



Registration Form

For all Interested Parties and contributors

Tariff Rate Quota Review

Case SM0015: Certain Steel products

Period of Investigation:	2015 to 2019
Injury Period:	N/A
Deadline for response:	18 February
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Completed on behalf of:	Stemcor Distribution Limited
Party type (select):	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributor <input type="checkbox"/> Government of relevant foreign country or territory (<i>Interested Party</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade or business association representing overseas exporters or UK importers of the good(s) subject to review (<i>Interested Party</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade or business association representing UK producers of like goods or directly competitive goods (<i>Interested Party</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> UK Producer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Importer <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas Exporter

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Instructions

I – Who should complete this form?

You should complete this form if you are would like to register your interest in this case.

II – Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of this document. Please ensure that each page of information you provide is clearly marked either “Confidential” or “Non-Confidential” in the header. It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information.

Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#how-we-handle-confidential-information> for further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this document.

All information provided to the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) in confidence will be treated accordingly and only used for this investigation (except in limited circumstance as permitted by regulation 17 of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and will be stored in protected systems.

The non-confidential version of your submission will be placed on the public file, which is available at www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases.



Section A – Your organisation’s interest in the review

To register your organisation’s interest in this review, please complete the text boxes below. You should use this form if you are an interested party or contributor including foreign government. For a definition of goods subject to review, please refer to the Notice of Initiation.

Please describe your role with regards to the goods subject to review:

Stemcor Distribution Limited is a trading and distribution business based in the UK. We import a variety of steel products, including both Category 4 – Metallic Coated Sheets and Category 5 – Organic Coated sheets. We import from a range of origins, holding this material at several ports around the UK. We offer UK customers a just in time delivery service from the port, and also provide them with finance / credit terms.

Please describe your interest in this review:

As a UK importer, we see the direct negative impact that these incorrect quotas are having on our Organic Coated end users. Many UK customers rely on imported steel to maintain their business and cannot secure sufficient supply from domestic producers. With the Category 5 quotas set lower due incorrect historical import statistics, imported steel has been subject to significant duty costs over the past 13 months.



Section B – Additional information

Use the box at the end of this section to provide any other relevant information which you think would be useful to help our review.

Product Category 5

1. Exclusion Request

Our customers have continued to advise that there simply is not enough domestic production of Organic Coated material (from TATA Steel) to serve the entire market. This is especially true as this market has been growing consistently over the past 6 years, as can be evidenced by the increases in imported tonnages.

As such, we are seeing that the current quotas, and also the proposed revised quotas, are not sufficient to service the import market. We therefore believe this product shows clear grounds to be excluded from the UK Safeguard Measures entirely, as the measures will not allow sufficient imports (when combined with domestic production) to ensure adequate supply of these products to the UK construction market.

We note that the UK already took the decision to exclude some product categories from the quota systems back in January 2021 quotas (categories 3, 8, 9, 10, 18, 22, 24) as there is not sufficient UK production to meet the needs of the UK end users.

2. Additional Quota Periods

We ask that the TRA review adjustments to the quotas for previous quota periods also.

3. Country of Despatch vs Country of Origin

We note that the quota figures are based on import statistics driven by the 'Country of Despatch' rather than the 'Country of Origin'.

We ask that when correcting the quotas, this is taken under review.