



## International Steel Trade Association

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Dear Sir or Madam

### Ref TQ0066 Developing Country Exception Review

As we believe the TRA and DBT are already aware we are a Trade Association representing Traders, Independent service centres and fabricators, Mills and all associated services.

We are registering our interest in the case as we have concerns that it may have been instigated due to a change in traditional imports resulting from TSUK no longer producing virgin steel in the UK.

During the investigation in to Category 1, Hot Rolled Coil, we expressed our concerns that Tata should be importing slab from their associated companies and continue being a UK manufacturer of hot rolled coil. It is our belief that the resultant Category 1A and 1B has led to increased imports by TSUK either directly or indirectly through traders and that these quantities should be excluded from the investigation. Furthermore, we believe that Galvanized Steel under Category 4 (C) will also have been imported in greater quantities, potentially from developing countries, because TSUK's manufacture has been reduced causing them to import directly or indirectly hence we feel these quantities also should be excluded from the investigation.

Safeguarding measures were put in place to protect UK manufacturers of Steel from excess imports caused by diversion of steel from other countries who put tariffs in place, it really no longer makes sense to have Safeguarding in place, nor instigate further restrictions, when our only UK manufacturer is no longer manufacturing steel and is importing steel themselves to the extent that an investigation becomes necessary.

We look forward to hearing any further news.

Yours faithfully  
Simone Draper  
Director