**Register as an Interested Party**

**Reconsideration of an original decision in Transition Review**

**No. TF0006: Safeguard measures on certain steel products**

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| **Period of Investigation:** | **2013-2017** |
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| **Most Recent Period (MRP):** | **1st January 2018 to 30th June 2020** |
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| **Completed on behalf of:** | Black Country Consortium Ltd |

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# **Instructions**

### I – Note about confidentiality

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# **Section A – Your organisation’s interest in the case**

To register your organisation’s interest in this case, please complete the text boxes below. For a definition of the goods to which this reconsideration relates (“the goods”) see the [Reconsideration’s Notice of Initiation](https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TF0006/submission/1564f120-004d-4eca-8cbd-b0b3a4f43a0f/).

1. Please describe the role of your organisation with regards to the goods.

*Please answer here*

Black Country Consortium Ltd provides the strategic and delivery capacity of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), covering the four local authority areas of Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley. We take an industry-led, evidence focused approach to economic development strategy and action, representing local businesses to grasp opportunities and mitigate issues. We also lead the metals and materials sector at the regional (West Midlands Combined Authority) level via a West Midlands Metals and Materials Forum. The Forum brings together businesses, trade associations and universities from what is a critically important sector in the region. The issue of current steel safeguarding measures was raised at the Metals and Materials Forum among other local channels, with businesses raising the need for representation and change.

1. Please describe your interest in this case:

Given the importance of the metals and materials industry locally, and our role as sector lead at the West Midlands level, part of the LEP / Consortium’s role is to represent the interest of business. This is particularly pertinent when multiple firms report a policy issue, backed up by clear evidence. Our aim as an organisation is to drive economic growth and prosperity in the Black Country, steering the success of key sectors such as manufacturing. Therefore, a key issue such as steel safeguarding is something we must look to address for the good of our business base in order to protect investment, jobs and productivity. We have also worked closely with other representative bodies including Black Country Chamber of Commerce and the Confederation for British Metalforming regarding this case. These efforts so far have involved political engagement locally through a briefing note and letter, but we hope to influence the TRA’s “reconsideration” as publicised on 7th September 2021: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tra-to-reconsider-findings-of-steel-safeguard-transition-review>

# **Section B – Additional information**

Use the box below to provide any other relevant information which you think would be useful to help our reconsideration.

This may include:

* other parties you believe should receive a questionnaire;
* the scope of the reconsideration; and/or
* anything else you consider relevant.

*Please answer here*

*N/A*

# **Section C – Certification**

*Only to be completed for the confidential version of this document.*

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

The undersigned certifies that he/she has the authority to supply the information contained herein on behalf of his/her organisation.

Signature (including e-signature):

Name:

Position at organisation:

Date: