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Trade remedies notice 2025/12: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods (expired)

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The steel safeguard expired on 30 June 2026. This notice no longer applies.

This public notice is published by the Secretary of State under subsection 13(4) (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/22/section/13) and sub-paragraph 21(7) of Schedule 5 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/22/schedule/5/paragraph/21) to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/22).[footnote 1] The application of the safeguard measure will continue to be suspended with respect to goods originating in Ukraine, as originally implemented by trade remedies notice 2024/06.

Summary of the safeguard measure tariff-rate quota review

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) initiated the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) review on 28 February 2025 of its own initiative, in accordance with regulation 35B(5)(2)(a) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/449/regulation/35B) ('the Regulations').

On 26 March 2025, the TRA expanded the scope of the TRQ review following an application by UK industry. The TRA assessed that there may have been a change of circumstances with respect to the exhaustion of the residual quota in certain product categories, and a change in demand for steel since the application of the relevant tariff-rate quota. The TRA determined that these claims could most effectively be assessed by incorporating these matters within the existing TRQ review.

The period of investigation for the extension review was January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The TRA received submissions from interested parties and used submitted data as part of its evidence base upon which it made its assessments and formed its conclusions. The TRA compared submitted evidence against the totality of relevant evidence available to it and used submitted data to corroborate or gain a level of assurance as to that data itself, or other evidence either submitted to the TRA or information gathered by the TRA.

The TRA considered matters relevant to each of the 14 product categories, before undertaking assessments on a product category-by-product category basis.

The TRA's recommendation

The TRA's recommendation was that the allocation of the tariff-rate quotas should be varied. Specifically, the TRA recommended that:

- unused quotas should no longer be made available in the following quarter (removal of carry-over facility)
- countries with country-specific quotas should no longer have access to the

residual quota in the final quarter

- country-specific caps should be imposed on the residual quotas in these categories from 1 October 2025:
  - category 4: 40%
  - category 7: 40%
  - category 13: 40%
- the developing country non-exceptions list should be updated in line with Article 9.1 of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Safeguards

Reasons for the TRA's recommendation

The TRA has made this recommendation as a result of the change of circumstances since the application of the relevant tariff-rate quota, which resulted from all of these:

- a change to the import share of a developing country
- the fact that the tariff-rate quota, or any part of the quota, has been exhausted
- a change in demand for the relevant goods

In addition the TRA made its recommendation following the consideration of the facts which are set out in the final recommendation and further evidence on the public file for case TQ0066 (https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TQ0066/#public-file).

Summary of the Secretary of State's decision

The Secretary of State assessed that it was in the UK's public interest to reject the TRA's recommendation, in accordance with regulation 38(2) (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/449/regulation/38) of the Regulations, and take a different decision, in accordance with regulation 38(2C) (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/449/regulation/38) of the Regulations.

The Secretary of State decided to:

- increase the overall volume of each of the TRQs associated with the 14 product categories by 0.1% (instead of 3%) from 1 July 2025
- apply a 15% cap in the residual quota of category 4 and a 20% cap in the residual quotas of categories 7 and 13 to ensure that UK imports from exporting countries are more closely aligned with traditional trade flows, effective from 1 July 2025

The Secretary of State also decided to amend the allocation of the TRQs in line with the recommendation of the TRA:

- prevent any unused quarterly quotas from being made available in the following quarter
- prevent WTO Members with a country-specific quota from being able to access the residual quota in the final quarter of the safeguard year (1 April 2026 - 30 June 2026)
- update developing country exemptions based on UK import data for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and in line with the WTO Agreement on Safeguards

Reasons for the Secretary of State’s decision

The Secretary of State considered the evidence contained within the recommendation and wider matters in the public interest, including the UK’s obligations under the WTO Agreement on Safeguards. The decision was taken to ensure the overall effectiveness of the UK’s steel safeguard measure for domestic producers while balancing the need for security of supply for the UK market in line with traditional trade flows.

Description of the goods to which this notice relates

The tariff-rate quota set out in this notice applies to the following steel products ('steel goods').

