

**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.

Pursuant to Article 12 and Article 9.1 and its footnote 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 12A steel products (alloy merchant bars and light sections). The details of this are set out in this notification.

By way of background, on 14 January 2026 the TRA initiated a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review of the safeguard measure applying to category 12A steel products as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.31](https://www.wto.org/TradeRemedies/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.31).

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:¹

- 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/TQ0078/#public-file>

¹ 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).

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

Product Number	Product Category	Commodity Codes
12A	Alloy merchant bars and light sections	7228 30 20 00, 7228 30 41 00, 7228 30 61 00, 7228 30 69 00, 7228 30 70 00, 7228 30 89 00, 7228 60 20 00, 7228 70 10 00

2. Provide precise description of the adjustments

On 14 January 2026, the TRA launched a TRQ review after receiving trade data indicating that there may have been a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQ, namely the TRQ may have impacted traditional trade flows, and UK production of certain goods like those covered by category 12A may have ceased.

The TRA reviewed data from HMRC's 8-digit Customs Declaration for UK imports of alloy merchant bars and light sections. The TRA's review assessed whether there had been a change in circumstances. The TRA found that the TRQ was impacting traditional trade flows of category 12A goods. The TRA also found that production of certain UK goods like the goods subject to review ceased during the period of investigation ('POI'), in particular UK goods falling under the following three commodity codes: 7228 30 41 00, 7228 30 20 00 and 7228 60 20 00.

In view of these findings, the TRA recommended varying the TRQ to remove commodity codes of goods like those subject to review that the TRA concluded have ceased production during the POI. The TRA recommended varying the allocation of the quota so that it applies only to imports of category 12A goods for which there is equivalent UK production during and after the POI.

Annex 1 sets out the TRQs, the quarterly volumes of country 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
12A	EU	28,876	29,197
	Residual	4,153	4,200
	Total	33,029	33,397

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; Comoros; 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; Israel; Jamaica; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Korea; Republic of; 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; Singapore; Solomon Islands; South Africa; Sri Lanka; Suriname; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; 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 – CARIFORUM EPA (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, the Bahamas, Dominica, The 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	Active