



## NOTICE OF INITIATION

### Safeguard measure on certain steel products Initiation of a Tariff Rate Quota Review – HMRC Data Correction

#### Review No. SM0015

The Trade Remedies Authority (the TRA) makes the following Notice under regulation 35B(5)(a) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019<sup>1</sup> (the Regulations) to initiate a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review into goods belonging to Categories 4 (Metallic Coated Sheets), 5 (Organic Coated Sheets), and 19 (Railway Material).

This review concerns three TRQs which were imposed as a result of transition review TF0006, following which measures were imposed from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. Details of the measure imposed are set out in [Trade remedies notice 2021/01: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#) (updated 1 January 2022) published by the Secretary of State for International Trade (the Secretary of State) on 30 June 2021 and with effect from 1 July 2021.

The date of initiation of the review is **4 February 2022**.

#### ***Initiation of a TRQ review***

The TRA has decided to initiate a TRQ review on its own initiative, under regulation 35B(2)(b) of the Regulations, because of a change by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) affecting statistical datasets used as the basis for the calculation of the tariff rate quotas applicable to the goods subject to this review.

#### ***Issues for consideration in a TRQ review***

In this TRQ review the TRA will reassess traditional trade flows affected by the rectification and updating of statistical datasets by HMRC. When conducting a TRQ review, the TRA will refer to available information to determine whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQ.

During the TRQ review the TRA may consider:

- whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of that tariff rate quota to the goods subject to review;
- whether the amount or allocation of the TRQ is appropriate for domestic market conditions;
- the desirability of maintaining, as far as possible, traditional trade flows;

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2019/449.

- any other factors that the TRA considers relevant, including the importance of ensuring TRQ recommendations are calculated based on correct and up-to-date underlying trade data, including revisions.

### ***How to take part in the review***

#### ***Registration period***

Anyone interested in taking part in this TRQ review can register their interest through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by **11 February 2022**.

Please contact [sm0015@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:sm0015@traderemedies.gov.uk) if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after **11 February 2022** may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to this TRQ Review through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by **18 February 2022**.

Interested parties may include:

- the government(s) of the relevant foreign country(s) or territory(ies);
- any overseas exporter or importer of the Goods Subject to Review;
- any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the Goods Subject to Review;
- any producer of like goods and/or directly competitive goods in the UK; and
- any trade or business association of UK producers of like goods and/or directly competitive goods.

Contributors are those, other than interested parties, who have notified the TRA to advise that they would like to participate in the review.

Like goods are goods which are like the Goods Subject to Review in all respects, or if there are no such goods, those which have characteristics closely resembling the Goods Subject to Review.

Directly Competitive Goods are goods produced in the UK which are directly competitive with the Goods Subject to Review, i.e. the imported goods subject to review.

#### ***The goods subject to review***

The goods subject to review are those comprised in (and described as) the following categories of steel products and subject to the following tariff classifications:

#### Category 4 (Metallic Coated Sheets)

- 7210 20 00
- 7210 41 00
- 7210 49 00
- 7210 61 00
- 7210 69 00 20
- 7210 69 00 80
- 7210 90 80
- 7212 20 00
- 7212 30 00
- 7212 50 20
- 7212 50 30
- 7212 50 40
- 7212 50 61
- 7212 50 69
- 7212 50 90
- 7225 91 00
- 7225 92 00
- 7225 99 00
- 7226 99 10
- 7226 99 30
- 7226 99 70

#### Category 5 (Organic Coated Sheets)

- 7210 70 80
- 7212 40 80

#### Category 19 (Railway Material)

- 73 02 10 22
- 73 02 10 28
- 73 02 10 50

#### ***Period of investigation (POI)***

The period considered in this TRQ review is **2015 to 2019**. During the review, the TRA will consider HMRC data for this period to assess a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQs on the goods subject to this review.

#### ***Summary of the review process***

The review will involve the following process:

- inviting parties and contributors to register their interest in and comment on the review;

- analysing information gathered; and
- making a Final Determination on whether to maintain, vary or revoke the TRQ.

At the end of the review, a recommendation will be made by the TRA to the Secretary of State which may include provision for the TRQ measure to be maintained, varied or revoked. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept or reject that recommendation.

### ***Oral hearings***

Interested parties can request a hearing during the review process using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

For further information about hearings, please see our [Meetings, Hearings and Visits guidance](#).

### ***Confidential information***

Information provided during a review may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why and provide:

- a non-confidential summary of that information; or
- where that is not possible, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

### ***Further information***

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

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