Product number 1A and 1B: non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheet and strip

Commodity codes are:

- 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

Product number 4: metallic coated sheet

Commodity codes are:

- 72102000
- 72104100
- 72104900
- 72106100
- 7210690020
- 7210690080
- 72109080
- 72122000
- 72123000
- 72125020
- 72125030
- 72125040
- 72125061
- 72125069
- 72125090
- 72259100
- 72259200
- 72259900

- 72269910
- 72269930
- 72269970

Product number 5: organic coated sheet

Commodity codes are:

- 72107080
- 72124080

Product number 6: tin mill products

Commodity codes are:

- 72091899
- 72105000
- 72121090
- 72101100
- 72107010
- 72124020
- 72101220
- 72109040
- 72101280
- 72121010

Product number 7: non-alloy and other alloy quarto plates

Commodity codes are:

- 72085120
- 72089020
- 72254040
- 72085191
- 72089080
- 72254060
- 72085198
- 72109030
- 72085291
- 72254012

Product number 12A: alloy merchant bars and light sections

Commodity codes are:

- 72283020
- 72283041
- 72283061
- 72283069
- 72283070
- 72283089
- 72286020
- 72287010

Product number 12B: non-alloy merchant bars and light sections

Commodity codes are:

- 72143000
- 72149110
- 72149190
- 72149931
- 72149939
- 72149950
- 72149971
- 72149979
- 72149995
- 72159000
- 72161000
- 72162100
- 72162200
- 72164010
- 72164090
- 72165010
- 72165091
- 72165099
- 72169900

Product number 13: rebar

Commodity codes are:

- 72142000
- 72149910

Product number 16: non-alloy and other alloy wire rod

Commodity codes are:

- 72131000
- 72139149
- 72271000
- 72132000
- 72139170
- 72272000
- 72139110
- 72139190
- 72279010
- 72139120
- 72139910
- 72279050
- 72139141
- 72139990
- 72279095

Product number 17: angles, shapes, and sections of iron or non-alloy steel

Commodity codes are:

- 72163110
- 72163219
- 72163310
- 72163190
- 72163291
- 72163390

- 72163211
- 72163299

Product number 19: railway material

Commodity codes are:

- 73021022
- 73021028
- 73021050

Product number 20: gas pipe

Commodity codes are:

- 73063041
- 73063049
- 73063072
- 73063077

Product number 21: hollow section

Commodity codes are:

- 73066110
- 73066192
- 73066199

Product number 25A: large welded tube (1)

Commodity codes are:

- 73051100
- 73051200

Product number 25B: large welded tube (2)

Commodity codes are:

- 73051900
- 73052000
- 73053100
- 73053900
- 73059000

Product number 26: other welded tube

Commodity codes are:

- 73061100
- 73061900
- 73062100
- 73062900
- 73063012
- 73063018
- 73063080
- 73064020
- 73064080

- 73065021
- 73065029
- 73065080
- 73066910
- 73066990
- 73069000

Duty amount

The additional amount of duty ('safeguard duty') applicable to steel goods imported outside of the quota is 25% ad valorem.

The safeguard duty is applicable to the net free-at-the-frontier price of the good (before any other amount of import duty).

Duration

The tariff-rate quota applies from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Quota amount and allocation

The quota is divided into 4 quarters over one year and specifies for each goods category the amount of steel goods that may be imported free of safeguard duty in any given quarter.

Change to the access to unused quota in the next quarter

Any unused balance will no longer accumulate throughout the year. Any unused quota allocated for steel goods originating in a country or territory will no longer be available in the next quarter for steel goods originating in that country or territory.

Change to the open access to unused quota in quarter 4 of each year

Importers of steel goods originating in a country or territory with an exhausted quota allocation for the year can no longer apply for the right to use any remaining quota allocated for steel goods originating in all other countries or territories, in quarter 4.

Right to access quota

The right to access the quota is granted by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to importers in the United Kingdom on a first-come, first-served basis.

Importers are asked to cite the relevant order number set out in the annex or as otherwise specified on the online tariff tool (https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/find_commodity) when applying to His Majesty's Revenue and Customs to access a particular quota.

The rules relating to the right to access the category 1A and 1B quotas continues to apply as described in trade remedies notice 2024/08 (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-tariff-rate-quotas-on-steel-goods/trade-remedies-notice-202408-safeguard-measure-tariff-rate-quota-on-steel-goods).

Quota amount and allocation for year 8

The year 8 quarters are:

- quarter 1: 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025
- quarter 2: 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025
- quarter 3: 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- quarter 4: 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026

The allocations made in this notice supersede the allocations for year 8 in trade remedies notice 2024/06 (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-tariff-rate-quotas-on-steel-goods/trade-remedies-notice-202406-safeguard-measure-tariff-rate-quota-on-steel-goods) and trade remedies notice 2024/08 (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-tariff-rate-quotas-on-steel-goods/trade-remedies-notice-202408-safeguard-measure-tariff-rate-quota-on-steel-goods).

