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Trade remedies transition policy

Trade remedies protect domestic industries from unfair practices around imports. The UK's own independent trade policy includes a trade remedies system.

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Trade remedies protect domestic industries against injury caused by unfair trade practices (imports of dumped or subsidised goods) or unforeseen surges in imports. They usually take the form of an additional duty placed on imports of specific products.

The Secretary of State for International Trade has assessed which of the existing EU remedy measures should be transitioned into the UK trade remedies system. For the existing EU anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures, this was done via a Call for Evidence consultation (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/call-for-evidence-to-identify-uk-interest-in-existing-eu-trade-remedy-measures/outcome/final-findings-of-the-call-for-evidence-into-uk-interest-in-existing-eu-trade-remedy-measures>) with UK industry and other interested parties, including international industry. For the existing EU steel safeguard measure, the Secretary of State has identified 19 product categories covered by the existing EU steel safeguard measure where UK production exists

Since the 2018 Call for Evidence the Secretary of State for International Trade has continued to assess relevant EU trade remedy measures to determine whether there is a UK producer interest in maintaining these after 31 December 2020. The Secretary of State is no longer able to consider any further evidence as part of this process, and the final list of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures which will be maintained after 31 December 2020 is detailed below, along with details of steel safeguard measures which will be maintained.

Trade remedy investigations will continue to be carried out by the EU on behalf of the UK and all existing EU trade remedy measures will continue to be applied at the UK's border until 11pm on 31 December 2020.

Transition reviews

All anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguard measures that the UK keeps will undergo a UK-wide transition review led by the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/trade-remedies-investigations-directorate>) (TRID). Transition reviews will assess whether the current measure is appropriate for the UK market and whether it should be varied changed or terminated. For further information please read our Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) dumping, subsidisation and safeguarding investigations guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trade-remedies-investigations-directorate-trid-dumping-and-subsidisation-investigations-guidance>) document and TRID's operational guidance.

Before starting a transition review TRID will ask the Secretary of State to publish a Notice of Determination . The Secretary of State will publish all Notices of Determination prior to the end of the transition period. Once the Secretary of State has published a Notice of Determination TRID will issue a Notice of Initiation to formally begin the transition review of the measure.

You can view all live and completed transition reviews on the Trade Remedies Service (<https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/>).

For more information about TRID or to express your views about any current trade remedies, email contact@traderemedies.gov.uk.

Safeguard measures

The UK has committed to maintaining the EU safeguard measures where there is a UK interest in doing so. As with the maintained definitive anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures, TRID will conduct a UK-wide transition review to assess whether the measure is appropriate for the UK market, and as such whether it should be varied or terminated.

Steel safeguard measures

The Secretary of State has identified 19 product categories covered by the existing EU steel safeguard measure where UK production exists. These would therefore need to be transitioned in order to provide continuity to UK producers.

The remaining associated product categories, where no UK production exists, will not be transitioned and the relevant tariff rate quotas will therefore cease to apply to imports at 11pm on 31 December 2020.

UK specific tariff rate quotas

In order to ensure the transitioned safeguard measures work specifically for the UK from the first day it is operating an independent trade policy, DIT also collected information regarding historical trade flows of steel products between 2015 and 2017 that fall under this measure in order to permit a recalculation of the tariff rate quotas (TRQs).

The UK specific TRQs were recalculated using the same method deployed by the European Commission. The UK specific TRQs for the 19 product categories the UK is transitioning are available in the Secretary of State's Notice of Determination

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notice-of-determination-safeguard-measures-on-certain-steel-products-application-of-tariff-rate-quotas>) for this measure.

Steel products to be transitioned or terminated

Below is the list of the 26 EU product categories against which the UK will either transition or terminate within the safeguard measure.

