

NOTICE OF INITIATION

Safeguard measure on certain steel products

Initiation of an Extension Review

Review No. SE0041

The Trade Remedies Authority (the TRA) makes the following Notice of Initiation under regulation 35(5)(a) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019¹ (the Regulations) to initiate an extension review into certain steel products.

This review concerns whether the expiry of a definitive safeguarding remedy would likely result in a continuation or recurrence of serious injury to UK producers of the relevant goods, following the measure imposed as a result of the reconsideration of the transition review TF0006 from 1 July 2022, the SM0016 tariff rate quota review from 1 July 2022, the SM0019 tariff rate quota review from 1 July 2022, and TQ0030 tariff rate quota review from 30 June 2023. Details of the measure imposed are set out in:

- [Trade remedies notice 2022/01: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#)
- [Trade remedies notice 2022/02: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#)
- [Trade Remedies Notice 2023/10: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Trade Remedies Notice 2023/11: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The current safeguard measure is due to expire on 30 June 2024.

The date of initiation of this review is **4 September 2023**.

INITIATION OF AN EXTENSION REVIEW

The TRA is initiating this safeguard extension review on its own initiative under regulation 35(2)(b) of the Regulations, as there is evidence which may indicate, on an initial basis, that the expiry of the definitive safeguarding remedy would likely result in a continuation or recurrence of serious injury to UK producers of the relevant goods.

THE GOODS SUBJECT TO REVIEW

¹ S.I. 2019/449.

The goods subject to review are listed in Annex A.

PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION (POI)

The period of investigation for this review is 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2023.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE REVIEW

When conducting this extension review, as per regulation 35(6) of the Regulations the TRA will refer to available information to assess:

- whether the importation of the goods subject to review in increased quantities is likely to recur;
- whether serious injury has been removed, or reduced, in whole or in part due to the application of the definitive safeguarding remedy;
- whether it is likely that serious injury will recur if the application of the definitive safeguarding remedy is not extended;
- whether the circumstances of UK producers, or domestic or overseas market conditions, are such that the serious injury caused by the importation of the goods subject to review in increased quantities is likely to recur;
- any adjustments made by UK producers; and
- any other factors we consider relevant.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE REVIEW

Registration period

Anyone interested in taking part in the review can register their interest through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by **19 September 2023**, if they have not already done so.

Please contact SE0041@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after **19 September 2023** may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

Interested parties and contributors

Interested parties may include:

- the government(s) of the relevant foreign country(s) or territory(ies);

- an overseas exporter or importer of the goods subject to review;
- an overseas producer of the goods subject to review;
- a trade or business association of producers, overseas exporters or importers of the goods subject to review;
- a producer of like goods and/or directly competitive goods in the UK; and
- a trade or business association of UK producers of like goods and/or directly competitive goods.

Contributors are those, other than interested parties, who have notified the TRA to advise that they would like to participate in the review.

Like goods are goods which are like the goods subject to review in all respects, or if there are no such goods, those which have characteristics closely resembling the goods subject to review.

Directly competitive goods are goods produced in the UK which are directly competitive with the goods subject to review.

SUMMARY OF THE REVIEW PROCESS

The review will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the review;
- issuing questionnaires to, and inviting submissions from, interested parties and contributors;
- authenticating and analysing information gathered;
- publication of a Statement of Intended Final Determination (SIFD); and
- gathering comments on the SIFD - on publication of the SIFD we will set a period of time, usually no longer than 30 days, during which parties will be able to comment on the SIFD.

At the end of the review, the TRA may determine under regulation 35(7) of the Regulations that the application of the measure should expire or be extended. In the case of a determination to extend, a recommendation will be made to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade.

Sampling

We may consider it appropriate to limit examination to a sample of:

- categories of goods;

- UK producers;
- transactions for the purchase of the like goods and directly competitive goods in the UK; or
- anything else we consider appropriate to sample.

Oral hearings

Interested parties can request a hearing during the review process using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

For further information about hearings, please see our [Meetings, Hearings and Visits guidance](#).

Confidential information

Information provided during a review 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
- where that is not possible, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

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4 September 2023

ANNEX A: THE GOODS SUBJECT TO REVIEW

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