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TRA to reconsider findings of steel safeguard transition review

TRA has initiated a reconsideration of its recommendation to the Secretary of State with regards to the UK transition review of the steel safeguard measure.

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The Trade Remedies Authority (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/trade-remedies-authority>) has today (Tuesday 7 Sept) initiated a reconsideration (<https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TF0006/submission/b12bbe78-2878-4508-9c8c-f8e515b0919f/>) of its recommendation to the Secretary of State for International Trade with regards to the UK transition review of the steel safeguard measure (<https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TF0006/>). This follows eight submissions from UK and overseas industry requesting that the TRA reconsider its recommendation.

Reconsiderations are an established part of the UK's trade remedies regime. This ensures businesses can continue to make their case once a decision that affects them has been made. At the end of the reconsideration process, the TRA will reach a reconsidered decision, either upholding or varying its recommendation, and will notify this to the Secretary of State for International Trade. The TRA anticipates it will take several months to complete the reconsideration review.

The TRA's recommendation on safeguard measures for steel

In June 2021, the TRA recommended extending the UK's steel safeguard measure across 10 product categories for three years and revoking the measure on nine product categories (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tra-publishes-final-recommendation-on-steel-safeguard-measures>). This recommendation was accepted by the Secretary of State for International Trade, who also provided for a 12-month extension of the current protections for five of the nine product categories originally recommended for revocation.

The reconsideration process

Following the Secretary of State for International Trade's decision, the TRA received submissions from five domestic steel producers and three submissions from importers and UK manufacturers asking the TRA to reconsider the original recommendation. The steel producers argue that the TRA's recommendation should have extended protection to more categories of steel products. The importers and UK manufacturers contend that fewer steel categories should have protections maintained.

The TRA's reconsideration will cover the same remit as the original transition review. It will consider, within the rules set in the UK's safeguard regulatory framework and the underlying World Trade Organisation obligations, whether the TRA recommendation was correct. The TRA will review all relevant material including additional information provided by interested parties.

Background

The Trade Remedies Authority and the UK's trade remedies regime

- The Trade Remedies Authority (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/trade-remedies-authority>) is the UK body that investigates whether new trade remedy measures are needed to counter unfair import practices and unforeseen surges of imports.
- Safeguard measures address unforeseen surges of imports which injure domestic producers – they are one of the three types of trade remedies measures allowed by the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The other two are anti-dumping measures, which counter 'dumping' (sale below the home market value); and countervailing measures, which address the effects of imports of subsidised goods.
- The UK trade remedies regime is set by the Taxation (Cross-Border Trade) Act 2018 and the Trade Act 2021, which operationalise the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreements covering trade remedies.

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NOTICE OF INITIATION

Reconsideration of an original decision in Transition Review No. TF0006: Safeguard measures on certain steel products

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice under regulation 12(1) of the Trade Remedies (Reconsideration and Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019¹ (the “Regulations”) to initiate a Reconsideration of an original decision in Transition Review No. TF0006.

The date of initiation of the Reconsideration is 7 September 2021.

Description of goods to which the reconsideration relates

For a description of the goods to which this Reconsideration relates (the “Goods”) see Appendix I.

Original Decision to be reconsidered

The TRA will reconsider its Recommendation to the Secretary of State² made pursuant to regulation 51(1) of the Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019³ (Safeguards Regulations). A summary of the Recommendation was published by the Secretary of State in her Trade remedies notice 2021 No. 1 safeguard measure: Tariff-rate quota on steel goods.⁴

Applications for Reconsideration

We have received applications for reconsideration from the following interested parties:

- British Steel Limited (Domestic Producer)
- CELSA Steel UK (Domestic Producer)
- UK Steel (Industry Body)
- Liberty Steel UK (Domestic Producer)
- Tata Steel UK (Domestic Producer)
- Cooper Coated Coil Limited (Importer)

¹ Statutory Instrument 2019/910, as amended.

² Please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tra-publishes-final-recommendation-on-steel-safeguard-measures>.

³ Statutory Instrument 2019/449, as amended.

⁴ Please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notice-safeguard-measures-on-certain-steel-products-application-of-tariff-rate-quotas/trade-remedies-notice-2021-no-1-safeguard-measure-tariff-rate-quota-on-steel-goods-web-version>.