Product category number	Steel Product Categories subject to EU Safeguard Measures	Subject to UK Safeguard Measures?
1	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	Maintain
2	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Cold Rolled Sheets	Maintain
3A	Electrical Sheets (other than GOES)	Terminate
3B	Electrical Sheets (other than GOES)	Terminate
4A	Metallic Coated Sheets	Maintain
4B	Metallic Coated Sheets	Maintain
5	Organic Coated Sheets	Maintain
6	Tin Mill products	Maintain
7	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates	Maintain
8	Stainless Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	Terminate
9	Stainless Cold Rolled Sheets and Strips	Terminate
10	Stainless Hot Rolled Quarto Plates	Terminate
12	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Merchant Bars and Light Sections	Maintain
13	Rebars	Maintain
14	Stainless Bars and Light Sections	Maintain
15	Stainless Wire Rod	Maintain
16	Non-Alloy and Other Alloy Wire Rod	Maintain
17	Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel	Maintain

Product category number	Steel Product Categories subject to EU Safeguard Measures	Subject to UK Safeguard Measures?
18	Sheet Piling	Terminate
19	Railway Material	Maintain
20	Gas pipes	Maintain
21	Hollow sections	Maintain
22	Seamless Stainless Tubes and Pipes	Terminate
24	Other Seamless Tubes	Terminate
25A	Large welded tubes	Maintain
25B	Large welded tubes	Maintain
26	Other Welded Pipes	Maintain
27	Non-Alloy and other alloy cold finished bars	Maintain
28	Non-Alloy Wire	Maintain

Note: Product Category 11, Grain-Oriented Electrical Sheet, and Product Category 23, Bearing Tubes and Pipes, are not listed because the EU concluded that these product categories should not be subject to a safeguard measure.

Further information relating to a break-down of the country specific and residual TRQs per product category can be found in the Secretary of State's Notice of Determination (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notice-of-determination-safeguard-measures-on-certain-steel-products-application-of-tariff-rate-quotas>) for this measure.

Next steps and transition review

The UK specific TRQs on the 19 product categories outlined above will come into effect at 11pm on 31 December 2020, following the publication of a taxation notice from the Secretary of State for International Trade.

The Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) – as the UK's competent trade remedies authority pending the establishment of the Trade Remedies Authority – will conduct a transition review of the definitive safeguard measures across the 19 steel product categories to ensure these measures fully reflect the UK market situation.

These reviews will consider whether it is appropriate to vary the tariff rate quota associated with the product category on a country by country basis. Further information can be found at the Trade Remedies Investigation Directorate operational guidance on the transition review of EU steel safeguard measures (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/transition-review-of-eu-steel-safeguard-measures>).

Anti-dumping and anti-subsidy trade remedy measures

The table summarises which existing definitive EU anti-dumping or anti-subsidy trade remedy measures the UK will maintain or terminate as part of its independent trade policy. The UK will continue to impose the same trade remedy measures as the EU until the end of the transition period when we cease to apply the Common External Tariff. After this point, the measures the Secretary of State has determined should be maintained will continue to apply until they expire, or until [TRID](#) completes the transition review and determines whether the measure should be varied, extended or terminated to reflect the circumstances of the UK market.

From 11pm on 31 December 2020 the UK will operate its own independent trade remedies system. From this point you can apply to the Trade Remedies Service if you want [TRID](#) to investigate imports which are causing or threatening injury to UK industry. You can only ask for a trade remedy:

- if you believe imported goods are being dumped on the UK market at prices below their normal value or benefiting from subsidies
- there is a sharp, sudden increase in imports to the UK of a certain product

[TRID](#) has established a Pre-Application Office (PAO). The PAO can:

- help you decide whether a trade remedy is appropriate for you
- advise you on the requirements involved in an application
- answer your questions on other aspects of the service

If you would like to make an application, email the PAO at contact@traderemedies.gov.uk.

Expiry reviews and the UK government transition policy

A measure marked with a ‘*’ in the below table signifies that the European Commission is currently conducting an expiry review on this measure. An expiry review determines if the measure were to expire, whether dumping and injury would probably continue or recur. An expiry review can result only in the repeal or continuation of the duties in force. If measures are maintained, they will normally remain in force for another 5 years. An expiry review cannot lead to a change in the level or form of the duties; these can only be changed by the European Commission as the result of an interim review.

