



Registration Form

Tariff Rate Quota Review – Developing Country Exception

Case No. TQ0066

Period of Investigation:	1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
Deadline for response:	09 April 2025
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Party type (select):	<input type="checkbox"/> UK producer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

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TRQ review

In conducting this TRQ review, the TRA will consider whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the relevant tariff rate quota (see below). As part of the review, the TRA may consider:

- Whether the amount or allocation of the tariff rate quota is appropriate for domestic market conditions;
- The desirability of maintaining, as far as possible, traditional trade flows;
- Any other factors that it considers relevant.

Change in circumstances

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) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations). This data indicates that the import levels from certain developing countries have changed since the application of the measure. The TRA is now reviewing this data to determine whether the list of developing countries not currently excepted from the application of the tariff rate quotas should be amended.

Scope of the review

This TRQ review will consider the developing country exceptions as it applies across the following product categories:

- 1 – non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheet and strip (split into categories 1A and 1B)
- 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](#).

Note that:

- Category 1 was split into Category 1A and Category 1B with effect from 1 October 2024. See: [Trade remedies notice 2024/08: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#); and
- the definitive safeguarding remedy on Category 2 was revoked by the Secretary of State with effect from 23 January 2025. See: [Trade remedies notice 2025/02: Safeguarding measure on category 2 steel products](#)

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

Instructions

I – Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you wish to register your interest in the TRQ review.

II – Note about confidentiality

Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate to the TRA good cause as to why the TRA must treat such information as confidential, and 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.



Section A – Your organisation’s interest in the review

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

A1. Please describe your interest in this TRQ review:

OPR Services is a UK steel trader, providing an import and distribution service to UK steel service centres and stockholders. We are interested in, but not limited to, the following categories: 1, 2, 4, 7, 13, 16.

Section B – Additional information

B1. Please use the box to provide information about anything else you consider relevant to this TRQ review:

OPR believe the current TRQ safeguard measures in place are sufficient and relevant to UK market conditions and do not cause injury to UK producers.

UK steel market relies on imported finished steel products to fulfil the nations annual demand whilst providing various grades that UK producers cannot offer. Within Category 4, for example, there are multiple industries importing under this quota.

For the UK economy to recover and UK manufacturing sectors to rebound, we need to rely on competitive imports after a challenging two years. Reducing / restricting where UK businesses can buy from will ONLY stunt growth.



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