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- Aircraft Materials (Importer)
- FT Pipeline Services Ltd. (Importer)

The TRA intends to publish non-confidential summaries of all applications received from interested parties on the public file shortly after initiating the reconsideration process.

Further information

Further information about the reconsideration process can be found in our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#).

Oliver Griffiths
Chief Executive Officer
Trade Remedies Authority

7 September 2021



APPENDIX I: GOODS TO WHICH THE RECONSIDERATION RELATES

Product Number	Product Category	Commodity Codes
1	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7208 10 00, 7208 25 00, 7208 26 00, 7208 27 00, 7208 36 00, 7208 37 00, 7208 38 00, 7208 39 00, 7208 40 00, 7208 52 10, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 10, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 13 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, 7212 60 00, 7225 19 10, 7225 30 10, 7225 30 30, 7225 30 90, 7225 40 15, 7225 40 90, 7226 19 10, 7226 91 20, 7226 91 91, 7226 91 99
4	Metallic Coated Sheets	7210 20 00, 7210 41 00, 7210 49 00, 7210 61 00, 7210 69 00 20, 7210 69 00 80, 7210 90 80, 7212 20 00, 7212 30 00, 7212 50 20, 7212 50 30, 7212 50 40, 7212 50 61, 7212 50 69, 7212 50 90, 7225 91 00, 7225 92 00, 7225 99 00, 7226 99 10, 7226 99 30, 7226 99 70 7210 30 00, 7210 69 00 30
6	Tin Mill products	7209 18 99, 7210 11 00, 7210 12 20, 7210 12 80, 7210 50 00, 7210 70 10, 7210 90 40, 7212 10 10, 7212 10 90, 7212 40 20
7	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates	7208 51 20, 7208 51 91, 7208 51 98, 7208 52 91, 7208 90 20, 7208 90 80, 7210 90 30, 7225 40 12, 7225 40 40, 7225 40 60
12	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Merchant Bars and Light Sections	7214 30 00, 7214 91 10, 7214 91 90, 7214 99 31, 7214 99 39, 7214 99 50, 7214 99 71, 7214 99 79, 7214 99 95, 7215 90 00, 7216 10 00, 7216 21 00, 7216 22 00, 7216 40 10, 7216 40 90, 7216 50 10, 7216 50 91, 7216 50 99, 7216 99 00, 7228 10 20, 7228 20 10, 7228 20 91, 7228 30 20, 7228 30 41, 7228 30 49, 7228 30 61, 7228 30 69, 7228 30 70, 7228 30 89, 7228 60 20, 7228 60 80, 7228 70 10, 7228 70 90, 7228 80 00
14	Stainless Bars and Light Sections	7222 11 11, 7222 11 19, 7222 11 81, 7222 11 89, 7222 19 10, 7222 19 90, 7222 20 11, 7222 20 19, 7222 20 21, 7222 20 29, 7222 20 31, 7222 20 39, 7222 20 81, 7222 20 89, 7222 30 51, 7222 30 91, 7222 30 97, 7222 40 10, 7222 40 50, 7222 40 90
16	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Wire Rod	7213 10 00, 7213 20 00, 7213 91 10, 7213 91 20, 7213 91 41, 7213 91 49, 7213 91 70, 7213 91 90, 7213 99 10, 7213 99 90, 7227 10 00, 7227 20 00, 7227 90 10, 7227 90 50, 7227 90 95



