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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 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies that on 31 March 2026, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) determined that the safeguard measure on category 4 steel products (metallic coated sheet) and category 7 steel products (non-alloy and other alloy quarto plates) should be maintained in accordance with the relevant public notice published by the Secretary of State. The details of this are set out in this notification.

By way of background, on 14 January 2026 the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) initiated a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review on the safeguard measure on categories 4 and 7 steel products as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.32](#).

On 31 March 2026, the TRA determined that the TRQs on categories 4 and 7 should be maintained in accordance with the relevant public notice published by the Secretary of State. More details on the TRA's final determination can be found on¹:

- 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/TQ0077/#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
4	Metallic coated sheet	7210 6100 20, 7210 6900 80
7	Non-alloy and other alloy quarto products	7208 5191 00, 7208 5291 00, 7208 5198 00, 7208 5120 00, 7208 5299 00, 7208 5120 10

2. Provide precise description of the findings and determination

On 14 January 2026, the TRA launched a TRQ review after receiving trade data indicating a potential change in circumstances, namely that the TRQ, or any part of the quota, has been exhausted, and the impact of the TRQ on traditional trade flows.

The TRA reviewed data from HMRC's 8-digit Customs Declaration for UK imports of metallic coated sheet (category 4), and non-alloy and other alloy quarto steel plate (category 7). The TRA's review assessed whether there had been a change in circumstances. The TRA found that parts of the TRQs were exhausted during the period of investigation (POI), specifically the country-specific caps for categories 4 and 7 were reached in the final quarter of the POI. The TRA also found that the TRQs were impacting traditional trade flows of categories 4 and 7 goods. Therefore, there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQ.

The TRA also considered whether the allocation of the TRQ is suitable, using evidence provided by the applicants to the review, evidence provided by interested parties, and HMRC import data. The TRA found that there are like or directly competitive goods produced in the UK for both commodity codes in category 4, and that the import price of Aluzinc and aluminised steel is sufficiently similar to these like or directly competitive goods. Due to this, varying the measure to remove these commodity codes would risk serious injury to UK industry. Therefore, the TRA concluded that it should not recommend removing these goods from the category 4 TRQ.

The TRA considered whether the TRQ is appropriate for the domestic market conditions, and found that overall quota usage is low enough to allow downstream users of categories 4 and 7 products to import the product required for the UK market, without incurring the out-of-quota safeguarding duty by importing from regions with unexhausted quotas or country caps that have been unattained.

The TRA also found that like and directly competitive goods are produced in the UK for all five commodity codes in category 7 and there is limited direct competition between UK produced plates and imported plate products. The TRA concluded that it should not recommend removing these goods from the category 7 TRQ.

In view of these findings, the TRA determined that the TRQs for categories 4 and 7 should be maintained in accordance with the relevant public notice published by the Secretary of State.

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.

Not applicable.

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
	15% cap for any individual exporting country	12,560	12,700

	Total	457,840	487,339 ¹
7	EU	69,631	70,404
	Residual	24,849	25,125
	20% country cap within residual quota	4,970	5,025
	Total	99,450	100,554

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
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¹ The individual country quota category 4 products from Türkiye is conditional on the outcome of the TRQ review TQ0085, which can be accessed via the [public file for this review](#). The total quota for category 4 without Türkiye is 462,926 tonnes.