

NOTICE OF INITIATION

TRANSITION REVIEW No.TD0003

Anti-dumping duty on certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) originating in the People's Republic of China

Initiation of a Transition Review of Anti-Dumping Measures

The Secretary of State for International Trade (the Secretary of State) makes the following Notice to initiate a transition review¹ of an EU trade remedies measure under regulation 98 of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations).²

The EU trade remedies measure subject to review is in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/865 of 4 June 2015 as last amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1382 of 2 September 2019.³

The date of initiation of the review is 30 July 2020.

Description of the goods subject to review:

Not plated or not coated wire of non-alloy steel, wire of non-alloy steel plated or coated with zinc and stranded wire of non-alloy steel whether or not plated or coated with not more than 18 wires, containing by weight 0.6 % or more of carbon, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeding 3 mm. Galvanised (but not with any further coating material) seven wire strands in which the diameter of the central wire is identical to or less than 3 % greater than the diameter of any of the 6 other wires are not covered by the measures in force and are not subject to this review.

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Exporting Countries:

People's Republic of China.

¹ Following the publication of a Notice of Determination to transition an EU measure.

² As amended by the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

³ For a copy of the EU Regulation please click here.

Summary of the issues involved in the review

The review will consider—

- whether the application of the anti-dumping amount is necessary or sufficient to offset dumping of the relevant goods in the UK market; and
- whether injury to the UK industry in the relevant goods would occur if the anti-dumping amount were no longer applied to those goods.

Period of investigation:

The period of investigation is 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2019.

Summary of the review process

The review will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the review;
- issuing questionnaires, where practicable, to:
 - overseas exporters or importers of the goods subject to review;
 - any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the goods subject to review;
 - UK producers of like goods. Like goods are goods that are like the goods subject to review in all respects or, if there are no such goods, goods that have characteristics closely resembling the goods subject to review;
 - any trade or business association of UK producers of like goods; and
 - any other party (including interested parties other than the government of the foreign country or territory - and contributors) that has registered an interest in the review.
- verification to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered; and
- publication of a Statement of Essential Facts. Interested parties will have 30 days to comment on the Statement of Essential facts and the Secretary of State will then make a Preliminary Decision.

Interested parties may include:

- the People's Republic of China;
- 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 the like goods in the United Kingdom; and
- any trade or business association of UK producers of the like goods.

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

Oral hearing

Interested parties can request a hearing at any time during the review process using the Trade Remedies Service at https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/.

A hearing may be held if it is convenient for all parties, and if it does not compromise the confidentiality of information gathered during the investigation.

Registration period

Anyone interested in taking part in the review is invited to contact the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate by **14 August 2020**. You can register your interest through the Trade Remedies Service at:

https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/

Please contact <u>TD0003@traderemedies.gov.uk</u> if you have any difficulties using this service.

It is possible that anyone registering their interest after **14 August 2020** may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

Other comments

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to the review through the Trade Remedies Service.

Information provided during the 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

The <u>Trade Remedies Guidance</u> produced by the Department for International Trade provides more information about the review process, including submitting confidential information.

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Department for International Trade

30 July 2020