

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?

The term HFP rebar is not commonly used in the UK but it is the same as high tensile reinforcement which we currently purchase and process as CARES approved grade B500B or B500C rebar.

We purchase rebar in diameters varying from 10mm to 50mm and in lengths of 12mtrs to 18mtrs. (We also purchase and process high tensile rebar in coil).

We use machinery to cut and bend or cut, bend and weld the rebar into various shapes and structures as specified by structural engineers.

We sell these shapes & structures as “CARES approved Cut & Bent Reinforcement” or “CARES approved Prefabricated Reinforcement” to Building, Civil Engineering, Infrastructure & Piling Contractors

Nearly all concrete structures (bridges & other infrastructure commercial & residential buildings and foundations will have rebar within the design

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 HFP rebar 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 <i>(please state the metric used to express quantity)</i>	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.

Prices for rebar continually fluctuate, if cost prices increase, sales prices increase and vice versa.

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?

There is one domestic producer of rebar & rebar in coil within the UK. They cannot be relied upon to provide the entire UK construction industry with their reinforcement requirements –it takes one mill stoppage to throw supply into chaos so we must have access to the import market. We have had our supply chain restricted by the implementation of UK safeguard quotas which as a total quantity seems to be adequate however it has restricted competitiveness. I would prefer to see a quota system implemented for Chinese rebar rather than a blanket tariff.