



NOTICE OF INITIATION

TRANSITION REVIEW No.TD0007

Anti-dumping duties on wire rod 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 2019² (the Regulations).

The EU trade remedies measure subject to review is in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1846 of 14 October 2015.³

The date of initiation of the review is 5 November 2020.

Description of the goods subject to review:

Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of iron, non-alloy steel or alloy steel other than of stainless steel originating in the People's Republic of China.

Commodity codes⁴:

7213 10 00
7213 20 00
7213 91 10
7213 91 20
7213 91 41
7213 91 49
7213 91 70
7213 91 90
7213 99 10
7213 99 90
7227 10 00
7227 20 00
7227 90 10
7227 90 50
7227 90 95

¹ Following the publication of a Notice of Determination to transition an EU measure. For a copy of that Notice please [click here](#).

² As amended by the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, and the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020.

³ For a copy of the EU Regulation please [click here](#).

⁴ For a list of post-EU exit UK commodity codes please [click here](#).

Exporting Countries:

The People's Republic of China.

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 (POI) is 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020.

When deciding on the POI, the Secretary of State considers that COVID-19 has affected the:

- domestic production and sale of the goods subject to review;
- the imports of the goods subject to review; and
- the overall market for the goods subject to review.

As a result, the Secretary of State considers that the POI of 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 is appropriate for this review in order to separate the effects of COVID-19 from the issues to be considered in this review.

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 visits 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 government of 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.

Hearings

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>.

For further information about hearings during a transition review, please see the [Meetings, Hearings and Visits Guidance](#) published by the Department for International Trade.

Registration period

Anyone interested in taking part in the review is invited to contact the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate by **20 November 2020**. You can register your interest through the Trade Remedies Service at:

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

Please contact TD0007@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

It is possible that anyone registering their interest after **20 November 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

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the review process, including submitting confidential information.

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