

Pre-Sampling Questionnaire (Producer) Transition review of countervailing measures

Case TS0018: certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, nonalloy or other alloy steel originating in the People's Republic of China

Period of Investigation:	1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022
Injury Period:	1 April 2018 – 31 March 2022
Deadline for response:	22 April 2022
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Completed on behalf of:	Tata Steel UK

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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 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



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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

Please note: 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.

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

Like goods

This pre-sampling questionnaire asks for information about your company's imports and sales of goods which are **like** the goods **subject to review**. Any reference to '**like goods**' in this pre-sampling questionnaire refers to goods produced in the UK or imported to the UK from a country other than **the People's Republic of China** which are like the goods **subject to review** in all respects, or with characteristics closely resembling them.

Please follow the instructions for each question to provide the appropriate information regarding the goods subject to review or like goods.

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Instructions

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) will be carrying out a transition review of each trade remedy measure active under the EU system that the United Kingdom (UK) has decided to transition after EU exit. Given that there are **low or no imports**, this transition review will consider whether the **subsidised imports** are likely to occur or recur and whether there is a likelihood that injury caused by the subsidised imports will occur or recur should the measure for **certain hot-rolled steel** from **the People's Republic of China** be removed.

I – Why you are being asked to complete this pre-sampling questionnaire

We are seeking your cooperation as a **UK producer** to inform our review of whether the current **countervailing measures** should be maintained, varied or discontinued.

This pre-sampling questionnaire allows us to collect basic information and data about your company. If a large number of UK producers complete this pre-sampling questionnaire, we will use the information each one provides to help us decide which companies we want to sample for further investigation. If you are sampled, we will send you a more detailed questionnaire to complete.

For more information about this case, you may refer to the Notice of Initiation published at: <u>www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases</u>.

II – Who should complete this form

You should complete this form if you are a **UK producer** of **certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel** ('the like good').

If you are not a **UK producer**, please complete either the relevant Pre-Sampling Questionnaire or the Contributor Registration Form.

III – Deadline for response

A completed pre-sampling questionnaire must be submitted to the TRA by no later than **22 April 2022** If you are unable to provide a completed submission by the given due date and you wish to request an extension, please contact **James Iddiols**, **TS0018@traderemedies.gov.uk**.



IV – Note about confidentiality

You will need to submit one confidential version and one non-confidential version of your pre-sampling questionnaire by the due date. Please ensure that each page of information you provide is clearly marked either "Confidential" or "Non-Confidential" in the header. It is your responsibility to ensure that the non-confidential version does not contain any confidential information.

Please see <u>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 information on what can be considered confidential and how to prepare a non-confidential version of this questionnaire.</u>

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 <u>www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/cases</u>.

V – Period of Investigation

The Period of Investigation (POI) referred to in this pre-sampling questionnaire is: **1** April 2021 – 31 March 2022.

VI – Injury Period

The Injury Period referred to in this pre-sampling questionnaire is: **1 April 2018 – 31** March 2022.





Section A – Activities of your company and any associated parties

A1 – Your company's activities

To determine your company's role as an interested party for the purpose of this **review**, please select the activity/activities of your company below. For a definition of **goods subject to review/like goods** please refer to above section on '<u>the scope of this review</u>.

☑ producer of the like goods in the UK

□ other (please give details below)

If you have selected 'other', please describe the role of your company with regards to **goods subject to review** or like goods:

Please answer here

Please describe your interest in this case:



Tata Steel UK Ltd is a major domestic producer of a number of steel products, including hot-rolled flat steel products. TSUK was also one of the petitioners in the original investigation in 2016.

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A2 – Associated parties and operational links

Please give details of all associated parties involved in the production and/or sales (export and/or domestic) of the **goods subject to review** or like goods during the POI. Both natural persons (individuals) and legal persons (e.g. companies) are considered to be associated where they meet the definition of 'Related Persons' in regulation 128 of the *Customs (Import Duty) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018*.

Examples of activities with associated parties could include production, domestic sales, export sales, and/or further processing of **goods subject to review** or like goods.

	Company name	Company location (city, country)	Activities	Relationship
Your company	Tata Steel UK Ltd	Port Talbot, Wales, UK	Production, domestic and export sales, further processing	
Associated Party 1	Tata Steel IJmuiden BV	ljmuiden, the Netherlands	Production, domestic and export sales, further processing	Sister company
Associated Party 2	Tata Steel Limited	Ahmedabad, India	Production, domestic and export sales,	Ultimate parent company and controlling



			further processing	party of Tata Steel UK Ltd
+ Add additional rows as required				

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Section B – Production, sales and imports

B1 – Production

Please fill in your company's total production volume and capacity for the like goods in the table below.

	Volume tonnes
Overall production of the like goods during the POI	[3,000,000 – 4,000,000]
Total production capacity of the like goods during the POI	[3,000,000 - 4,000,000]



B2 – Sales volume and value

Please provide your UK sales data for the like goods produced in the UK by your company.

	Volume tonnes	Value in GBP (£)
Like goods produced and sold in the UK in the POI	[500,000 – 600,000]	[350,000,000 – 500,000,000]

B3 – Imports

If your company has also imported the **goods subject to review** from **the People's Republic of China** or like goods from any other country and sold them in the UK during the POI, provide your sales data for these imported **goods subject to review**/like goods.

	Volume tonnes	Value in GBP (£)
UK sales of the goods subject to review , imported from the People's Republic of China in the POI	0	0
UK sales of the like goods, imported from countries other than the People's Republic of China in the POI	0	0
Imports of the good subject to review from the People's Republic of China in the POI	0	0
Imports of the like goods from countries other than the People's Republic of China in the POI	[30,000 – 50,000]	[40,000,000 = 60,000,000]



Section C – Additional information

Please provide any other relevant information which you think would be useful to help our investigation in the box below.

This may include:

- other interested parties you believe should receive a questionnaire;
- any initial concerns you have about the possible existence of a particular market situation in the domestic market of the exporting country or territory such as:
 - situations/distortions in the domestic market of the exporting country where prices are artificially low;
 - significant barter trade;
 - o prices reflect non-commercial factors; or
 - o any other reason

which means it is not appropriate to use the comparable price to determine the normal value of the **goods subject to review**; or

- the scope of the investigation;
- anything else you consider relevant.

TSUK reserves its right to submit views and comments on the above-mentioned points at a later stage of the review.





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In addition, as part of this **review**, we will conduct an Economic Interest Test to assess whether a measure is in the economic interest of the UK. As part of this process, we would like your help to identify upstream and downstream industries which may wish to contribute to our **review**. If possible, please provide the names and contact information for any UK-based companies operating upstream or downstream of your business in the supply chain for the like goods.

TSUK will try to provide this information at a later stage of the investigation.