

**Comments of the Russian side on reconsideration
of an original decision in Transition Review of No. TF0006:
Safeguard measures on certain steel products**

1. The Ministry would like to stress that it is still of the position that was provided to authorities of the United Kingdom in its Comments and in the Questionnaire on 26 May 2021 and 20 November 2020 respectively.

2. The Ministry would like to draw your attention to the fact that according to WTO rules there is no such a process as “Reconsideration of an original decision”.

By publishing several contradicting reports in frames of one investigation, the UK competent authorities undermine the credibility of its trade defense investigation process.

3. According to Article 7.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards

“the period mentioned in paragraph 1 may be extended provided that the competent authorities of the importing Member have determined, in conformity with the procedures set out in Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5, that the safeguard measure continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and that there is evidence that the industry is adjusting, and provided that the pertinent provisions of Articles 8 and 12 are observed”.

As the competent UK authorities have already determined¹ that the measure on the categories 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 27 and 28 shall be lifted, prolongation of measure on these categories violates WTO rules.

¹ TRA’s Recommendation to the Secretary of State. Transition review TF0006 – Safeguard measures on certain steel products.- 11 June 2021.- p 3-5.