

Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate

# **Pre-Sampling Questionnaire (Importer)**

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Anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain pre- and poststressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) originating in the People's Republic of China

# Case TD0003: PSC wire and strands exported from the People's Republic of China

Period of Investigation:	01 January 2019 – 31 December 2019		
Injury Period:	01 January 2016 – 31 December 2019		
Deadline for response:	14 August 2020		
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When you have completed this form, indicate the **confidentiality** of this document by placing an X in the relevant box below:

□ Confidential x Non-Confidential – will be made publicly available

Please note that you will have to provide **two copies of your response** – a **Confidential** and a **Non-Confidential version**. Both copies should be returned to TRID using the Trade Remedies Service (<u>www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk</u>) by **14 August 2020**.



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#### The scope of this review

#### Goods subject to review

This review covers certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of nonalloy steel (PSC wires and strands) exported from the People's Republic of China, described as:

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.

These goods subject to review are currently classifiable within the following Taric code(s)

7217 10 90 10 7217 20 90 10 7312 10 61 91 7312 10 65 91 7312 10 69 91

These Taric codes are only given for information.

In this pre-sampling questionnaire, these goods will be referred to as 'the goods subject to review'. Any reference to 'goods subject to review' in this pre-sampling questionnaire refers to the goods description above, regardless of the commodity code under which they are imported.

#### Like goods

This pre-sampling questionnaire asks for information about your company's imports and sales of goods which are **like** the goods subject to review. Any reference to '**like goods'** in this pre-sampling questionnaire refers to goods produced in the UK or imported to the UK from a country other than the People's Republic of China, which are like the goods subject to review in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them.

Please follow the instructions for each question to provide the appropriate information regarding the goods subject to review or like goods.



### Instructions

The Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) of the United Kingdom's Department for International Trade will be carrying out a transition review of each trade remedy measure active under the EU system that the United Kingdom (UK) has decided to transition after EU exit. This transition review will consider whether the anti-dumping measure for certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) exported from the People's Republic of China is necessary or sufficient to offset dumping and whether there would be injury to the UK industry if that measure was removed.

# I - Why you are being asked to complete this pre-sampling questionnaire

We are seeking your cooperation as a UK importer of the good subject to review, to inform our review of whether the current anti-dumping measure should be maintained, varied or discontinued.

This pre-sampling questionnaire allows us to collect basic information and data about your company. If a large number of UK importers complete this pre-sampling questionnaire, we will use the information each one provides to help us decide which companies we want to sample for further investigation. If you are sampled, we will send you a more detailed questionnaire to complete.

For more information about this case, you may refer to the Notice of Initiation published at: <u>www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases</u>.

#### II – Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you are a **UK importer** of certain pre- and poststressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands), imported from the People's Republic of China ('the goods subject to review').

If you are not a **UK importer**, please complete either the relevant Pre-Sampling Questionnaire or the Contributor Registration Form.

#### III – Deadline for response

A completed pre-sampling questionnaire must be submitted to TRID by no later than **14 August 2020**. If you are unable to provide a completed submission by the given due date and you wish to request an extension, please contact **Michanne Haynes-Prempeh**, <u>TD0003@traderemedies.gov.uk</u>



#### IV – Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your pre-sampling questionnaire by the due date. 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 <u>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 questionnaire.</u>

All information provided to TRID in confidence will be treated accordingly and only used for this investigation (except in limited circumstance as permitted by regulation 46 of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (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 on <u>www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases</u>.

#### V – Period of Investigation

The Period of Investigation (POI) referred to in this pre-sampling questionnaire is: **01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019**.

#### VI – Injury Period

The Injury Period referred to in this pre-sampling questionnaire is: **01/01/2016 to 31/12/2019**.





# Section A – Activities of your company and any associated parties

#### A1 – Your company's activities

To determine your company's role for the purpose of this review, please select the activity/activities of your company below. For a definition of goods subject to review/like goods please refer to the section above on 'the scope of this review'.

importer of the goods subject to review in the UK

 $\Box$  other (please give details below)

If you have selected 'other', please describe the role of your company with regards to the goods subject to review or like goods:

#### Please describe your interest in this case:

Megasteel Ltd is the UK's biggest IMPORTER of prestressing wire and strand – currently because the anti dumping duties are so high we are unable to buy this product in China however we have in the past been a significant importer of this product and in the future we would purchase if the anti dumping duties were removed.

Megasteel Ltd import steel from all over the world – including from Brazil, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, South Africa, Malaysia, Hungary, Colombia, India.



