



TARIFF QUOTA REVIEW No. SM0019

Tariff Rate Quota Review on certain steel products – Review of Tariff Rate Quota allocations for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus

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What is happening?

On 3 June 2021, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) made a [recommendation to the Secretary of State](#) at the conclusion of its transition review of safeguard measures on certain steel products (the original transition review).

The TRA has sufficient information that indicates there may have been a change of circumstances since the application of the tariff rate quotas (TRQs) in respect of 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 |

This change of circumstances is the impact on the domestic economy of trade sanctions on the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus imposed by the United Kingdom. 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).



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The TRA has decided to initiate a TRQ review on its own initiative, under regulation 35B(2)(b) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations), and will investigate the effect of such sanctions.

The TRA proposes to vary the TRQs in order to maintain trade flows which have been affected by the change of circumstances. In Annex 1, we have set out our current proposal for varying the TRQs. This reallocation affects only product categories 1 and 13.

The public file for this TRQ Review can be found on the Trade Remedies Service (TRS) at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/SM0019/>.

Submitting information

Parties with an interest in this TRQ review are invited to comment on the TRA's proposed course of action by registering their interest on the TRS and uploading any submission to the TRS by 12 April 2022.

Please contact SM0019@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties in respect of commenting on this review.

Please note that you will have to provide two copies of your response – a Confidential and a Non-Confidential version. See Annex 4 for further information.

After we have considered the evidence submitted we will consult with the Secretary of State regarding the allocation of the relevant TRQs.

We intend to make our final recommendation to the Secretary of State as soon as possible after this consultation.

6 April 2022



Annex 1 – TRQ proposals

Product category 1

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Description | Non alloy and other alloy hot rolled sheets and strips |
| Commodity codes | 7208 10 00, 7208 25 00, 7208 26 00, 7208 27 00, 7208 36 00, 7208 37 00, 7208 38 00, 7208 39 00, 7208 40 00, 7208 52 10, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 10, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 13 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, 7212 60 00, 7225 19 10, 7225 30 10, 7225 30 30, 7225 30 90, 7225 40 15, 7225 40 90, 7226 19 10, 7226 91 20, 7226 91 91, 7226 91 99 |

Table 1a: Product category 1 – Current TRQs

| Category 1: Current quarterly country-specific and residual TRQs (tonnes) | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| Quarter | | EU | Turkey | Taiwan | Russia | Residual | Total |
| 01/04/2022 | 30/06/2022 | 163,258 | 22,732 | 12,653 | 11,654 | 15,452 | 225,749 |
| 01/07/2022 | 30/09/2022 | 170,004 | 23,671 | 13,176 | 12,135 | 16,090 | 235,076 |
| 01/10/2022 | 31/12/2022 | 170,004 | 23,671 | 13,176 | 12,135 | 16,090 | 235,076 |
| 01/01/2023 | 31/03/2023 | 166,308 | 23,157 | 12,890 | 11,871 | 15,740 | 229,966 |
| 01/04/2023 | 30/06/2023 | 168,156 | 23,414 | 13,033 | 12,003 | 15,915 | 232,521 |
| 01/07/2023 | 30/09/2023 | 174,625 | 24,315 | 13,534 | 12,465 | 16,527 | 241,466 |
| 01/10/2023 | 31/12/2023 | 174,625 | 24,315 | 13,534 | 12,465 | 16,527 | 241,466 |
| 01/01/2024 | 31/03/2024 | 172,727 | 24,050 | 13,387 | 12,330 | 16,348 | 238,842 |
| 01/04/2024 | 30/06/2024 | 172,727 | 24,050 | 13,387 | 12,330 | 16,348 | 238,842 |

Table 1b: Product category 1 – Proposed reallocation of TRQs

| Category 1: Current quarterly country-specific and residual TRQs (tonnes) | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| Quarter | | EU | Turkey | Taiwan | Russia | Residual | Total |
| 01/04/2022 | 30/06/2022 | 169,768 | 23,638 | 13,436 | 0 | 18,908 | 225,749 |
| 01/07/2022 | 30/09/2022 | 176,782 | 24,615 | 13,991 | 0 | 19,689 | 235,076 |
| 01/10/2022 | 31/12/2022 | 176,782 | 24,615 | 13,991 | 0 | 19,689 | 235,076 |
| 01/01/2023 | 31/03/2023 | 172,939 | 24,080 | 13,687 | 0 | 19,261 | 229,966 |
| 01/04/2023 | 30/06/2023 | 174,860 | 24,347 | 13,839 | 0 | 19,475 | 232,521 |
| 01/07/2023 | 30/09/2023 | 181,587 | 25,284 | 14,371 | 0 | 20,224 | 241,466 |
| 01/10/2023 | 31/12/2023 | 181,587 | 25,284 | 14,371 | 0 | 20,224 | 241,466 |
| 01/01/2024 | 31/03/2024 | 179,614 | 25,009 | 14,215 | 0 | 20,004 | 238,842 |
| 01/04/2024 | 30/06/2024 | 179,614 | 25,009 | 14,215 | 0 | 20,004 | 238,842 |

Table 1c: Product category 1 – Change in TRQs

| Category 1: Current quarterly country-specific and residual TRQs (tonnes) | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| Quarter | | EU | Turkey | Taiwan | Russia | Residual | Total |
| 01/04/2022 | 30/06/2022 | +6,510 | +906 | +783 | -11,654 | +3,456 | 0 |
| 01/07/2022 | 30/09/2022 | +6,778 | +944 | +815 | -12,135 | +3,599 | 0 |
| 01/10/2022 | 31/12/2022 | +6,778 | +944 | +815 | -12,135 | +3,599 | 0 |
| 01/01/2023 | 31/03/2023 | +6,631 | +923 | +797 | -11,871 | +3,521 | 0 |
| 01/04/2023 | 30/06/2023 | +6,704 | +933 | +806 | -12,003 | +3,560 | 0 |
| 01/07/2023 | 30/09/2023 | +6,962 | +969 | +837 | -12,465 | +3,697 | 0 |
| 01/10/2023 | 31/12/2023 | +6,962 | +969 | +837 | -12,465 | +3,697 | 0 |
| 01/01/2024 | 31/03/2024 | +6,887 | +959 | +828 | -12,330 | +3,656 | 0 |
| 01/04/2024 | 30/06/2024 | +6,887 | +959 | +828 | -12,330 | +3,656 | 0 |



Product category 13

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Description | Rebars |
| Commodity codes | 7214 20 00, 7214 99 10 |

Table 2a: Product category 13 – Current TRQs

| Category 13: Current quarterly country-specific and residual TRQs (tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|---------|
| Quarter | | EU | Turkey | Ukraine | Russia | Belarus | Residual | Total |
| 01/04/2022 | 30/06/2022 | 49,814 | 28,699 | 12,263 | 6,056 | 20,822 | 3,396 | 121,050 |
| 01/07/2022 | 30/09/2022 | 51,873 | 29,885 | 12,770 | 6,306 | 21,683 | 3,536 | 126,053 |
| 01/10/2022 | 31/12/2022 | 51,873 | 29,885 | 12,770 | 6,306 | 21,683 | 3,536 | 126,053 |
| 01/01/2023 | 31/03/2023 | 50,745 | 29,236 | 12,498 | 6,169 | 21,211 | 3,459 | 123,313 |
| 01/04/2023 | 30/06/2023 | 51,309 | 29,560 | 12,631 | 6,237 | 21,447 | 3,498 | 124,682 |
| 01/07/2023 | 30/09/2023 | 53,283 | 30,698 | 13,117 | 6,477 | 22,272 | 3,632 | 129,479 |
| 01/10/2023 | 31/12/2023 | 53,283 | 30,698 | 13,117 | 6,477 | 22,272 | 3,632 | 129,479 |
| 01/01/2024 | 31/03/2024 | 52,704 | 30,364 | 12,975 | 6,407 | 22,030 | 3,593 | 128,073 |
| 01/04/2024 | 30/06/2024 | 52,704 | 30,364 | 12,975 | 6,407 | 22,030 | 3,593 | 128,073 |

Table 2b: Product category 13 – Proposed reallocation of TRQs

| Category 13: Proposed quarterly country-specific and residual TRQs (tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|---------|
| Quarter | | EU | Turkey | Ukraine | Russia | Belarus | Residual | Total |
| 01/04/2022 | 30/06/2022 | 66,981 | 31,850 | 13,222 | 0 | 0 | 8,997 | 121,050 |
| 01/07/2022 | 30/09/2022 | 69,750 | 33,167 | 13,768 | 0 | 0 | 9,368 | 126,053 |
| 01/10/2022 | 31/12/2022 | 69,750 | 33,167 | 13,768 | 0 | 0 | 9,368 | 126,053 |
| 01/01/2023 | 31/03/2023 | 68,233 | 32,446 | 13,469 | 0 | 0 | 9,165 | 123,313 |
| 01/04/2023 | 30/06/2023 | 68,991 | 32,806 | 13,618 | 0 | 0 | 9,266 | 124,682 |
| 01/07/2023 | 30/09/2023 | 71,645 | 34,068 | 14,142 | 0 | 0 | 9,623 | 129,479 |
| 01/10/2023 | 31/12/2023 | 71,645 | 34,068 | 14,142 | 0 | 0 | 9,623 | 129,479 |
| 01/01/2024 | 31/03/2024 | 70,867 | 33,698 | 13,989 | 0 | 0 | 9,518 | 128,073 |
| 01/04/2024 | 30/06/2024 | 70,867 | 33,698 | 13,989 | 0 | 0 | 9,518 | 128,073 |

Table 2c: Product category 13 – Change in TRQs

| Category 13: Change in quarterly country-specific and residual TRQs (tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| Quarter | | EU | Turkey | Ukraine | Russia | Belarus | Residual | Total |
| 01/04/2022 | 30/06/2022 | +17,167 | +3,151 | +959 | -6,056 | -20,822 | +5,601 | 0 |
| 01/07/2022 | 30/09/2022 | +17,877 | +3,282 | +998 | -6,306 | -21,683 | +5,832 | 0 |
| 01/10/2022 | 31/12/2022 | +17,877 | +3,282 | +998 | -6,306 | -21,683 | +5,832 | 0 |
| 01/01/2023 | 31/03/2023 | +17,488 | +3,210 | +976 | -6,169 | -21,211 | +5,706 | 0 |
| 01/04/2023 | 30/06/2023 | +17,682 | +3,246 | +987 | -6,237 | -21,447 | +5,768 | 0 |
| 01/07/2023 | 30/09/2023 | +18,362 | +3,370 | +1,025 | -6,477 | -22,272 | +5,991 | 0 |
| 01/10/2023 | 31/12/2023 | +18,362 | +3,370 | +1,025 | -6,477 | -22,272 | +5,991 | 0 |
| 01/01/2024 | 31/03/2024 | +18,163 | +3,334 | +1,014 | -6,407 | -22,030 | +5,925 | 0 |
| 01/04/2024 | 30/06/2024 | +18,163 | +3,334 | +1,014 | -6,407 | -22,030 | +5,925 | 0 |

Please note that, due to rounding, the totals may not exactly match the sum of the country-specific and residual quotas presented in these tables. The proposed TRQs have been calculated according to the principles set out in Annex 2.



Annex 2 – TRQ calculation methodology

TRQs established by the original transition review

TRQs for those categories within the measure extended in June 2021 are based on import volumes in the last three representative years at the time: 2017 to 2019. TRQs for the transitioned measure applicable between 1 January and 30 June 2021 were calculated by DIT on the basis of 2015 to 2017 average import volumes following the methodology applied by the EU. Where 2017-2019 data led to the conclusion that a more restrictive measure should be imposed, which is not permitted, the TRA maintained the existing measure (i.e., maintained DIT quotas)¹.

WTO law obliges members to ensure that safeguard quotas become less restrictive with time. A 3% liberalisation rate was applied for year one of the TRQ (Q3 2021 – Q2 2022) with a further 3% liberalisation for each year of the TRQ. This maintained the liberalisation rate used by the European Commission.

Because the quotas are managed quarterly, annual quotas are divided into quarters using the number of days in each quarter.

The TRQ calculations of the original transition review did not include imports data from countries holding an FTA² with the UK. The import volumes from developing countries exempt from the measure were still counted towards the quota totals.

Where within a product category a country's 2017-2019 average import share exceeded 5%, it was allocated that share of the quota in that product category (a country-specific quota allocation). Trade flows from countries who exported smaller amounts to the UK were maintained by allowing these countries access to a 'residual' quota. The residual quota was based on the average of the remaining imports over the last three representative years.

TRQ reallocation

For product categories 1 and 13 we redistributed the country-specific TRQs for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus to other exporting countries based on the other exporting countries' shares of imports in the category concerned in 2021.

The share of imports for 2021 for the other exporting countries does not take into account the volumes from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, nor import volumes

¹ HMRC import data revisions went back to 2015. As a result, TRA also recalculated DIT quotas for the product categories affected.

² Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, The Commonwealth of the Bahamas, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, The Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Cote D'Ivoire, Kenya, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Mozambique.



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from countries currently exempt from the measure (i.e., countries that have an FTA exemption in the original assessment).



Annex 3 – Timeline

This is an indicative timetable for interested parties and contributors and is in no way legally binding. We may need, at times, to deviate from the suggested timeline below if the specific circumstances of the case so demand.

| Milestone | Date |
|---|---------------|
| Initiation | 6 April 2022 |
| Registration period begins | 6 April 2022 |
| Registration period ends | 12 April 2022 |
| Data analysis | April 2022 |
| Consultation with Secretary of State regarding TRQ allocation | April 2022 |
| TRA recommendation to the Secretary of State | April 2022 |



Annex 4 – Confidentiality

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- ii) the reasons why such a summary could not be provided.

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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.

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