



**Pre-Sampling Questionnaire (Producer)**  
**Anti-dumping Transition review of anti-dumping  
measures**  
**Case TD0014: certain heavy plate of non-alloy or  
other alloy steel exported from the People's  
Republic of China**

<b>Period of Investigation:</b>	<input type="text" value="1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021"/>
<b>Injury Period:</b>	<input type="text" value="1 January 2018 – 31 December 2021"/>
<b>Deadline for response:</b>	<input type="text" value="16 February 2022"/>
<b>Case Team Contact:</b>	<input type="text" value="TD0014@traderemedies.gov.uk"/>
<b>Completed on behalf of:</b>	<input type="text" value="Liberty Steel Dalzell (Trading as Liberty Steel Distribution)"/>

When you have completed this form, indicate the **confidentiality** of this document by placing an X in the relevant box below:

Confidential

**Non-Confidential – will be made publicly available**

Please note that you will have to provide **two copies of your response** – a **Confidential** and a **Non-Confidential version**. Both copies should be returned to the TRA using the Trade Remedies Service ([www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)) by **16 February 2022**.



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## The scope of this review

### Goods subject to review

This review covers certain heavy plate of non-alloy steel or other alloy steel exported from the People's Republic of China described as:

flat products of non-alloy or alloy steel (excluding stainless steel, silicon electrical steel, tool steel and high-speed steel),

hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, not in coils,

of a thickness exceeding 10 mm and of a width of 600 mm or more; or

of a thickness of 4,75 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm and of a width of 2 050 mm or more.

These heavy plates are currently classifiable within the following commodity codes 7225 40 40, 7208 51 20 10, 7208 51 91 10, 7208 51 98 10, 7208 52 91 10, 7208 90 20 10, 7208 90 80 20, 7225 40 40 00, 7225 40 60 10, 7225 99 00 30). These commodity codes are only given for information.

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

### Like goods

This pre-sampling questionnaire asks for information about your company's imports and sales of goods which are like the goods subject to review. Any reference to **'like goods'** in this pre-sampling questionnaire refers to goods produced in the UK or imported to the UK from a country other than the People's Republic of China which are like the goods subject to review in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them.

**Please follow the instructions for each question to provide the appropriate information regarding the goods subject to review or like goods.**



## Instructions

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) will be carrying out a transition review of each trade remedy measure active under the EU system that the United Kingdom (UK) has decided to transition after EU exit. This transition review will consider whether the anti-dumping measure for certain heavy plate of non-alloy or other alloy steel from the People's Republic of China is necessary or sufficient to offset dumping and whether there would be injury to the UK industry if that measure was removed.

### I – Why you are being asked to complete this pre-sampling questionnaire

We are seeking your cooperation as a **UK producer** to inform our review of whether the current anti-dumping measure should be maintained, varied or discontinued.

This pre-sampling questionnaire allows us to collect basic information and data about your company. If a large number of UK producers complete this pre-sampling questionnaire, we will use the information each one provides to help us decide which companies we want to sample for further investigation. If you are sampled, we will send you a more detailed questionnaire to complete.

For more information about this case, you may refer to the Notice of Initiation published at: [www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases).

### II – Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you are a **UK producer** of certain heavy plate of non-alloy or other alloy steel ('the like good').

If you are not a UK producer, please complete either the relevant Pre-Sampling Questionnaire or the Contributor Registration Form.

### III – Deadline for response

A completed pre-sampling questionnaire must be submitted to the TRA by no later than **16 February 2022** If you are unable to provide a completed submission by the given due date and you wish to request an extension, please contact James Reith, [TD0014@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:TD0014@traderemedies.gov.uk).

### IV – Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your pre-sampling questionnaire by the due date. 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 see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process#how-we-handle-confidential-information> for further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire.

All information provided to the TRA 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).

## V – Period of Investigation

The Period of Investigation (POI) referred to in this pre-sampling questionnaire is: **1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.**

## VI – Injury Period

The Injury Period referred to in this pre-sampling questionnaire is: **1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021.**



## Section A – Activities of your company and any associated parties

### A1 – Your company's activities

To determine your company's role as an interested party for the purpose of this review, please select the activity/activities of your company below. For a definition of goods subject to review/like goods please refer to above section on 'the scope of this review'.

