

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS****NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9.1, FOOTNOTE 2  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

UNITED KINGDOM

*Certain steel products**Supplement*

The following communication, dated and received on 31 March 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

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Pursuant to Article 12 and Article 9.1 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies that on 31 March 2026, the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) accepted the recommendation of the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) to vary the safeguard measure on category 4 (metallic coated sheet) from Türkiye. The details of this are set out in this notification.

By way of background, on 24 February 2026 the TRA initiated a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review relating to the developing country exceptions to the safeguard measure on category 4 steel products as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.34](#).

On 18 March 2026, the UK notified that the TRA had published an amendment to its intended final determination as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.35](#).

On 31 March 2026, the Secretary of State accepted the TRA's recommendation to vary the safeguard measure, with effect from 1 April 2026. More details on the Secretary of State's final decision can be found on<sup>1</sup>:

- The public notice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-tariff-rate-quotas-on-steel-goods/trade-remedies-notice-202615-safeguard-measure-tariff-rate-quota-on-steel-goods>.
- The Trade Remedies Service Platform: <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TQ0085/>.

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<sup>1</sup> The document is also available from the WTO Secretariat. To consult it, please contact Ms Anne Richards of the Rules Division ([anne.richards@wto.org](mailto:anne.richards@wto.org)).

**1. Provide the precise description of the product(s) involved**

<b>Product Number</b>	<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Commodity Codes</b>
4	Metallic coated sheet	7210 2000, 7210 4100, 7210 4900, 7210 6100, 7210 6900 20, 7210 6900 80, 7210 9080, 7212 2000, 7212 3000, 7212 5020, 7212 5030, 7212 5040, 7212 5061, 7212 5069, 7212 5090, 7225 9100, 7225 9200, 7225 9900, 7226 9910, 7226 9930, 7226 9970

**2. Provide precise description of the adjustments**

On 24 February 2026, the TRA launched a TRQ review in response to an application from Tata Steel UK, and reviewed the data which indicated that there has been a change in circumstances, namely that imports from Türkiye in metallic coated sheet now exceed the 3% import share threshold for a developing country exemption.

The TRA reviewed data from HMRC's 8-digit Customs Declaration for UK imports of metallic coated sheet, as well as reviewing the imports of goods subject to review from all other WTO developing country members. The TRA's review assessed whether there has been a change in circumstances. The TRA found that Türkiye exported approximately 54,000 tonnes of metallic coated sheet to the UK in the final quarter of 2025, equivalent to 18% of total UK imports over that period. This meant that the import levels of the goods subject to review, that are currently excluded from application of the category 4 TRQ, account for more than 3% of total imports into the UK.

In view of these findings, the TRA recommended varying the TRQ, to ensure that imports of the goods subject to review originating in Türkiye are no longer excepted from the application of the safeguarding measure, and that Turkish imports of category 4 steel goods should have access to a country-specific quota.

Annex 1 sets out the TRQs, the quarterly volumes of country/customs territory and residual TRQ (in tonnes) from 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026.

Annex 2 sets out the developing country members of the WTO.

Annex 3 sets out the FTA partners with a current safeguard exception.

**3. Provide proposed date or actual date of introduction of the adjustments.**

The adjustments will enter into effect on 1 April 2026.

**ANNEX****Annex 1: Tariff Rate Quotas**

**Quarterly volumes of country and residual tariff-rate quota (in tonnes) 01/01/26 – 30/06/26.**

Product category	Country or customs territory	01/01/2026 to 31/03/2026	01/04/2026 to 30/06/2026
4	EU	317,107	320,630
	Chinese Taipei	32,785	33,149
	India	24,213	24,482
	Türkiye	-	24,413
	Residual	83,735	84,665
	Residual 15% cap for any individual exporting country	12,560	12,700
	Total	457,840	487,339

**Annex 2: Developing-country Members of the WTO**

Afghanistan; Albania; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belize; Benin; Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Eswatini; Fiji; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Jamaica; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Rwanda; Saint Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint 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; Türkiye; Uganda; Ukraine; UAE; Uruguay; Vanuatu; Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

**Annex 3: FTA partners with a current safeguard exception**

Agreement	Multilateral safeguard exception
UK – Kenya	Active
UK – CARIFORUM EPA (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, the Bahamas, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago)	Active
SACUM-UK EPA (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Mozambique)	Active