#### A2 – Associated parties and operational links

Please give details of all associated parties involved in the production and/or sales (export and/or domestic) of the goods subject to review or like goods during the POI. Both natural persons (individuals) and legal persons (e.g. companies) are considered to be associated where they meet the definition of 'Related Persons' in regulation 128 of the *Customs (Import Duty) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018*.

Examples of activities could include manufacturing, exporting, purchasing, warehousing, sales (domestic), sales (export), further processing of the goods subject to review or like goods.

	Company name	Company location (city, country)	Activities	Relationship
Your company	Megasteel Ltd	Malmesbury UK	Importer	
Associated Party 1				
Associated Party 2				

+ Add additional rows as required

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# Section B – Details of companies you import from

Please provide the contact details for each individual company you import from.

Exporter/Supplier name	Address	Contact Details
We import from many companies around the world – see list of COUNTRIES in previous section.		
Currently we do not and cannot buy from prestressing wire and strand producers in China		

+ Add additional rows as required

# Section C – Sales, imports and domestic purchases

#### C1 – Total company revenue

Please provide your company's total revenue and the revenue of the goods subject to review:

	Value in GBP (£)
Total revenue of your company in the POI	£20 million
Total revenue of your company for the goods subject to review in the POI	£20 million

#### C2 – Your imports of the goods subject to review

Please describe the product that you import and sell in the UK market that meets the product description as above, e.g. wire and or strand, diameter etc.

Please see our website <u>www.megasteel.co.uk</u> – we import wire in the sizes 5mm and 7mm and strand in the sizes 8mm 9.3mm 12.5mm 12.9mm 15.2mm 15.7mm

Does the PSC wire and strand that your company imports and sells in the UK meet the CARES Product Certification standard set out <u>here</u>?

Yes – we import both CARES approved PSC wire and strand and NON CARES approved PSC wire and strand.

Please provide the total volume and value of the goods subject to review imported by your company from the People's Republic of China, in the POI:

	Volume kg	Value in GBP (£)
The goods subject to review imported into the UK in the POI (Sum of next three rows should match volume/value of this row)	None	
The goods subject to review imported into the UK in the POI and <b>resold</b> in the UK		
The goods subject to review imported into the UK in the POI and <b>consumed</b> by your own company		
The goods subject to review imported into the UK in the POI and <b>exported</b>		

#### C3 – Like goods purchased from a UK producer

If you have also **purchased like goods** from a **UK producer** during the POI, please provide the total sales volume and total sales price value of your purchases in the table below.

	Volume <units></units>	Value in GBP (£)
Like goods purchased from UK producers in the POI	Nil	
(Sum of next three rows should match volume/value of this row)		
Like goods purchased from UK producers in the POI and <b>resold</b> in the UK market		
Like goods purchased from UK producers in the POI and <b>consumed</b> by your own company		
Like goods purchased from UK producers in the POI and <b>exported</b>		

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### Section D – Additional information

Please provide any other relevant information which you think would be useful to help our investigation in the box below.

This may include:

- other interested parties you believe should receive a questionnaire;
- any initial views you have about the possible existence of a particular market situation in the domestic market of the exporting country or territory such as:
  - situations/distortions in the domestic market of the exporting country where prices are artificially low;
  - significant barter trade;
  - o prices reflect non-commercial factors; or
  - o any other reason

which means it is not appropriate to use the comparable price to determine the normal value of the goods subject to review; or

- the scope of the investigation
- anything else you consider relevant.

The current anti dumping duties are set at a level which makes it impossible to import any CHINESE PSC produ8cts into the UK (or EU). Our main competition are the EU producers who consistently try to sell at lower prices than we sell at – they use the UK as a dumping ground to sell steel when their domestic markets are struggling.

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In addition, as part of this review, we will conduct an Economic Interest Test to assess whether a measure is in the economic interest of the UK. As part of this process, we would like your help to identify upstream and downstream industries which may wish to contribute to our review. If possible, please provide the names and contact information for any UK-based companies operating upstream or downstream of your business in the supply chain for the like goods.

We supply all of the precast companies in the UK that use prestressing wire and strand in their products.

# **Section E – Certification**

By providing the information above, you acknowledge that your company may be asked to complete a detailed questionnaire and TRID may ask to visit your premises in order to verify the questionnaire response.

The undersigned certifies that the information supplied herein is correct and complete to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

The undersigned certifies that he/she has the authority to supply the information contained herein on behalf of [company name].

Signature (including e-signature):

Nigel Roberts

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Name: Nigel Roberts

Position at company: Managing Director

Date: 13/8/20