

TD0010: HFP Rebar from China – Non-confidential version of evidence submitted to the TRA by downstream businesses

The purpose of this short questionnaire is to gather evidence for our investigation into imported HFP rebar from China. The products in scope of the measure are:

High fatigue performance iron or steel concrete reinforcing bars and rods made of iron, non-alloy steel or alloy steel (but excluding of stainless steel, high-speed steel and silico-manganese steel), not further worked than hot-rolled, but including those twisted after rolling

These products are currently subject to a tariff of 18.4-22.5% when imported from China. Our investigation may result in these tariffs being maintained, changed or removed. Further information regarding the investigation can be found here:

<https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TD0010/>

Your responses will help us to determine whether future tariffs on this product would benefit the organisations and people that buy and sell HFP rebar products in the UK. *Please note we are interested in hearing from you even if you do not source HFP rebar from China.*

As part of our commitment to transparency, we are required to publish non-confidential versions of the information that you provide to us. Rest assured; this will be done in consultation with you first.

1. To begin, please could you provide some important context about HFP rebar and the products that you sell:
 - What, if any product(s) do you make/sell using HFP rebar?
 - What are the finished goods that are made using this e.g. those purchased by end users and customers?
 - And who are the customers for these finished goods?

Reinforcement for concrete structures in the Construction Industry. The product comprises either “Cut and bent” reinforcement, pre-Assembled steel reinforcement or steel reinforcement fabric. The customers are civil engineering and building contractors and specialist sub-contractors (flooring contractors, concrete frame contractors and piling contractors

2. For the past 12 months, can you tell us about how HFP rebar contribute to the wider product range that you sell e.g. is wire rods used in all of your products, or just a small product line? *We are looking to get a sense of the importance of HFP rebar relative to the sales of your company as a whole.*

Please complete the table below.

Product name	Quantity (please state the metric used to express quantity)	Value of sales (£)	Are HFP rebar a component part? Y/N
[Redacted - commercially sensitive]	[Redacted - commercially sensitive]	[Redacted - commercially sensitive]	[Redacted - commercially sensitive]

3. For those products listed above which use HFP rebar, what fraction of the final unit price comes from the costs of HFP rebar?

Product name	Average unit price (£/unit)	Average cost of HFP rebar (£/unit)
[Redacted - commercially sensitive]	[Redacted - commercially sensitive]	[Redacted - commercially sensitive]

4. How price sensitive is demand for your products (that use HFP rebar)? In other words, to what extent will sales fall if you raise prices? Please provide any relevant information.

Generally our output is highly price sensitive and subject to intense price competition. At the moment, and unusually, we are experiencing unprecedented demand for most product enabling our orders be less price sensitive

5. Is there any other information you would like to provide to help us determine whether a tariff on HFP rebar from China would be in the economic interest of the UK?

We are not experiencing significant market penetration/availability of Chinese product in the UK (historically as a result of EU Quotas and tariffs and laterally as a consequence of Chinese home demand