

Subsidy Transition Review Questionnaire (Contributors and Other Interested Parties) Case TS0023: Certain stainless steel bars and rods originating in the Republic of India

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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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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 the importation of certain stainless steel bars and rods originating in the Republic of India and injury to the UK industry in the Like Goods would be likely to continue or recur if the countervailing amount currently applicable were no longer applied to those goods.

A subsidy exists if there is:

- a financial contribution by a foreign authority which confers a benefit on the recipient (usually an industry or business manufacturing goods); or
- a form of income or price support.

Not all subsidies are countervailable (meaning they can be offset through trade remedies). A subsidy is countervailable if it is specific to certain companies or industries and granted either directly or indirectly for the manufacture, production, export or transport of goods.

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 5 September 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 TS0023@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) 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, TS0023, 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 stainless steel bars and rods originating in India, described as:

Stainless steel bars and rods, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished, other than bars and rods of circular cross-section of a diameter of 80 mm or more.

These goods are currently classifiable within the following commodity codes:

- 72 22 20 21
- 72 22 20 29
- 72 22 20 31
- 72 22 20 39
- 72 22 20 81
- 72 22 20 89

These commodity 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.

Like Goods

In addition to seeking information about export sales to the UK of the Goods Subject to Review, we also would like to receive information relating to '**Like Goods**'. Any reference to 'Like Goods' in this questionnaire refers to goods produced in the UK or imported to the UK from a country other than India, 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 Like Goods or Goods Subject to Review.

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):	
Address:	
Telephone number:	
Email:	
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):	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.

UK Steel represents the interests of the UK's steel producing companies, including those of the product forming the subject of this transition review.

UK Steel would like to withdraw its interest in this case due to minimal supply to the UK market of stainless bars and rods by UK producers and therefore very low risk of injury resulting from the removal of the measure. This position is supported by both the UK producers of the product.

Appendix reference:

A2 Information about this review

Please give any information you feel is relevant to the case. This transition review will consider whether the importation of certain stainless steel bars and rods originating in the Republic of India and injury to the UK industry in the Like Goods would be likely to continue or recur if the countervailing amount currently applicable were no longer applied to those goods.

1. Please provide any information about the Goods Subject to Review that you consider relevant.

Outokumpu and Liberty Steel produce limited quantities of stainless steel bars and rods in the UK, with very limited amounts sold into the UK market.

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.

There is limited supply to the UK market of stainless bars and rods by UK producers and therefore very low risk of injury.

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.

We assess there to be low risk of injury to UK producers and therefore anticipate no negative economic effect from a UK producer perspective.

Appendix reference:

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

UK Steel would support for this review to conclude that the measure be terminated.

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
1	Advance Authorisation Scheme (AAS)
2	Duty Drawback Scheme (DDS)
3	Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme (DEPBS)
4	Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA)
5	Exemption of Export Credit from Interest Taxes
6	Export Credit Scheme (ECS)
7	Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCGS)
8	Loan Guarantees and direct transfers of funds from the Government of India
9	Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)
10	Package Scheme of Incentives (PSI)
11	Regional Subsidies
12	Provision of chromium ore for less than adequate remuneration

+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.

None.

Appendix reference:

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

None.

Appendix reference: