

Transition Review Subsidy Questionnaire for (Interested Parties/Contributors)

Case TS0018: Hot-Rolled Flat and Coil Products exported from the People's Republic of China

Period of Investigation (POI):	1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022
Injury period:	1 April 2018 – 31 March 2022
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Completed on behalf of:	UK Steel (part of Make UK, the Manufacturers' Organisation – legally registered as EEF Limited)

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- Confidential
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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) by 4 July 2022.

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Introduction

About us, this case and this questionnaire

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) investigates whether trade remedies are needed to prevent injury to UK industry.

The TRA will carry 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 subsidised imports of Hot Rolled Flat and Coil products from the People's Republic of China are likely to continue or recur if the measure was removed and whether injury would be likely to continue or recur to the UK industry if this measure was removed.

Why should I take part?

We are asking contributors and interested parties to complete this questionnaire to inform our review of whether the current countervailing measure should be maintained, varied or revoked.

Please refer to our online guidance to understand more about [how we carry out transition reviews into EU measures](#) and the [differences between interested parties and contributors](#).

How do I respond?

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

Please provide all the information requested by 4 July 2022. We may send a notice asking for clarification or supplementary information where necessary. Make sure you provide the sources for any 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](#) provides more 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 TS0018@traderemedies.gov.uk

For general information about trade remedies processes, please see our [online guidance](#).

You can also find out more about the regulatory basis of our investigations. The TRA investigates cases under the provisions of *Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as Amended by the Trade Remedies (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019* and under the *Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018*.

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](#) to record both the request and the extension granted.

Preparing confidential and non-confidential copies

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your questionnaire by the due date. We will publish the non-confidential version on the 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](#) 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, the TRA may disregard the information you give us.

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.

How to complete this questionnaire

All statements should be substantiated with relevant data, information and the sources of these. Please attach supporting documents in appendices to supplement your responses. To help us verify your information, please retain all your supporting documents, including any calculations made when developing 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.
- 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).
- Identify all units of measurement and currencies used in tables, calculations and lists.
- 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 refer to the case number, TS0018, in any correspondence with the TRA.

What happens next

Once you have completed your questionnaire responses, you must upload confidential and non-confidential versions along with any additional documents you’re providing through our [Trade Remedies Service](#). 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; and
- the non-confidential responses will be placed on the public file.

For further information please refer to our guidance on [how we carry out transition reviews into EU measures](#)

The scope of this review

Goods subject to review

This review covers certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel exported from the People's Republic of China, described as:

Certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel, whether or not in coils (including 'cut-to-length' and 'narrow strip' products), not further worked than hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated.

The following product types are excluded: Products of stainless steel and grain-oriented silicon electrical steel; products of tool steel and high-speed steel; products, not in coils, without patterns in relief, of a thickness exceeding 10mm and of a width of 600mm or more; products, not in coils, without patterns in relief, of a thickness of 4.75mm or more but not exceeding 10mm and of a width of 2.05m or more.

These products are currently classifiable within the following CN code(s):

72 08 10 00 00	72 25 40 60 90	72 08 38 00 10	72 11 14 00 10
72 08 40 00 00	72 08 36 00 00	72 08 38 00 90	72 11 14 00 90
72 11 19 00 10	72 08 53 90 00	72 08 39 00 10	72 26 91 99 00
72 08 26 00 00	72 25 40 90 00	72 08 39 00 90	72 11 19 00 90
72 08 52 99 00	72 08 37 00 10	72 26 91 91 00	72 08 25 00 00
72 25 30 90 00	72 08 37 00 90	72 08 40 00 90	72 08 52 10 00
72 08 27 00 00	72 08 54 00 00	72 11 13 00 00	72 25 19 10 90
72 08 53 10 00	72 26 19 10 90		

The commodity code 72 26 19 10 90 was replaced by commodity codes 72 26 19 10 91 and 72 26 19 10 95 on 9 July 2021.

These codes are only given for information.

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.

