link: [Investigating imports of rutile titanium dioxide - Is your business affected?](#)

If you are unable to attend the session, please contact the case team with any questions you may have, or for a separate discussion at [AD0086@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:AD0086@traderemedies.gov.uk).



## HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION

### ***TRA address and registration period***

Anyone who wants to participate in the investigation and make their views known can register their interest through the Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/> by **18 March 2026**.

Please contact [AD0086@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:AD0086@traderemedies.gov.uk) if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after **18 March 2026** 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 exporting country;
- any overseas exporter or importer of the Goods Concerned;
- any overseas producer of the Goods Concerned;
- any trade or business association of producers, overseas exporters or importers of the Goods Concerned;
- any producer of the like goods 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 the TRA that they would like to participate in the investigation.

### ***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 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/the-tras-investigation-process#Meetings>).