**Anti-Dumping/Countervailing Duties Questionnaire for interested parties/contributors**

**Cases TD0008 and TS0009: Continuous filament glass fibre products originating in the People’s Republic of China**

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| **Period of Investigation (POI):** | 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020 |
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| **Injury period:** | 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2020 |
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| **Deadline for response:** | 10th May 2021 |
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| **Contact details:** | Anti-dumping:  [TD0008@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:TD0008@traderemedies.gov.uk)  Countervailing duties: [TS0009@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:TS0009@traderemedies.gov.uk) |
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| **Completed on behalf of:** | *Composites UK* |

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

**☐** Confidential

**X** Non-confidential – will be made publicly available

Your completed response must comprise this questionnaire and the corresponding annex. Please note that you will have to provide a **Confidential** and a **Non-Confidential** version of both the questionnaire and annex, as well as any additional documents you append. All documents should be uploaded to the Trade Remedies Service ([www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)) by **10th May 2021**.

Please remember to upload this dumping and countervailing duties questionnaire to **both cases** on the Trade Remedies Service ([www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)). The Trade Remedies Investigation Directorate is investigating each case separately and you will not be able to participate in both if only one is uploaded.

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# Introduction

**About us, this case and this questionnaire**

The Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) of the UK’s Department for International Trade investigates whether trade remedies are needed to prevent injury to UK industry.

TRID was established within the Department for International Trade in March 2019 to give the UK its own independent trade remedies system. Once the Trade Bill has passed through Parliament and received Royal Assent, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) will be established as an independent Arm’s Length Body, taking over the functions exercised by TRID.

As part of our work, we are carrying out a transition review of each trade remedy measure active under the EU system that the United Kingdom (UK) has decided to maintain after EU exit.

TRID will be carrying out a transition review of each trade remedy measure active under the EU system that the UK has decided to maintain after EU exit. This transition review will consider whether the measure is necessary or sufficient to offset the dumping/subsidy amount and whether there would be injury to the UK industry if that amount was revoked.

**Why should I take part?**

You have received this questionnaire because your organisation has been identified as being involved with the industry for continuous filament glass fibre products. We are asking you to complete it to help us understand the economic impact of maintaining or revoking measures.

**How do I respond?**

Detailed guidance on how to complete the questionnaire is provided in the [instructions](#_Instructions) section below.

Please complete as much of this questionnaire as you can by **10th May 2021.** We may contact you again to ask for clarification or supplementary information if necessary. Please provide the source for all information or data you don’t own and clearly state any restrictions on sharing it.

**Where can I find more information?**

Our [trade remedies guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process) provides general information about our investigations and processes we follow.

If you have any specific questions relating to the case, now or while you’re completing the questionnaire, please contact the Case Team at [TD0008@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:TD0008@traderemedies.gov.uk) (Anti-dumping) or [TS0009@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:TS0009@traderemedies.gov.uk) (Countervailing duties).

**Instructions on completing this questionnaire**

**Preparing your response**

This section sets out guidance on how to complete this questionnaire.

If you think you won’t be able to complete the questionnaire within the required time, please contact the Case Team ahead of the deadline using the contact details on the cover of this questionnaire. You should outline the length of extension you need and the reasons why. We will notify you of our decision.

If we can accommodate an extension, we will publish a note on our [public file](https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases/) to record both the request and the extension granted.

**How to answer the questions**

Please read and follow all the instructions carefully. Your company will need to substantiate all claims with relevant data and information. You may be asked to attach supporting documents in appendices to supplement your responses.

Please also note the following points:

* Do not leave any questions blank. If the question is not relevant to your organisation, please explain why.
* If the answer to a question is “zero”, “no” or “none”, please write this rather than leaving the answer blank.
* Please complete the spreadsheet annexes as requested. Annexes are named to correspond to the relevant sections of this questionnaire and must be completed with reference to the instructions provided. If you feel you cannot present the information as requested, please contact your Case Team as soon as possible.
* Please provide all formulas and calculations used within your questionnaire response.
* If there is insufficient space in any part of the questionnaire to provide the details requested, or we ask for copies of additional information, please submit this information as appendices. Please ensure that any attachments are given a corresponding appendix reference in the title of the document and that these are referenced in the boxes provided.
* Any documents not in English should be accompanied by an English translation.
* Please provide all dates in the format DD/MM/YYYY (e.g. 23/05/2019).
* Unless otherwise stated, ‘year’ or ‘calendar year’ refers to the period 1 January – 31 December and ‘quarter’ refers to the associated three-month periods e.g. 1 January – 31 March, 1 April – 30 June, etc.
* Identify all units of measurement and currencies used in tables, calculations and lists, if not provided by the corresponding instructions, and use units of measurement consistently (e.g. do not use kg and metric tonnes interchangeably).
* For all numerical figures, where appropriate please express every third number with a comma (e.g. ‘1,300’ for one-thousand three hundred, ‘1,300,000’ for one million and three-hundred thousand).
* Please limit all sales/currency/income figures to two decimal places, apply a full point as a decimal separator and use the appropriate currency symbol or abbreviation (e.g. £1,300.00).
* Provide all costing figures as actual amounts. Where actual amounts cannot be provided and you have reported standard costing instead, please indicate this in the relevant answer, and explain the variance from actual costs, if any.
* All figures should be reported net of tax unless otherwise stated.
* Please refer to the case number, TD0008 (Anti-dumping) or TS0009 (Countervailing duties) in any correspondence with TRID.