A measure marked with a (***) in the table below signifies that the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate ([TRID](#)) is currently conducting a transition review on this measure. Transition reviews will assess whether the current measure is appropriate for the UK market and whether it should be varied, changed or terminated. You can view all live and completed transition reviews on the Trade Remedies Service (<https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/accounts/login/?next=/dashboard/>).

A measure marked with a (†) in the below table signifies that the production of this measure in the UK has ceased and is unlikely to recommence in the UK in the foreseeable future. The Secretary of State has reassessed this measure, working with UK producers and sector stakeholders. It determined that this measure should not be maintained, as it no longer meets the criteria of the Call for Evidence.

Should the European Commission conclude that a measure which the UK is transitioning should be terminated (either by letting the measure lapse or via an expiry review), then this measure will fall away and will not be transitioned over to the UK’s independent trade remedies system.

Recent updates to measures being maintained or terminated

This table has been updated to reflect changes at the EU-level in the measures the UK will maintain or terminate as well as recent determinations on new definitive EU trade remedy measures. Recent updates are stated below:

- the EU merged the anti-dumping measures on Ironing Boards (AD506 and AD548)
- the EU did not renew the Bioethanol measure against the USA (AD580), meaning that it fell away from the Call for Evidence findings – the Call for Evidence concluded that this measure should be transitioned
- the EU did not renew the Manganese Dioxide measure against South Africa (AD520), meaning that it fell away from the Call for Evidence findings – the Call for Evidence concluded that this measure should be terminated
- the EU imposed an anti-dumping measure on Urea ammonium nitrate (AD649) – the Secretary of State assessed this measure, working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so, and determined that this measure should be terminated as it did not meet the criteria of the Call for Evidence
- the EU imposed an anti-subsidy measure on Indonesian Biodiesel (AS650) – the Secretary of State assessed this measure, working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so, and determined that this measure should be maintained as it met criteria of the Call for Evidence
- the EU imposed an anti-dumping measure on Steel Road Wheels (AD652) – the Secretary of State has reassessed this measure, working with UK producers and sector stakeholders. It determined that this measure should not be maintained, as it no longer meets the criteria of the Call for Evidence
- the EU imposed anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures on Glass fibre fabrics (certain woven and/or stitched) (AD653 and AS656) – the Secretary of State assessed these measures, working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so, and determined that these measures should not be maintained as they did not meet the criteria of the Call for Evidence
- the EU imposed an anti-dumping measure on Polyvinyl alcohol (certain) (PVA) (AD654) – the Secretary of State assessed this measure working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so and determined that this measure should not be maintained as it did not meet the criteria of the Call for Evidence
- the EU imposed an anti-subsidy measure on Glass fibre reinforcements (glass fibres products (GFR) (AS657) – the Secretary of State assessed this measure working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so and determined that this measure should be maintained as it met the criteria of the Call for Evidence
- the EU imposed anti-dumping measures on Stainless steel hot-rolled flat products (SSHR) (AD658) – the Secretary of State assessed these measures working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so and determined that these measures should not be maintained as they did not meet the criteria of the Call for Evidence
- the EU imposed an anti-dumping measure on Thermal paper (certain heavyweight) (AD659) – the Secretary of State assessed this measure working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so and determined that this measure should not be maintained as it did not meet the criteria of the Call for Evidence

- UK producers contacted the Secretary of State with new evidence showing changes to UK production and/or market share of products covered by the EU anti-dumping measure on Bicycles (AD287) and anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures Electric Bicycles (AD643 and AS646). The Secretary of State reassessed these measures, working with UK producers and sector stakeholders to do so, and determined that these measures should now be maintained as they met the criteria of the Call for Evidence

