



Registration Form

This form is for other Interested Parties and Contributors, including foreign governments, trades or business associations and others wanting to participate in the review. Please see party type below.

This form is not to be completed by UK Producers, Importers or Overseas Exporters of the Goods Subject to Review – please see the relevant Registration and Pre-Sampling Questionnaire.

Case SE0041: Safeguard Measure on Certain Steel Products

Period of Investigation:	1 April 2018 – 31 March 2023
Deadline for response:	19 September 2023
Case Team Contact:	SE0041@traderemedies.gov.uk
Completed on behalf of:	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, Republic of Korea
Party type (select):	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government of relevant foreign country or territory (<i>Interested Party</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the Goods Subject to Review (<i>Interested Party</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade or business association of UK producers of Like Goods or Directly Competitive Goods (<i>Interested Party</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas producer* of the Goods Subject to Review (<i>Interested Party</i>) <i>*who does not export. If you are an overseas producer who exports, please complete the exporter Pre-Sampling Questionnaire.</i>



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- Confidential
 Non-Confidential – will be made publicly available

Please note that you will have to provide **two copies of your response** – a **Confidential** and a **Non-Confidential version**. Both copies must be returned to the TRA using the Trade Remedies Service (www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk) by **19 September 2023**.



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The scope of this review

Goods Subject to Review

This review covers certain steel products imported into the United Kingdom (UK) as detailed in [Annex 1](#).

In this document, these goods will be referred to as ‘the Goods Subject to Review’. Any reference to ‘Goods Subject to Review’ in this document refers to the product categories and commodity codes set out in Annex 1.

Like Goods

Any reference to ‘Like Goods’ in this document refers to goods produced in the UK which are like the Goods Subject to Review in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them.

Directly Competitive Goods

Directly Competitive Goods means goods produced in the UK which are directly competitive with the Goods Subject to Review.

This can include goods that are not only similar to the Goods Subject to Review, such as a different type or variety, but also include goods that occupy a position of direct competition with the Goods Subject to Review. A Directly Competitive Good may be one that is substitutable with the goods subject to review.

Please follow the instructions for each question to provide the appropriate information regarding the Goods Subject to Review, Like Goods or Directly Competitive Goods.

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

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) will be carrying out a safeguards extension review to consider whether the expiry of a definitive safeguarding remedy would likely result in a continuation or recurrence of serious injury to UK producers of the Like or Directly Competitive Goods.

Who should complete this form?

You should complete this form if you are one of the party types listed at the beginning of this document.

If you are a UK producer of the Like Goods or Directly Competitive Goods, importer or overseas exporter of the Goods Subject to Review, please complete the relevant Pre-Sampling Questionnaire.

Deadline for response

A completed pre-sampling questionnaire must be submitted to the TRA by no later than 19 September 2023. If you are unable to provide a completed submission by the given due date and you wish to request an extension, please contact the case team, SE0041@traderemedies.gov.uk, and see the TRA's guidance on extension requests for further information.

Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of this document.

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.

Please see the [TRA's public guidance](#) for further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this document.

All information provided to the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) in confidence will be treated accordingly and only used for this investigation (except in limited circumstances as permitted by regulation 17 of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and will be stored in protected systems.

The non-confidential version of your submission will 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 case

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

Please describe your role with regards to the Like Goods, Directly Competitive Goods and/or Goods Subject to Review:

Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, Republic of Korea refers to the UK’s notice of an extension review on steel Safeguard measures (no. SE0041). On behalf of our Korean steel industry, we would like to express our interest on this review. Our interest among the goods subject to review would include product category number 5, 6, 7, 12, 16, 17, 25 set out in Annex 1, and category number 5, 25 are of special interest.

Please describe your interest in this review:



We have requested to the UK to withdraw the safeguard measures for several occasions, but regret that the measures have been repeatedly extended. We believe that the UK government needs to carefully review the necessity of the extension considering the (1) WTO rules, and (2) change in market situations.

1. The UK's safeguard measures do not meet the requirements of WTO Agreement on Safeguards.
 - (1) TRA's analysis to impose steel safeguard did not match the principle of parallelism as there was a difference between the scope of goods subject to a safeguard investigation and the scope of the application of safeguard measures. In this regard, the lack of parallelism in the TRA's analysis violates Article 2.1 and 4.2 of WTO Agreement on Safeguards. Notably, 1) UK did not take the imported amounts from EU 27 countries after the EU Exit into the investigation and 2) the UK took the EU's measure without proper independent investigations that was procedurally required.
 - (2) Also, in TRA's review report, the casual relationship between the increase in imports and the occurrence of damage is unclear, suggesting a possible violation of Article 2.1, 4 and 7 of the Safeguard Agreements. Particularly, although the TRA suggested not extending safeguard measures on five products including product categories including product number 6, 7, 12, 16, and 17, additional two years of safeguards were imposed starting from July 2022. Right after, we have noticed that the former Secretary of state for Department for International Trade, Trevelyan has acknowledged that 'the decision to extend the safeguards on the five product categories departs from our international legal obligations under the relevant WTO agreement.' In this regard, the imposed quota on those five products should be eliminated.
2. The need for safeguard measures has decreased due to changes in conditions in the global steel market, such as Russia-Ukraine War, alternative arrangements setting TRQ between the US and EU as well as the US and UK after the US Section 232 tariffs and increase in demands for environment-friendly products in the UK.