## Preparing confidential and non-confidential copies

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your questionnaire and the corresponding spreadsheet annexes by the due date. We will publish the non-confidential version of your information on our public file. **Please ensure that each page of information you provide is clearly marked either “Confidential” or “Non-Confidential” in the header.**

Please see our guidance on [how to submit information](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 details on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire.

In preparing your response, please note the following:

* It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information.
* Remember to include a statement explaining why information obtained in your response should be treated as confidential e.g. the data is commercially sensitive.
* Provide the source for all information or data you don’t own and clearly state any restrictions on sharing it.
* If you do *not* provide a non-confidential summary (or a statement of reasons why you cannot provide this) each time you provide confidential information, TRID may disregard the information you give us.

All information provided to TRID 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).

## What happens next

Once you have completed your questionnaire responses including the corresponding annex(es) and any additional documents requested, you must upload confidential and non-confidential versions through our [Trade Remedies Service](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/). Following this:

* you will receive an email confirming the documents have been uploaded successfully;
* the Case Team will contact you if further information is required;
* the non-confidential responses will be placed on the public file; and
* the Case Team may contact you to arrange a visit to verify the information contained in your responses.

# The scope of this review

## Goods subject to review

Trade remedies are measures designed to address unfair trading practices which mean imports from overseas cause injury to UK industry. Measures generally take the form of a tariff payable on imports.

This review covers products described as:

* chopped glass fibre strands, of a length not more than 50 mm;
* glass fibre rovings, excluding glass fibre rovings which are impregnated and coated and have a loss on ignition of more than 3% (as determined by the ISO Standard 1887); or,
* mats made of glass fibre filaments excluding mats of glass wool

originating in The People’s Republic of China, destined for consumption in the UK.

These continuous filament glass fibre products are currently classifiable within the following commodity codes (CN codes):

* 7019 11 00
* ex 7019 12 00 (TARIC codes 7019 12 00 22, 7019 12 00 25, 7019 12 00 26, 7019 12 00 39)
* 7019 31 00.

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

## Like goods

In addition to the **‘the goods subject to review’**, we want to know about ‘**like goods’.**  Any reference to ‘**like goods’** in this questionnaire refers to goods which are like the goods subject to review in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them, produced by countries other than The People’s Republic of China (including the UK) and sold in the UK.

**The Economic Interest Test**

The aim of the Economic Interest Test is to assess if the application of a possible trade remedy measure is in the economic interest of the UK, considering effects on wider industries as well as the directly affected UK industry. When conducting the Economic Interest Test we will consider the:

* Injury caused to UK industry by the imports under review and benefits to that industry of removing the injury,
* Economic significance of affected UK industries and consumers,
* Potential effect of the trade remedy measure on industries and consumers,
* Potential effect on particular geographic areas or groups within the UK,
* Potential consequences for the competitive environment and the structure of UK markets for these goods, and
* Other factors that we consider relevant.

You can find more information about this in our [guidance on the Economic Interest Test](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/how-we-apply-the-economic-interest-test).

When assessing if a measure is in the economic interest of the UK, we will consider the effect this measure is likely to have on domestic industries. We are interested in any company which:

Is based in the UK and supplies inputs used in the production of the goods subject to review or purchases outputs.

Is based in the UK and supplies inputs (goods, equipment or service) used in the production of UK-produced like goods.

# SECTION A: About these cases

## A1 General information

1. Please complete the table below. Make sure the point of contact you name has the authority to provide this information.