SECTION A: About the case

A1 General information

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

Name (point of contact):	[REDACTED]
Address:	UK Steel, Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NQ
Telephone No:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Website:	https://www.makeuk.org/about/uk-steel

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

Company registration number:	05950172
Place of registration:	Broadway House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NQ
Legal name of organisation:	EEF Limited
Legal structure (e.g. limited company, sole trader, partnership etc):	Limited Company
Position in the organisation:	Trade and Economics Policy Manager
Year of establishment:	1896
Other operating names:	Make UK

2. Please explain your interest in this review.

<p>UK Steel represents the interests of the UK's steel producing companies, including those of the product forming the subject of this transition review: Hot-rolled flat and coil products.</p> <p>UK Steel welcomes the opening of this transition review. It is critical that the transitioned anti-subsidy measures on Hot-rolled flat and coil products from the People's Republic of China be maintained at their current levels.</p>	<p>Appendix reference:</p>
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A2 Information about this review

Please give any information you feel is relevant to the case. This transition review will consider whether subsidised imports of Hot Rolled Flat and Coil products from the People's Republic of China are likely to continue or recur if the measure was removed and whether injury would be likely to continue or recur to the UK industry if this measure was removed.

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

Hot-rolled flat (HRF) steel products are produced from steel slabs and passed through a rolling mill to achieve the required thickness when the metal is still at a high temperature. They can be delivered in coils, cut lengths or narrow strips. It is a highly commoditised product and can be sold as is. HRF can also be cold-finished, coated and further processed into further downstream products such as pipes and hollow sections. Hot-rolled coil is the largest flat finished steel product by volume in any market globally. It represents a core product for large integrated flat products plants and as such it is crucial for the production economics of the plant. The main end-use sectors are construction, automotive, mechanical engineering and energy pipelines. HRF products are produced by two producers in the UK – Tata Steel in Port Talbot and Liberty Steel in Newport and Brinsworth. Tata Steel's hot rolled coil mill in Llanwern was mothballed in 2015 following the surge in dumped imports from China.

Appendix reference:

2. Do you think there would be injury to the UK industry if the existing countervailing measure 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](#) for a definition of injury.

Please refer to Section 1 of the Appendix.

Appendix reference:

3. Please provide any information about the possible economic effects on the UK if the existing countervailing measure on the goods subject to review were no longer applied.

Please refer to Section 2 of the Appendix.

Appendix reference:

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

Please refer to Section 3 of the Appendix.

SECTION B: Subsidies

B1 General

The subsidies being reviewed are listed in the table below. Please use this section of the questionnaire to provide any information you have on the programmes listed. You can also provide information on any other subsidy programmes that you believe relate to the production and/or sale of the goods subject to review.

Subsidy programmes

No.	Subsidy name	Subsidy type
1	Energy saving and conservation grants	Grant Programme
2	Grants related to technological upgrading or transformation	Grant Programme
3	Various Ad hoc grants provided by municipal/regional authorities	Grant Programme
4	Preferential Lending - Loans for which the amount of interest that a company pays is lower than a comparable loan obtainable on the open market.	Preferential policy loans, credit lines, other financing and guarantees
5	Land Use Rights (LUR)	Government provision of goods at less than adequate remuneration
6	Enterprise Income Tax (EIT) privileges for Resource Products from Synergistic Utilisation	Direct Tax Exemption and Reduction Programme
7	EIT offset for research and development expenses	Direct Tax Exemption and Reduction Programme
8	Land use tax exemption	Direct Tax Exemption and Reduction Programme
9	VAT exemptions and import tariff rebates for the use of imported equipment and technology	Indirect Tax and Import Tariff Programme
10	Tax exemption for policy-based relocation	Indirect Tax and Import Tariff Programme

+Add/remove additional rows as required.

B2 Subsidies

1. Please provide any information on the above subsidies that you feel is relevant to the review.

Please refer to Tata Steel's detailed submission for evidence on Chinese subsidies.
Appendix reference:

2. Please provide any information you feel relevant related to additional subsidies not listed above.

Please refer to Tata Steel's detailed submission for evidence on Chinese subsidies.
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