**Anti-Dumping Questionnaire (Downstream Questionnaire)**

**Case TD0003: PSC wire and strands exported from the People’s Republic of China**

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# The scope of this review

## Goods subject to review

Trade remedies are measures designed to address unfair trading practices which mean imports from overseas cause injury to UK industry. Measures generally take the form of a tariff payable on imports.

This review covers certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) 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.

Originating in **the People’s Republic of China**, destined for consumption in the UK.

These certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) are currently classifiable within the following commodity code(s)

7217 10 90 10

7217 20 90 10

7312 10 61 91

7312 10 65 91

7312 10 69 91

These commodity codes are only given for information.

In this questionnaire, these goods will be referred to as **‘the goods subject to review’**. Any reference to ‘goods subject to review’in this questionnaire refers to the goods description above, regardless of the commodity code under which they are exported.

## Like goods

In addition to the **‘the goods subject to review’,** we want to know about ‘**like goods’.**  Any reference to ‘**like goods’** in this questionnaire refers to goods which are like the goods subject to review in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them, produced in countries other than the People’s Republic of China (including the UK) and sold in the UK.

## Downstream products

While downstream products will not be covered by any trade remedy measure that we decide to maintain in this review, we need information about them to conduct the Economic Interest Test. The aim of the Economic Interest Test is to assess if the application of a possible trade remedy measure is in the economic interest of the UK, considering effects on wider industries as well as the directly affected UK industry. When conducting the Economic Interest Test we will consider the:

* Injury caused to UK industry by the imports under review and benefits to that industry of removing the injury,
* Economic significance of affected UK industries and consumers,
* Potential effect of the trade remedy measure on industries and consumers,
* Potential effect on particular geographic areas or groups within the UK,
* Potential consequences for the competitive environment and the structure of UK markets for these goods, and
* Other factors that we consider relevant.

You can find more information about this in our [guidance on the Economic Interest Test](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/how-we-apply-the-economic-interest-test).

When assessing if a measure is in the economic interest of the UK, we will consider the effect this measure is likely to have on domestic downstream industries. We are interested in any company which:

Is based in the UK and uses UK-produced like goods;

Is based in the UK and uses the goods subject to review;

* Is based in the UK and uses like goods produced in third countries (a country other than the UK or the People’s Republic of China).

We would also appreciate any information you have on your purchases of the like goods and goods subject to review.

When completing this questionnaire, please provide the data we ask for about your company’s products which use the like goods or goods subject to review. If your company is involved in any other part of the supply chain or production of the goods subject to review please contact the Case Team for advice on how to proceed.

# Instructions

## Introduction

The Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) of the UK’s Department for International Trade will be carrying out a transition review of each trade remedy measure active under the EU system that the UK has decided to maintain after EU exit. This transition review will consider whether the measure is necessary or sufficient to offset the dumping amount and whether there would be injury to the UK industry if that amount was removed.

You have received this questionnaire because your company has been identified as a downstream user or consumer of PSC wire and strands. TRID is seeking your cooperation so we can understand the economic impact of imposing, or not imposing, measures. The information your company provides will help us to conduct the Economic Interest Test.

Please complete as much of this questionnaire as you are able to and return it to us by 01 October 2020. We may contact you again to ask for clarification or supplementary information if necessary. Please provide the source for all information or data not owned by yourselves and clearly state any restrictions on sharing it.

If you can’t complete the questionnaire within the required time, please contact the Case Team ahead of the deadline using the contact details on the cover of this questionnaire. Please let us know the amount of extra time you need and the reasons why. We will notify you of our decision and publish a note to explain this on our public file.

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions about your response. We recognise you may not be able to answer all questions and can offer advice if you have any difficulties. You can find general information about UK trade remedies processes in our [online guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process).

## How to complete this questionnaire

Please read and follow all the instructions carefully. Where relevant please evidence your statements with supporting data and information. You may be asked to attach supporting documents in appendices to supplement your responses. Provide all formulas and steps used in your calculations and keep a record of these.

Please note the following points:

* If the answer to a question is “zero”, “no” or “none”, please write this rather than leaving the answer blank.
* Please complete the spreadsheet annexes as requested. Annexes are named to correspond to the relevant sections of this questionnaire and it’s important that you complete them with reference to the instructions provided. If you feel you cannot present the information as requested, please contact your Case Team as soon as possible.
* If there is not enough space in any part of the questionnaire to provide the details requested, please attach appendices. Make sure any attachments are given a corresponding appendix reference in the title of the document and that these are referenced in the boxes provided.
* Any documents not in English should be accompanied by an English translation.
* Please provide all dates in the format DD/MM/YYYY (e.g. 23/05/2019).
* For all numerical figures, where appropriate please express every third number with a comma (e.g. ‘1,300’ for one-thousand three hundred, ‘1,300,000’ for one million and three-hundred thousand).
* Limit all sales/currency/income figures to two decimal places and use the appropriate currency symbol (e.g. £1,300.00).
* Provide all costing figures as actual amounts. Where actual amounts cannot be provided and you have reported standard costing instead, please indicate this in the relevant answer, and explain the variance from actual costs, if any.
* All figures should be reported net of tax unless otherwise stated.