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| Name (point of contact): |  |
| Address: | Composites UK, Audley House, Northbridge Road, Berkhamsted, HP4 1EH |
| Telephone No: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Website: | www.compositesuk.co.uk |

If you are representing a company, please also fill in the information below:

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| Company registration number: | 04043143 |
| Place of registration: | Companies House, UK |
| Legal name of organisation: | Composites UK Ltd |
| Legal structure (e.g. limited company, sole trader, partnership etc): | Limited company |
| Position in the organisation: |  |
| Year of establishment: | 2000 |
| Other operating names: | Composites Processing Association |

1. Please explain your interest in transition reviews TD0008 and TS0009.

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| *Composites UK is the UK trade association for the composites industry representing the whole supply chain from material supplier through manufacturer to end-user.*  *Glass fibre and its products are widely used within our sector and account for around 85-90% of the total volume of composite product made in the UK.*  *Glass fibre composite materials are used in an increasingly wide variety of applications: primarily the automotive and transport sectors, the electrical/electronics industry and the construction industry.*  *Other markets include pipes and tanks, agricultural equipment, industrial machinery, wind-turbine blades and the sports, leisure and marine sectors.*  *Our interest in this case is to keep up-to-date on the progression of the review, and encourage our relevant member companies to get involved as contributors.*  *Because we represent different parts of the supply chain, we cannot present a formal view on whether the subsidies should or shouldn’t remain as the impact is different for different member companies. Having said that, we do support a level playing field for all and the presence of subsidies enables that.*  *We also have the responsibility to represent the long-term interests of all our members.* |

1. If you are a trade body please list all members who may have an interest in the transition reviews, including contact name and email.

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| *We have over 360 members. We have sent the review details to all and encouraged them to comment.* |

## A2 Impact of measures

For each question, please give any information you feel is relevant to the reviews. If you have no information, please say so in your answer. These transition reviews will consider whether the current anti-dumping/countervailing measures are necessary or sufficient to offset dumping/subsidisation and whether there would be injury to the UK industry if the measures were removed.

1. Please provide any information about the goods subject to review that you consider relevant.

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1. Provide any information which you think could help us assess the likelihood of dumping occurring if the existing anti-dumping/countervailing measures for the goods subject to review no longer applied.

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| *Since the original EU measures were first introduced in 2011, there have been concerns that EU and UK manufacturers of glass fibre have still suffered from unfairly traded imports from China. If the current measures were removed or reduced, then UK producers of glass fibre would be at a significant disadvantage to their EU counterparts as well as the Chinese.*  *Much of the fibre produced in the UK is exported as a result.*  *The dumping is made possible by Chinese Government subsidies to its exporting producers.* |

1. Do you think there would be injury to the UK industry if the existing anti-dumping/countervailing measures for the goods subject to review no longer applied? Provide any information supporting your conclusions including what the cause of this injury would be. You can refer to our [guidance on how we assess injury](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/how-we-assess-injury) for a definition of injury.

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| *UK producers of glass fibre will find it impossible to supply into UK manufacturers without the measures. The Chinese Government subsidies its exporting glass-fibre producers and so they would not be able to compete on a cost basis.*  *Mid-long-term damage to the UK composites manufacturing sector could arise as a result of tariffs being removed as there is always a risk that the country subsidising the market will eventually create a monopoly and can then control prices, or worse, supply (as China has already done with metals).* |

1. Please provide any information about the possible economic effects on the UK if the existing anti-dumping/countervailing measures on the goods subject to review were no longer applied.

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| *Without measures in place, the UK will lose, and therefore not benefit from, development and supply of UK-based glass-fibre. It will be dependent on Chinese glass-fibre, with increasing shipping costs.*  *The UK will also have no control over the carbon footprint of the imported glass-fibre material. This is increasingly important to help UK manufacturers deliver parts in line with design requirements of the rapidly growing number of environmentally responsible OEMs and lead to loss of UK and international business for UK manufacturers.* |

1. If you have any other information which may help us with this review, please provide it below.

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| *Please answer here* |

# SECTION B: Next steps and declaration

## Next steps

Once you have completed all parts of the questionnaire, the declaration below should be signed by an authorised official of your company. Please submit this questionnaire and any other additional submissions you consider relevant for this transition review through the Trade Remedies Service ([www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk](http://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk)) by **10th May 2021.**

Please submit both a confidential and non-confidential version of the questionnaire. Further information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire can be found in our guidance on [how to submit information](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/an-introduction-to-our-investigations-process).

## Declaration

By signing this declaration, you agree that all information supplied in this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted may be subject to verification by the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate.

Company name: Composites UK

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| 01 July 2021 |  |  |
| Date |  | Signature of authorised official |
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