

NOTICE OF INITIATION TRANSITION REVIEW No.TD0010

Anti-dumping duties on high fatigue performance steel concrete reinforcement bars (Rebar) 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 review of a UK trade remedies measure under regulation 98 of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations).

The relevant UK trade remedies measure is set out in Taxation Notice number 2020/09 which gives effect to the EU trade remedies measure specified in the Notice of Determination¹.

The date of initiation of the review is 29 April 2021.

Description of the goods subject to review:

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 bars and rods contain indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or are twisted after rolling; The key characteristic of high fatigue performance is the ability to endure repeated stress without breaking and, specifically, the ability to resist in excess of 4.5 million fatigue cycles using a stress ratio (min/max) of 0.2 and a stress range exceeding 150 MPa.

Commodity codes:

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¹For a copy of that Notice please <u>click here</u>.

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Exporting Country:

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 is 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2021.

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;

² As set out in the UK Global Tariff. For more details on the UK Global Tariff, and the commodity codes above, please <u>click here</u>.

- 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 by using the Trade Remedies Service at https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/.

For further information about hearings during a transition review, please see our Meetings, Hearings and Visits Guidance.

Registration period

Anyone interested in taking part in the review is invited to contact the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate by **19 May 2021**. You can register your interest through the Trade Remedies Service at:

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

Please contact <u>TD0010@traderemedies.gov.uk</u> if you have any difficulties using this service.

It is possible that anyone registering their interest after **19 May 2021** 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

The <u>Trade Remedies Guidance</u> produced by the Department for International Trade provides more information about the review process, including submitting confidential information.

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