## Preparing confidential and non-confidential copies of your information

Please submit both a confidential version and a non-confidential version of your questionnaire and the corresponding spreadsheet annex. **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 note that if you don’t provide the information we’ve asked for and a non-confidential summary (or explain in writing why you cannot provide this), we may have to disregard the information you give us.

Further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire can be found in our guidance on [how we handle confidential information](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#handling-confidential-information).

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 [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases).

## Providing information from subsidiaries or associated parties

Our investigation covers all subsidiaries and any other associated companies. If any of your subsidiaries or associated companies also form part of the downstream supply chain of the like goods or goods subject to review, they should contribute to your responses to this questionnaire. If you have any queries, please contact the Case Team using the details provided on the cover of this questionnaire.

If you have any queries about this part of the process, please contact the Case Team using the details provided on the cover of this questionnaire.

## What happens next

Please upload your completed questionnaire responses and non-confidential versions of documents to our Trade Remedies Service at [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk). You will receive an email confirming the documents have been uploaded successfully. Non-confidential responses will be placed on the public file and the Case Team will contact you if we need further information. We may contact you with the aim of arranging a visit to help us understand your company and build a more detailed understanding of the UK supply chain for certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands).

Once we have completed our investigation, we will publish our recommendation to the Secretary of State. Our final report will be published on our public file.

# SECTION A: Company details

## A1 Identity and contact details

1. Please complete the table below, ensuring that the point of contact given has the authority to provide this information:

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| Legal name of company: |  |
| Legal structure (e.g. limited company, sole trader, partnership etc): |  |
| Year of establishment: |  |
| Other operating names: |  |
| Name (point of contact): |  |
| Position: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone No: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Website: |  |

1. ] If you have appointed an external party to act on your behalf in this review, please provide their details and attach a letter confirming TRID should contact them directly:

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| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone No.: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Confirm they have signed authority to act (Yes/No): |  |
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## A2 About your company

1. Please describe the role of your company in the UK market or supply chain for the like goods and/or goods subject to review (e.g. distributor or end user). Furthermore, please provide details on how your company uses these goods. If applicable, please provide separate comments on your company’s role in the PSC wire and PSC strand market and/or supply chains.

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1. If you use the like goods and/or goods subject to review as a component or input to production, please specify the product you use and the product you manufacture using them. If applicable, please provide separate responses for products you manufacture using the single PSC wire and/or products manufactured using PSC strand.

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1. Please complete **Annex A2.3 UK site information** for your company’s 10 largest UK sites (by number of employees) that are involved in the supply chain for the like goods and/or goods subject to review. For the Period of Investigation (POI, 01 January 2019 – 31 December 2019) and the 12 months preceding it, please provide:

* the site’s full address,
* the nature of the site (for example, administration, distribution, or production),
* the number of employees based at the site (as full time equivalent),
* median annual gross wages (if you are unable to provide median annual gross wages, please provide mean annual gross wages and note this in the annex).

1. Please list any changes relating to the purchase, distribution and/or use of the like goods and/or goods subject to review since the start of the POI (for example any change in the price, origin of supply, or use). Please provide separate statements for PSC wire and PSC strand if applicable.

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1. Please provide your company’s annual net profit figures, as a total and as a percentage of total revenue (for the POI and the 12 months preceding it), using **Annex A2.5 Net profit.** Please provide copies of your company accounts covering this period as evidence.

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1. If your company has corporate or structural links or agreements with any domestic producers, importers, foreign producers, exporters, distributors, suppliers of raw materials used to manufacture the like goods and/or goods subject to review, or customers that buy the like goods and/or goods subject to review, either in the UK or elsewhere in the world, please use **Annex A2.6 Association** to list their names and addresses and indicate the nature of the association and their role in the supply chain.

# SECTION B: Purchases and use of the goods

1. Please use **Annex B.1 Purchases by origin** to indicate your company's sources of the like goods and/or goods subject to review, . Where possible, please append a proof of purchase, such as an invoice, for one transaction with each company you have bought from. Please provide separate responses for purchases of PSC wire and PSC strand.

