

NOTICE OF INITIATION

TRANSITION REVIEW No.TS0018

Countervailing duties on certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel originating in the People's Republic of China

Initiation of a Transition Review of Countervailing Measures

The Trade Remedies Authority (the TRA) makes the following Notice under regulation 98 of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations) to initiate a transition review of a UK trade remedies measure.

The relevant UK measure is set out in the Secretary of State for International Trade's [Taxation Notice number 2020/15](#) which gives effect to the EU trade remedies measures specified in the [Notice of Determination](#).

The date of initiation of the review is **5 April 2022**.

Description of goods subject to review

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 hot-rolled flat products are currently classifiable within the following commodity code(s);

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

Exporting countries

The People's Republic of China.

Summary of the issues involved in the review

The matters we will consider during the review will include, but will not necessarily be limited to:

- whether the importation of the subsidised goods subject to review would be likely to continue or recur if the countervailing amount were no longer applied to those goods; and



- whether injury to the UK industry in the relevant goods would be likely to continue or recur if the countervailing amount were no longer applied to those goods.

Period of investigation

The period of investigation is 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2022.

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 importers of the goods subject to review;
 - any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the goods subject to review;
 - UK producers of like goods;
 - any trade or business association of UK producers of like goods; and
 - any other party (including interested parties - other than the government of the foreign country or territory - and contributors) that has registered an interest in the review.
- verification, where appropriate, to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered; and
- publication of a Statement of Essential Facts. On publication, we will set a period of time, which will be no longer than 30 days, during which parties will be able to comment on the Statement of Essential Facts and we will then make our recommendation to the Secretary of State for International Trade.

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 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.

Like goods are 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 the goods subject to review.

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 who wants to participate in the review is invited to contact us by 22 April 2022. We have extended the period of registration to take into account Easter holidays (from 15 April – 18 April 2022) in the United Kingdom. You can register your interest through the Trade Remedies Service at:

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

Please contact TS0018@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after the registration period 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 the review may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why, and provide:

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

Further information

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the transition review process, including [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

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