

NOTICE OF INITIATION

TRANSITION REVIEW No.TS0009

Countervailing duties on imports of certain continuous filament glass fibre products originating in the People's Republic of China

Initiation of a Transition Review of Countervailing Measures

The Secretary of State for International Trade (the Secretary of State) makes the following Notice to initiate a transition review¹ of an EU trade remedies measure under regulation 98 of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations).²

The EU trade remedies measure subject to review is in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1379/2014 of 16 December 2014.³

The date of initiation of the review is **29th January 2021**.

Description of the goods subject to review:

- 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).
- Mats made of glass fibre filaments excluding, mats of glass wool.

Commodity codes:

- 7019 11 00 00
- 7019 12 00 22
- 7019 12 00 25
- 7019 12 00 26
- 7019 12 00 39
- 7019 31 00 00

Exporting Countries:

People's Republic of China

Summary of the issues involved in the review

¹ Following the publication of a Notice of Determination to transition an EU measure. For a copy of that Notice please [click here](#).

² As amended by the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, and the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (No. 2) 2020.

³ For a copy of the EU trade remedies measure please [click here](#).

The review will consider—

- whether the application of the countervailing amount is necessary or sufficient to offset the importation of the relevant subsidised goods in the UK market; and
- whether injury to the UK industry in the relevant goods would occur if the countervailing amount were no longer applied to those goods.

Period of investigation:

The period of investigation is 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2020.

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 UK importers of the goods subject to review,
 - any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or UK importers of the goods subject to review,
 - UK producers of like goods. Like goods means 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 those of the goods subject to review,
 - any trade or business association of UK producers of like goods; and
 - any other party (including interested parties and contributors) that has registered an interest in the review,
- verification to further assess and examine information, including verification visits and/or remote verification;
- 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,
- 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 **13th February 2021**. You can register your interest through the Trade Remedies Service at:

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

Please contact TS0009@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

It is possible that anyone registering their interest after 13th February 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 an investigation may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why, and provide:

- a non-confidential summary of the information; or
- where that is not possible, a statement of reasons as to why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

Further information

The [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) produced by the Department for International Trade provides more information about the investigations process, including submitting confidential information.

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