



NOTICE OF INITIATION

Safeguard measure on certain steel products

Initiation of a Tariff Rate Quota Review – Review of Tariff Rate Quota allocations for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus

Review No. SM0019

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 2019¹ (the Regulations) to initiate a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review into certain steel products (for details of the Goods Subject to Review, see Appendix I).

This review concerns whether the TRQ allocations of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in respect of the Goods Subject to Review need to be reallocated, following a change in circumstances which has occurred since the application of the TRQ to those goods. The TRQ allocations were made as a result of the transition review of safeguard measures on certain steel products. Details of the measure imposed are set out in [Trade remedies notice 2021/01: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#) (updated 22 March 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 **6 April 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. The TRA has sufficient information that indicates that there may have been a change of circumstances since the application of the tariff rate quotas in respect of the Goods Subject to Review. The TRA will investigate the effect of the [introduction by the United Kingdom](#) of trade sanctions on certain goods (including the Goods Subject to Review) imported from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in regard to the invasion of Ukraine including, but not limited to, the Customs (Additional Duty) (Russia and Belarus) Regulations 2022 (SI 2022/379).

¹ S.I. 2019/449.

Issues for consideration in a TRQ review

When conducting this TRQ review, the TRA will refer to available information to determine whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the safeguard measure on certain steel products.

A change in circumstances may, among other things, be:

- the impact of the tariff rate quotas on traditional trade flows;
- the effect of trade sanctions being applied by the United Kingdom to imports of the Goods Subject to Review from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus.

During the TRQ review, the TRA may consider:

- 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;
- any other factors that the TRA considers relevant.

How to take part in the review

Registration period

Anyone interested in taking part in the review can register their interest through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by **12 April 2022**.

Please contact SM0019@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after **12 April 2022** may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

Interested parties and contributors

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to the review through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) until **12 April 2022**.

Interested parties may include:

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

Period of investigation (POI)

The period of investigation for this review is 1 July 2021 to 5 April 2022. During the review, the TRA will consider data for this period to assess a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQs on the Goods Subject to Review.

Summary of the review process

The review may involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the review and to comment on our initial proposed reallocation of the relevant TRQs;
- analysing information gathered; and
- making a determination on whether it would be appropriate for the TRQ allocations of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in respect of the Goods Subject to Review to be reallocated.

At the end of the review, the TRA shall consult with the Secretary of State for International Trade (the Secretary of State) regarding any proposed allocation of the relevant TRQs before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State. The recommendation may include provision for reallocation of the TRQ allocations of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in respect of the Goods Subject to Review. 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](#).

Oliver Griffiths
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6 April 2022

APPENDIX I: THE GOODS SUBJECT TO REVIEW

Product Number	Product Category	Commodity Codes
1	Non alloy and other alloy hot rolled sheet and strip	72081000, 72082500, 72082600, 72082700, 72083600, 72083700, 72083800, 72083900, 72084000, 72085210, 72085299, 72085310, 72085390, 72085400, 72111300, 72111400, 72111900, 72126000, 72251910, 72253010, 72253030, 72253090, 72254015, 72254090, 72261910, 72269120, 72269191, 72269199
13	Rebars	72142000, 72149910