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1. How do domestically produced like goods compare to imported goods in terms of:

* price,
* distribution channels, and
* other non-price factors (such as product quality, lead and delivery times, reliability of supply, grade of material)?

Please provide separate responses for PSC wire and PSC strand if applicable.

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1. Please identify and explain any differences between the goods subject to review imported from the People’s Republic of China and like goods imported from other countries. In your explanation of any differences please refer to

* price,
* distribution channels, and
* other non-price factors (such as product quality, lead and delivery times, reliability of supply, grade of material)?

Please provide separate responses for PSC wire and PSC strand if applicable.

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1. Please use **Annex** **B.3 Products sold** to provide a description of each good sold by your company which uses the like goods and/or goods subject to review as an input. Please consider average sales price per unit and profit per unit. If your company is a manufacturer, please indicate what proportion of production costs are attributable to the like goods and/or goods subject to review.
2. Please use **Annex B.4 Customer information** to provide a description of your main customers for each of the goods listed in **Annex B.3 Products sold**, providing their location and the nature of their business where possible.
3. Please state your company’s total sales revenue for the POI and the 12 months preceding it for each product you sell which is a downstream product of the like goods and/or goods , using **Annex B.5 Total sales revenue.**

# SECTION C: Impact of measure

1. How would your company and industry be affected if the existing anti-dumping measure on the goods subject to review were to no longer apply?

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1. Would the employment figures provided in question A2.3 be affected if the existing anti-dumping measure were to no longer apply? Please provide supporting evidence if possible, as well as estimates (e.g. projections or forecasts) for future years with an explanation of how they have been calculated.

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1. Would your company’s wages be affected if the existing anti-dumping measure were to no longer apply? Please provide supporting evidence if possible, as well as estimates (e.g. projections or forecasts) for future years with an explanation of how they have been calculated.

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1. Would your plans for future UK investment or expansion be affected if the existing anti-dumping measure were to no longer apply? If so, please provide detail by location with any supporting evidence.

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1. Please describe how you would expect the following to be affected if the existing anti-dumping measure on the goods subject to review were to no longer apply:

* market price of the like goods in the UK;
* total UK output of the like goods;
* total imports of the goods subject to review to the UK; and
* total exports of the like goods from the UK.

Where possible, please support your answer with any evidence or estimates of impacts.

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1. How might the continuation of a trade remedy measure affect:

* the number and range of suppliers of like goods and/or goods subject to review,
* the ability of suppliers of like goods and/or goods to compete,
* the incentives for suppliers of like goods and/or goods subject to review to compete vigorously,
* the choices and information available to UK consumers?

Please provide any evidence you have that can support your answer as an appendix.

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1. . Do you think that the domestic industry would suffer injury if the current measure on the goods subject to review, was to be changed or revoked. If so, please elaborate. You can refer to our [guidance on how we assess injury](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/how-we-assess-injury) for a definition of injury

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1. How do you think the price for the like good will change if the measure on the on the goods subject to review, no longer applied. Please provide separate responses for the single PSC wire and PSC strand if applicable.

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1. If applicable, how much of any change in purchase price of the good subject to review or the like goods, are you able to pass on to your customers? Please explain why?

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1. Would any other industries, markets or products be affected if the existing anti-dumping measure on the goods subject to review were to no longer apply?

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1. Please describe the nature and degree of any impacts on particular geographic areas or groups that you would expect if the existing anti-dumping measure on the goods subject to review no longer applied.

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1. As a public body, TRID has an obligation under the *Equality Act 2010* to ensure that the possible effects of its activities on different people are considered. This public sector equality duty covers the following protected characteristics:

* age,
* disability,
* gender reassignment,
* marriage or civil partnership,
* pregnancy and maternity,
* race,
* religion or belief,
* sex, and
* sexual orientation

If you have any information that could assist us in our consideration of whether the continuation of the existing anti-dumping measure might disproportionately affect any of these groups, please provide it in the box below.

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1. If there are any additional economic factors that you think may be relevant for the Economic Interest Test in this review, please provide details here and any supporting evidence you have.

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# SECTION D: Next steps and declaration

## Next steps

Once you have completed all parts of the questionnaire, the declaration below should be signed by an authorised official of your company. Please submit this questionnaire and any other additional submissions you consider relevant for this transition review through the Trade Remedies Service ([www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)) by **01 October 2020.**

Please submit both a confidential and non-confidential version of the questionnaire. Further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire can be found in our guidance on [how we handle confidential information](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#handling-confidential-information).

## Declaration

By signing this declaration, you agree that all information supplied in this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted may be subject to verification by TRID.

Company name:

Company registration number (if applicable):

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