The application of the safeguard measure will continue to be suspended from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026 with respect to goods originating in Ukraine.

Category 4, 7 and 13 Residual Quota Country Caps

Category 4 Residual Quota Country Cap

The right to access the category 4 residual quota is administered by HMRC to importers in the United Kingdom on a first-come, first-served basis. The category 4 residual quota will continue to be allocated as a single quota, however, with a 15% cap on exports per quarter for any individual country or territory. Once the overall residual allocation is exhausted, the out-of-quota 25% duty will apply to all imports, regardless of whether a country or territory’s total quarter cap allocation has been reached. Once a country or territory’s total quarter cap allocation has been reached, the out-of-quota 25% duty will apply to all imports from that country or territory, regardless of whether the overall residual quota allocation limit has been reached.

More information on how to access the quota can be found in the footnotes attached to the measure on the online tariff tool (https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/find_commodity).

Category 7 and 13 Residual Quota Country Caps

The right to access the category 7 and 13 residual quotas is administered by HMRC to importers in the United Kingdom on a first-come, first-served basis. The category 7 and 13 residual quotas will continue to be allocated as a single quota, however, with a 20% cap on exports per quarter for any individual country or territory. Once the overall residual allocation is exhausted, the out-of-quota 25% duty will apply to all imports, regardless of whether a country or territory's total quarter cap allocation has been reached. Once a country or territory's total quarter cap allocation has been reached, the out-of-quota 25% duty will apply to all imports from that country or territory, regardless of whether the overall residual quota allocation limit has been reached.

More information on how to access the quota can be found in the footnotes attached to the measure on the online tariff tool (https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/find_commodity).

Table 1: year 8 quota amount and allocation by country and territory from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Product category	Country or territory	Quarter 1 (in tonnes)	Quarter 2 (in tonnes)	Quarter 3 (in tonnes)	Quarter 4 (in tonnes)
1A	EU	187,671	187,671	183,592	185,631
1A	Turkey	24,641	24,641	24,105	24,373
1A	Taiwan	13,718	13,718	13,420	13,570
1A	Residual	23,611	23,611	23,097	23,354
1B	Total global quota	579,166	579,166	566,579	572,874
1B	Global - 40% cap for any individual	231,666	231,666	226,631	229,150

	exporting country				
4	EU	324,154	324,154	317,107	320,630
4	Taiwan	33,513	33,513	32,785	33,149
4	India	24,752	24,752	24,213	24,482
4	Residual	85,595	85,595	83,735	84,665
4	Residual 15% cap for any individual exporting country	12,839	12,839	12,560	12,700
5	EU	36,684	36,684	35,886	36,284
5	South Korea	14,907	14,907	14,583	14,745
5	Residual	2,228	2,228	2,180	2,204
6	EU	31,986	31,986	31,290	31,638
6	China	8,121	8,121	7,944	8,032
6	Taiwan	2,652	2,652	2,595	2,623
6	South Korea	2,518	2,518	2,462	2,489
6	Residual	1,085	1,085	1,062	1,073
7	EU	71,178	71,178	69,631	70,404
7	Residual	25,401	25,401	24,849	25,125
7	Residual 20% cap for any individual exporting country	5,080	5,080	4,970	5,025
12A	EU	29,517	29,517	28,876	29,197
12A	Residual	4,246	4,246	4,153	4,200
12B	EU	35,458	35,458	34,688	35,073

12B	Turkey	13,346	13,346	13,056	13,201
12B	Residual	7,585	7,585	7,419	7,501
13	EU	74,521	74,521	72,902	73,712
13	Turkey	35,304	35,304	34,538	34,921
13	Residual	24,037	24,037	23,514	23,776
13	Residual 20% cap for any individual exporting country	4,807	4,807	4,703	4,755
16	EU	75,021	75,021	73,389	74,205
16	Residual	3,275	3,275	3,204	3,240
17	EU	170,816	170,816	167,102	168,959
17	Residual	17,753	17,753	17,366	17,560
19	EU	4,797	4,797	4,693	4,745
19	Residual	141	141	138	139
20	EU	7,079	7,079	6,925	7,002
20	India	3,640	3,640	3,561	3,600
20	Turkey	15,728	15,728	15,386	15,558
20	Residual	740	740	724	732
21	EU	11,332	11,332	11,086	11,209
21	Turkey	37,335	37,335	36,524	36,930
21	Residual	3,445	3,445	3,370	3,407
25A	EU	6,333	6,333	6,195	6,264
25A	South Korea	1,265	1,265	1,237	1,251

