



## Registration Form

### Suspension Review – Category 2 steel products

### Case No. SD0064

Period of Investigation:	<input type="text" value="1 January 2024 to 21 October 2024"/>
Deadline for response:	<input type="text" value="24 November 2024"/>
Case Team Contact:	<input type="text" value="SD0064@traderemedies.gov.uk"/>
Completed on behalf of:	<input type="text" value="Duferco UK Ltd"/>
Party type (select):	<input type="checkbox"/> UK producer of Category 2 steel products <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

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## Discontinuation review

The review will consider whether:

- There has been a lasting change of circumstances since the application of the relevant definitive safeguarding remedy; and
- UK producers have ceased to suffer serious injury or would not suffer such injury if the relevant definitive safeguarding remedy is revoked.

## Relevant measure

The review will consider whether the definitive safeguarding remedy on category 2 steel products should be revoked. The review will consider whether the definitive safeguarding remedy on category 2 steel products should be revoked. Details of the measure currently imposed are set out in:

- [Trade Remedies Notice 2024/06: Safeguard Measure: Tariff-Rate Quota on steel goods](#)

The current safeguard measure is due to expire on 30 June 2026.

## Goods subject to review

The goods subject to review are: Category 2 steel - non-alloy and other alloy cold-rolled sheets.

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

72091500, 72091690, 72091790, 72091891, 72092500, 72092690, 72092790, 72092890, 72099020, 72099080, 72112320, 72112330, 72112380, 72112900, 72119020, 72119080, 72255020, 72255080, 72262000, 72269200

For more information about this case, you may refer to the Notice of Initiation published at: [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases).



## Instructions

### I – Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you wish to comment on the proposed revocation.

### II – Note about confidentiality

Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential should provide a non-confidential summary of that information or a statement of reasons why it cannot be summarised.

Please ensure that each page of information you provide is clearly marked either “Confidential” or “Non-Confidential” in the header.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information, which includes personal contact information, names and signatures.

All information provided to the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) in confidence will be treated accordingly, only used for this review, and will be stored in protected systems.

The non-confidential version of your submission may be placed on the public file, which is available on [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases).



## Section A – Your organisation’s interest in the review

To register your organisation’s interest in this discontinuation review, please complete the text boxes below.

A1. Please describe your interest in this discontinuation review:

Duferco UK Ltd are importers, traders, and distributors of category 2 steel.

## Section B – Comments on the proposed recommendation to revoke

The TRA is considering recommending revocation of the application of the safeguarding remedy on Category 2 steel products.

During this discontinuation review, the TRA will consider whether there has been a lasting change of circumstances since the application of the definitive safeguarding remedy, and whether UK producers have ceased to suffer serious injury, or would not suffer such injury, if the definitive safeguarding remedy is revoked.

Before making its recommendation, the TRA must give parties the opportunity to comment on the proposed revocation.

Therefore, we invite comment and evidence on the following considerations:

### B1. Change of circumstances

The only known active producer of Category 2 steel products, Tata Steel UK, has taken steps to cease production of Category 2 steel products for sale within the UK market. It will continue to produce some Category 2 steel products for use in its own downstream production.

Please provide any comments on the described change of circumstances that you consider relevant for the TRA to take into consideration during the discontinuation review:



- As TSUK has highlighted, as of earlier this year, they have ceased production of annealed cold-rolled flat steel. The cessation of all UK production constitutes a clear change in circumstance which warrants a TRA discontinuation review.
- As there is now no domestic production, there will be an increased reliance on the existing safeguard quotas of CR (product category 2).
- The result of this is an increased number of importers, steel service centres (SSCs), and fabricators, will pay duty on imported material. This will result in either increased prices for downstream consumers, or unnecessary penalties for upstream stockholders/fabricators.
- As TSUK have stressed that investment required for maintenance works on their CAPL is not viable. This constitutes a lasting change in market circumstances that warrants a revoking of all product category 2 safeguard measures.

## B2. Lasting nature of the change

Tata Steel UK has indicated that this is a lasting change, as a reversal of this reduction in production levels would not be possible prior to the expiry of the definitive safeguarding remedy.

Please provide any comments on the described lasting nature of this change of circumstances that you consider relevant for the TRA to take into consideration during the discontinuation review:

- While TSUK have made clear that they have ongoing issues with their CAPL (relating to both quality and reliability); they have also made clear that the level of investment required for maintenance works on this CAPL is not viable.
- If TSUK have stated the above, then this must be ratified so that importers and SSCs/stockholders/fabricators can plan ahead trusting that their imports will not be subject to unexpected changes in policy or outlook from TSUK or TRA, resulting in a return to safeguarding duty or any retrospective duties applied.

## B3. Effect on the UK producers

The sole active UK producer of Category 2 steel products has indicated that they are unlikely to suffer serious injury if the definitive safeguarding remedy for Category 2 steel products is revoked. This is because imports will no longer be competing with products manufactured by the UK producer and will not be able to cause injury to the domestic industry.

Please provide any comments on the described effect on UK producers as a result of the lasting change of circumstances that you consider relevant for the TRA to take into consideration during the discontinuation review:



We agree with TSUK's statement above.

## Section C – Additional information

C1. Please use the box to provide information about anything else you consider relevant to this discontinuation review:

None.