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Acesulfame potassium	AD611	China	Terminate
Aluminium foil	AD610	Russia	Terminate
Aluminium foil in large rolls	AD534	China	Terminate
Aluminium foil in small rolls	AD582	China	Maintain
Aluminium radiators	AD578	China	Terminate
Aluminium road wheels	AD541	China	Maintain
Ammonium nitrate	AD330	Russia	Maintain*
Aspartame (sweetener)	AD621	China	Terminate
Barium carbonate	AD475	China	Terminate
Bicycles	AD287	China (extended to certain bicycle parts) (extended to Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Tunisia)	Maintain
Biodiesel	AS644	Argentina	Maintain
Biodiesel	AD531	USA (extended to Canada)	Maintain***
Biodiesel	AS532	USA (extended to Canada)	Maintain***
Biodiesel	AS650	Indonesia	Maintain

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Cast iron articles	AD637	China	Maintain
Ceramic tableware / Kitchenware	AD586	China	Maintain
Ceramic tiles	AD560	China	Maintain
Chamois leather	AD496	China	Maintain
Citric acid	AD522	China (extended to Malaysia)	Terminate*
Citrus fruits	AD524	China	Terminate*
Coated fine paper	AD552	China	Terminate
Coated fine paper	AS557	China	Terminate
Cold rolled flat steel products	AD620	China	Maintain
Cold rolled flat steel products	AD620	Russia	Maintain
Corrosion resistant steel	AD639	China	Maintain
Electric bicycles	AD643	China	Maintain
Electric bicycles	AS646	China	Maintain
Ferro silicon	AD516	China	Terminate
Ferro silicon	AD516	Russia	Terminate
Glass fibre fabrics (certain woven and/or stitched)	AD653	China	Terminate
Glass fibre fabrics (certain woven and/or stitched)	AD653	Egypt	Terminate

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Glass fibre fabrics (certain woven and/or stitched)	AS656	China	Terminate
Glass fibre fabrics (certain woven and/or stitched)	AS656	Egypt	Terminate
Glass fibre products (certain continuous filament)	AD549	China	Maintain
Glass fibre products (certain filament) (GFP)	AS603	China	Maintain*
Glass fibre reinforcements (glass fibres products)	AS657	Egypt	Maintain
Grain orientated flat-rolled products of electrical steel (GOES)	AD608	China	Terminate †
Grain orientated flat-rolled products of electrical steel (GOES)	AD608	Japan	Terminate †
Grain orientated flat-rolled products of electrical steel (GOES)	AD608	Korea	Terminate †
Grain orientated flat-rolled products of electrical steel (GOES)	AD608	Russia	Terminate †

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Grain orientated flat-rolled products of electrical steel (GOES)	AD608	USA	Terminate †
Graphite electrode systems	AD469	India	Terminate
Graphite electrode systems	AS470	India	Terminate
Hand pallet trucks and their essential parts	AD474	China (extended to Thailand and Vietnam)	Terminate
Heavy (quarto) plate	AD631	China	Maintain
High tenacity polyester yarns	AD547	China	Terminate
Hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel	AD635	Brazil	Maintain
Hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel	AD630	China	Maintain
Hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel	AS634	China	Maintain
Hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel	AD635	Iran	Maintain

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel	AD635	Russia	Maintain
Hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel	AD635	Ukraine	Maintain
Ironing boards	AD548	China	Maintain
Lever arch mechanisms	AD491	China	Terminate
Lightweight thermal paper (65gr/m2 or less)	AD629	Korea	Terminate
Melamine	AD554	China	Terminate
Molybdenum wires	AD540	China (extended to Malaysia)	Terminate
Monosodium glutamate	AD521	China	Terminate*
Monosodium glutamate	AD602	Indonesia	Terminate*
Okoume plywood	AD471	China	Terminate
Open mesh glass fibre fabrics	AD558	China (extended to India, Indonesia, Taiwan and Thailand)	Terminate
Organic coated steel	AD584	China	Maintain
Organic coated steel	AS587	China	Maintain
Oxalic acid	AD568	China	Terminate
Oxalic acid	AD568	India	Terminate

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Peroxisulphates	AD511	China	Terminate
Polyethylene terephthalate	AS426	India	Maintain
Polyvinyl alcohol (certain) (PVA)	AD654	China	Terminate
PSC wires and strands	AD529	China	Maintain***
Rainbow trout	AS606	Turkey	Maintain***
Rebar	AD633	Belarus	Terminate
Rebar (high fatigue performance steel reinforcing bars)	AD619	China	Maintain
Ring binder mechanisms	AD350	China (extended to Laos and Vietnam)	Terminate
Seamless pipes and tubes (large 406.4mm)	AD632	China	Terminate
Seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel	AD533	China	Terminate
Seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel	AD490	Russia	Terminate
Seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel	AD490	Ukraine	Terminate
Seamless pipes and tubes of stainless steel	AD565	China	Terminate
Silicon metal	AD245	China (extended to Korea and Taiwan)	Terminate

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Sodium cyclamate	AD467	China	Terminate
Sodium cyclamate	AD467	Indonesia	Terminate
Sodium cyclamate	AD626	China	Terminate
Sodium gluconate	AD544	China	Terminate
Solar glass	AD598	China	Terminate*
Solar glass	AS599	China	Terminate*
Stainless steel bars and rods	AS556	India	Maintain
Stainless steel cold rolled flat products	AD607	China	Terminate*
Stainless steel cold rolled flat products	AD607	Taiwan	Terminate*
Stainless steel hot- rolled flat products (SSHR)	AD658	China	Terminate
Stainless steel hot- rolled flat products (SSHR)	AD658	Indonesia	Terminate
Stainless steel hot- rolled flat products (SSHR)	AD658	Taiwan	Terminate
Stainless steel tubes and pipe butt welding fittings	AD622	China	Terminate
Stainless steel tubes and pipe butt welding fittings	AD622	Taiwan	Terminate
Steel road wheels	AD652	China	Terminate

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Steel (wire) ropes and cables	AD384	China (extended to Korea and Morocco)	Maintain
Sulphanilic acid	AD444	China	Terminate*
Sweetcorn	AD507	Thailand	Terminate
Tartaric acid	AD488	China	Terminate
Thermal paper (certain heavyweight)	AD659	Korea	Terminate
Threaded tube and pipe cast fittings of malleable cast iron	AD585	China	Terminate
Threaded tube and pipe cast fittings of malleable cast iron	AD585	Thailand	Terminate
Trichloroisocyanuric acid	AD480	China	Terminate
Tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel	AD323	China (extended to Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Philippines)	Terminate
Tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel	AD442	Korea	Terminate
Tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel	AD442	Malaysia	Terminate
Tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel	AD579	Russia	Terminate
Tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel	AD579	Turkey	Terminate

Name of measure	Case code (AD – Anti dumping, AS – Anti subsidy)	Countries against which measures are applied	Terminate or maintain the measure once the transition period has expired?
Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron	AD616	India	Terminate
Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron	AS618	India	Terminate
Tungsten carbide	AD238	China	Terminate
Tungsten electrodes	AD502	China	Terminate
Tyres	AD640	China	Maintain
Tyres	AS641	China	Maintain
Urea Ammonium Nitrate	AD649	Russia, Trinidad, Tobago, USA	Terminate
Welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel	AD523	Belarus	Maintain***
Welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel	AD523	China	Maintain***
Welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel	AD523	Russia	Maintain***
Wire rod	AD530	China	Maintain

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Updated the section on recent updates to measures being maintained or terminated.

2. 27 October 2020

Updated as the EU imposed an anti-dumping measure on Steel Road Wheels (AD652). DIT has reassessed this measure and determined that this measure should not be maintained, as it no longer meets the criteria of the Call for Evidence.

3. 30 September 2020

Updated the details on steel safeguard measures.

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