17	Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel	7216 31 10, 7216 31 90, 7216 32 11, 7216 32 19, 7216 32 91, 7216 32 99, 7216 33 10, 7216 33 90
19	Railway Material	7302 10 22, 7302 10 28, 7302 10 50 7302 10 40, 7302 40 00
21	Hollow sections	7306 61 10, 7306 61 92, 7306 61 99
25B	Large welded tubes	7305 19 00, 7305 20 00, 7305 31 00, 7305 39 00, 7305 90 00
26	Other Welded Pipes	7306 11 10, 7306 11 90, 7306 19 10, 7306 19 90, 7306 21 00, 7306 29 00, 7306 30 11, 7306 30 19, 7306 30 80, 7306 40 20, 7306 40 80, 7306 50 20, 7306 50 80, 7306 69 10, 7306 69 90, 7306 90 00
27	Non Alloy and other alloy cold finished bars	7215 10 00, 7215 50 11, 7215 50 19, 7215 50 80, 7228 10 90, 7228 20 99, 7228 50 20, 7228 50 40, 7228 50 61, 7228 50 69, 7228 50 80
28	Non Alloy Wire	7217 10 10, 7217 10 31, 7217 10 39, 7217 10 50, 7217 10 90, 7217 20 10, 7217 20 30, 7217 20 50, 7217 20 90, 7217 90 20, 7217 90 50, 7217 90 90 7217 30 41, 7217 30 49, 7217 30 50, 7217 30 90

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NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

UNITED KINGDOM

Certain Steel Products

The following communication, dated and received on 9 September 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Pursuant to Article 12.1 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies the initiation of a reconsideration of the Trade Remedies Authority's (TRA – the United Kingdom's competent authority) recommendation to the Secretary of State for International Trade in the transition review of the safeguard on certain steel products.

The transition review of the safeguard on certain steel products was initiated on 1 October 2020, and notification was provided to the Committee on Safeguards on 8 October 2020 (notification symbol [G/SG/N/6/GBR/1](#)).

On 21 May 2021, the United Kingdom notified the Committee on finding serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports to the domestic industry producing certain steel products (notification symbol [G/SG/N/8/GBR/1](#)).

On 11 June 2021, the United Kingdom notified the Committee upon further finding of serious injury or threat thereof, taking the decision to extend the safeguard measure on steel imports, and taking the decision not to apply the measure to products originating in developing countries (notification symbol [G/SG/N/8/GBR/Suppl.1 – G/SG/N/10/GBR/1 – G/SG/N/11/GBR/1](#)). This notification reflected the fact that the TRA made a recommendation to the Secretary of State with respect to the measure.

On 1 July 2021, the United Kingdom notified the Committee following the Secretary of State's decision on 30 June 2021 to extend the measure on certain steel imports, to not apply the measure to products originating in developing countries, and to cease to apply the measure in respect of certain product categories (notification symbol [G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.3 – G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.1 – G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.1¹](#)).

Following the acceptance of eight applications for reconsideration, on 7 September 2021 the TRA initiated a reconsideration of their recommendation to the Secretary of State for International Trade in the transition review of the safeguard on certain steel products (TRA case no. TF0006).

Reconsideration is a feature of the UK trade remedies framework by which interested parties can request that the TRA revisit a decision which affects them. At the end of this process, the TRA may

¹ Document G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.2 – G/SG/N/10/GBR/2 – G/SG/N/11/GBR/2, when originally circulated on 2 July 2021, was incorrectly symbolled and should be considered null and void.

It was re-circulated as G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.3 – G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.1 – G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.1, without any change in the content, to ensure the consistency of the symboling system, on 8 September 2021.

decide to either uphold its original recommendation or to vary it. The United Kingdom notified the Committee of its trade remedies reconsideration and appeals regulations on 5 February 2020 (notification symbol [G/ADP/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.4](#) – [G/SCM/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.4](#) – [G/SG/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.4](#))

The categories of goods subject to the TRA's reconsideration process are as follows:

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The products subject to this reconsideration are certain steel products. The detailed product categories, together with the commodity codes within which they are currently classified, are listed in Annex 1 of the Notice of Initiation. Those commodity codes are provided for reference purposes only.

A copy of the Notice of Initiation, which includes reference to publicly available guidance on relevant rules and procedures, is attached.* The Notice has also been published on the UK Trade Remedies Service website (<https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TF0006/>). All interested parties are invited to register any interest via the UK Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk>.

Interested parties may submit evidence and views via the UK Trade Remedies Service in the first instance or by email to TF0006@traderemedies.gov.uk. No public hearings are scheduled.

The reconsideration process is managed by the TRA. Any enquiries should be emailed to TF0006@traderemedies.gov.uk.

* A copy of the Notice of Initiation has been submitted electronically. To consult this document, please contact Ms Richards (anne.richards@wto.org) or Ms Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.

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