25A	Japan	8,276	8,276	8,097	8,186
25A	Residual	2,232	2,232	2,184	2,208
25B	EU	16,290	16,290	15,936	16,113
25B	Japan	2,051	2,051	2,007	2,029
25B	South Korea	4,682	4,682	4,580	4,631
25B	Residual	4,938	4,938	4,831	4,885
26	EU	22,820	22,820	22,323	22,572
26	Turkey	11,140	11,140	10,898	11,019
26	China	5,860	5,860	5,733	5,797
26	UAE	15,335	15,335	15,002	15,169
26	Residual	10,118	10,118	9,898	10,008

Goods excluded

Exclusion for steel goods originating in signatory countries or territories.

All steel goods originating in a signatory country or territory specified are excluded from the:

- quota amount allocated for all other countries or territories
- application of the safeguard duty

Signatory countries or territories

The signatory countries or territories are:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bahamas
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago

Limited exclusion for steel goods originating in developing countries or territories.

Except for steel goods in a goods category originating in a developing country or territory annotated with that goods category, any steel goods originating in a developing country or territory specified below are excluded from the:

- quota amount allocated for all other countries or territories
- application of the safeguard duty

Developing countries or territories

The developing countries or territories are:

- Afghanistan

- Albania
- Angola
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belize
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cape Verde
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- China (categories: 6^^, 25[a]++, 25[b]++, 26^^)
- Colombia
- Congo
- Costa Rica
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Cuba
- Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Djibouti
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt (categories: 13++)
- El Salvador
- Eswatini
- Fiji
- Gabon
- The Gambia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- India (Category: 1[a]++, 1[b]++, 4^^, 20^^, 26++)
- Indonesia
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos

- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Macao
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar (Burma)
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- North Macedonia
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru

- Philippines
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Suriname
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey (categories: 1[a]^^, 1[b]++, 12[b]^^ 13^^, 16++, 17++, 20^^, 21^^, 26^^)
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates (categories: 21++, 26^^)
- Uruguay
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela

- Vietnam (categories: 1[a]++, 1[b]++, 4++)
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Key:

^^ denotes a quota amount for the goods category is allocated for the country or territory

++ denotes the quota amount for the goods category allocated to all other countries or territories is available for the country or territory.

Annex Table 1: order numbers for importers to access the tariff-rate quota on steel goods

Goods category	Origin country or territory	Order number
A [1a]	European Union	58001
A [1a]	Turkey	58967
A [1a]	Taiwan	58085
A [1a]	All others	58002
A [1b]	Global	See online tariff tool
C [4]	European Union	58006
C [4]	Taiwan	58088
C [4]	India	58106
C [4]	All others	See online tariff tool

D [5]	European Union	58010
D [5]	South Korea	58827
D [5]	All others	58011
L [6]	European Union	58012
L [6]	China	58831
L [6]	Taiwan	58098
L [6]	South Korea	58097
L [6]	All others	58013
M [7]	European Union	58014
M [7]	All others	See online tariff tool
N[12][a]	European Union	58100
N[12][a]	All others	58102
N[12][b]	European Union	58103
N[12][b]	Turkey	58104
N[12][b]	All others	58105
E [13]	European Union	58018
E [13]	Turkey	58866
E [13]	All others	See online tariff tool
O [16]	European Union	58026
O [16]	All others	58027
P [17]	European Union	58028
P [17]	All others	58029

F [19]	European Union	58030
F [19]	All others	58031
G [20]	European Union	58032
G [20]	Turkey	58911
G [20]	India	58912
G [20]	All others	58033
H [21]	European Union	58034
H [21]	Turkey	58916
H [21]	All others	58035
I [25][a]	European Union	58091
I [25][a]	South Korea	58095
I [25][a]	Japan	58108
I [25][a]	All others	58036
J [25][b]	European Union	58037
J [25][b]	South Korea	58974
J [25][b]	Japan	58109
J [25][b]	All others	58038
K [26]	European Union	58039
K [26]	United Arab Emirates	58948
K [26]	Turkey	58947
K [26]	China	58949
K [26]	All others	58041

1. In connection with paragraph (6)(a)(ii) of paragraph 21 of Schedule 5 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/22/schedule/5/paragraph/21) to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/22), regulation 38(2C) (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/449/regulation/38) of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/449/), and paragraph 10(f)(i) of the Schedule (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/449/schedule/paragraph/10) to the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/449/).

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