In particular, the growing steel needs based on the UK's environment-friendly policies indicate that currently allocated quota may not be enough to meet the demands of the UK companies. In order to meet the increasing demands from companies who produce steel-using products and environment-friendly products in the UK, such as the solar panel or offshore wind-farms and eco-friendly construction materials, it is necessary to reflect the market condition to the quota (for product category number 5 and 25 in particular) in a way that can absorb imminent increase of related steel product demands in a line with the UK's environment-friendly policies.
3. The government of Republic of Korea request UK to withdraw its steel safeguard measures, and would remind that Korea has already reserved the right to suspend concessions at the WTO.



Section B – Additional information

B1 – Other interested parties

If you believe there are producers, overseas exporters, importers and other interested parties that should receive this document, please provide their organisation name and website details below.

Organisation name	Website

B2 - Scope

Do you agree with the scope of the investigation as outlined on page 4?

- Yes
- No

Please explain why:

N/A

B3 – Economic Interest Test

It is a requirement of the review to conduct an Economic Interest Test (EIT). The aim of the EIT is to determine whether the implementation of the proposed trade remedy measure is in the wider economic interest of the UK. In order to obtain a complete picture of the UK market, could you please help by providing us with details of any known UK suppliers (upstream companies providing inputs) and UK customers



(downstream companies buying the Like Goods or Directly Competitive Goods). Please confirm in the final column if we are able to contact these companies.

	Company name	Company location (city, country)	Company Contact Information (email/telephone)	Upstream or Downstream	Permission to contact? (Y/N)
1					
2					
3					
4					

B4 – Anything else

Please use the box below to provide information about anything else you consider relevant to this review

N/A

Now you have reached the end of this document please ensure that you have prepared a confidential and non-confidential version and indicated the status of each within the header. The non-confidential version should redact personal contact information, names, and signatures. Please return both versions to the TRA using the Trade Remedies Service (trade-remedies.service.gov.uk).



Annex 1

The certain steel products subject to review are currently classifiable within the following commodity codes. These commodity codes are only given for information.

Product Number	Product Category	Commodity Codes
1	Non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheet and strip	72081000, 72082500, 72082600, 72082700, 72083600, 72083700, 72083800, 72083900, 72084000, 72085210, 72085299, 72085310, 72085390, 72085400, 72111300, 72111400, 72111900, 72126000, 72251910, 72253010, 72253030, 72253090, 72254015, 72254090, 72261910, 72269120, 72269191, 72269199
2	Non-alloy and other alloy cold-rolled sheet	72091500, 72091690, 72091790, 72091891, 72092500, 72092690, 72092790, 72092890, 72099020, 72099080, 72112320, 72112330, 72112380, 72112900, 72119020, 72119080, 72255020, 72255080, 72262000, 72269200
4	Metallic coated sheet	72102000, 72104100, 72104900, 72106100, 7210690020, 7210690080, 72109080, 72122000, 72123000, 72125020, 72125030, 72125040, 72125061, 72125069, 72125090, 72259100, 72259200, 72259900, 72269910, 72269930, 72269970
5	Organic coated sheet	72107080, 72124080
6	Tin mill products	72091899, 72105000, 72121090, 72101100, 72107010, 72124020, 72101220, 72109040, 72101280, 72121010
7	Non-alloy and other alloy quarto plates	72085120, 72089020, 72254040, 72085191, 72089080, 72254060, 72085198, 72109030, 72085291, 72254012
12A	Alloy merchant bars and light sections	72283020, 72283041, 72283061, 72283069, 72283070, 72283089, 72286020, 72287010
12B	Non-alloy merchant bars and light sections	72143000, 72149110, 72149190, 72149931, 72149939, 72149950, 72149971, 72149979, 72149995, 72159000, 72161000, 72162100, 72162200, 72164010, 72164090, 72165010, 72165091, 72165099, 72169900
13	Rebar	72142000, 72149910
16	Non-alloy and other alloy wire rod	72131000, 72139149, 72271000, 72132000, 72139170, 72272000, 72139110, 72139190, 72279010, 72139120, 72139910, 72279050, 72139141, 72139990, 72279095
17	Angles, shapes, and sections of iron or non-alloy steel	72163110, 72163219, 72163310, 72163190, 72163291, 72163390, 72163211, 72163299
19	Railway material	73021022, 73021028, 73021050
20	Gas pipe	73063041, 73063049, 73063072, 73063077
21	Hollow section	73066110, 73066192, 73066199
25A	Large welded tube (1)	73051100, 73051200
25B	Large welded tube (2)	73051900, 73052000, 73053100, 73053900, 73059000
26	Other welded tube	73061100, 73061900, 73062100, 73062900, 73063012, 73063018, 73063080, 73064020, 73064080, 73065021, 73065029, 73065080, 73066910, 73066990, 73069000