- producer of the like goods in the UK  
 other (please give details below)

If you have selected 'other', please describe the role of your company with regards to goods subject to review or like goods:

*Please answer here*

Please describe your interest in this case:

As a UK producer of the products subject to this transition review Liberty Steel Dalzell (Trading as Liberty Steel Distribution), strongly support the maintenance of this measure. Without it, the evidence strongly suggests that Chinese exporters of heavy plate would once again aggressively dump product onto the UK market resulting in serious injury to us and other UK producers. Excessive imports of this product by Chinese producers in 2015, in advance of the measures being introduced at an EU level, had a profound impact on the UK market reducing prices, market share and production levels for UK producers. This serious injury ultimately led to two UK producers closing plate manufacturing facilities resulting in the loss of hundreds skilled jobs.

In addition, it is highly likely that the EU will maintain its own measures on heavy plate. In these circumstances there is huge risk of trade diversion as the UK becomes a newly open market for Chinese exporters whilst the EU remains effectively closed. The UK would likely become a highly attractive market for Chinese producers, particularly as an option for marginal and opportunistic sales. This would have a severe detrimental effect on the remaining UK producers, jeopardising jobs across the Steel Industry and associated supply chain as well as its impact on GDP



## A2 – Associated parties and operational links

Please give details of all associated parties involved in the production and/or sales (export and/or domestic) of the goods subject to review or like goods during the POI. Both natural persons (individuals) and legal persons (e.g. companies) are considered to be associated where they meet the definition of ‘Related Persons’ in [regulation 128 of the Customs \(Import Duty\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018](#).

Examples of activities with associated parties could include production, domestic sales, export sales, and/or further processing of goods subject to review or like goods.

	Company name	Company location (city, country)	Activities	Relationship
Your company				
Associated Party 1				
Associated Party 2				

+ Add additional rows as required



## Section B – Production, sales and imports

### B1 – Production

Please fill in your company's total production volume and capacity for the like goods in the table below.

	<b>Volume tonnes</b>
Overall production of the like goods during the POI	
Total production capacity of the like goods during the POI	





## B2 – Sales volume and value

Please provide your UK sales data for the like goods produced in the UK by your company.

	<b>Volume tonnes</b>	<b>Value in GBP (£)</b>
Like goods produced and sold in the UK in the POI		

## B3 – Imports

If your company has also imported the goods subject to review from the People's Republic of China or like goods from any other country and sold them in the UK during the POI, provide your sales data for these imported goods subject to review/like goods.

	<b>Volume tonnes</b>	<b>Value in GBP (£)</b>
UK sales of the goods subject to review, imported from the People's Republic of China in the POI		
UK sales of the like goods, imported from countries other than the People's Republic of China in the POI		
Imports of the good subject to review from the People's Republic of China in the POI		
Imports of the like goods from countries other than the People's Republic of China in the POI		



## Section C – Additional information

Please provide any other relevant information which you think would be useful to help our investigation in the box below.

This may include:

- other interested parties you believe should receive a questionnaire;
- any initial concerns you have about the possible existence of a particular market situation in the domestic market of the exporting country or territory such as:
  - situations/distortions in the domestic market of the exporting country where prices are artificially low;
  - significant barter trade;
  - prices reflect non-commercial factors; or
  - any other reasonwhich means it is not appropriate to use the comparable price to determine the normal value of the goods subject to review; or
- the scope of the investigation including any differences between the like goods and the goods subject to review;
- anything else you consider relevant.

Please refer to UK Steel Submission



In addition, as part of this review, we will conduct an Economic Interest Test to assess whether a measure is in the economic interest of the UK. As part of this process, we would like your help to identify upstream and downstream industries which may wish to contribute to our review. If possible, please provide the names and contact information for any UK-based companies operating upstream or downstream of your business in the supply chain for the like goods.

British Steel Scunthorpe, Slab Supplier.



## Section D – Certification

By providing the information above, you acknowledge that your company may be asked to complete a detailed questionnaire and the TRA may ask to visit your premises in order to verify the questionnaire response.

The undersigned certifies that the information supplied herein is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

The undersigned certifies that they have the authority to supply the information contained herein on behalf of Liberty Steel Dalzell (Trading as Liberty Steel Distribution).

Signature (including e-signature):

Name:

Position at company: Commercial Director – Flat Products

Date: 15/02/2022