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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C)
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

EUROPEAN UNION

Certain Steel Products

Supplement

The following notification, dated and received on 11 June 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

Pursuant to Articles 12.1(c) and Article 9 footnote 2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the European Union ('the Union') hereby notifies to the Committee on Safeguards of its proposed Correcting Act, which contains adjustments to the safeguard measure on imports of certain steel products. This notification contains all pertinent information relating to the proposed adjustments, in accordance with Article 12.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and an offer of consultations pursuant to Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

1. Precise description of the product involved

The product concerned is certain steel products belonging to category 17 ('Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel') of the steel safeguard measure.

2. Description of the proposed measure

Background

Category 17, where Ukraine has historically been the biggest exporter to the EU, was "globalised" in 2022 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, because Ukraine was no longer able to export the product, and this created a risk of shortage of supply for Union users. In practice, this meant that the existing country-specific quotas of the UK, Türkiye and Korea were merged with the quota for other countries ('residual quota'), to establish instead a single quota available for all origins.

The recent functioning review of the measure (notified to the WTO on 31 March¹) introduced a 15% cap to the share of the overall volume that may be provided by any single exporting country in category 17 because of undue crowding out of certain traditional suppliers. However, that country-cap is affecting the traditional trade flows of certain trading partners, restricting their access to duty-free volumes to levels below their historical trade levels.

¹ See also notifications [G/SG/N/10/EU/1/Suppl.21](#) and [G/SG/N/11/EU/Suppl.14](#).

Commission assessment and adjustments

Consequently, the Commission considers that the 15% country-cap should be removed in order to preserve the traditional trade of these trading partners, with effect as of 1 July 2025.

To prevent the undue crowding out of traditional suppliers while preserving historical trade, the Commission finds it necessary to re-introduce the country-specific quotas for the UK, Türkiye and Korea, and to reinstate the residual quota. No cap will be applicable to the residual quota, and the country-specific quota holders will not have access to the residual quota during the last quarter of a safeguard year. See Annex I.

In addition, three inaccuracies have been identified after the publication of the functioning review. Thus, for the sake of clarity, a cap in category 4B is removed and footnote 2 in Annex IV.1 is corrected.

3. Proposed date of introduction of the measure

The proposed adjustments, if adopted, will come into effect on 1 July 2025.

4. Duration of the measure

The duration of the measure remains until 30 June 2026².

5. Expected timetable for progressive liberalization of the measure

The rate of liberalisation remains 0,1% yearly.

6. If the notification relates only to a finding of serious injury or threat thereof, and does not relate to a decision to apply or extend a safeguard measure

Not applicable.

7. Information relating to exporting Members

(i) The major exporting Members of imports of the product involved.

The main exporting countries concerned are the United Kingdom, Türkiye and Korea.

(ii) Developing countries excluded

Not applicable.

8. Invitation for consultations

Consistent with Article 12.3 of the Safeguards Agreement, the European Union is prepared to consult with those Members having a substantial interest as exporters of the product concerned, with a view to exchanging views on the measure proposed.

Consultations will take place, either in person in Brussels (Belgium) at the Commission premises, or on a virtual setting, from **Thursday 12 June until Thursday 19 June**.

Members wishing to engage in consultations should directly contact either the European Union Delegation in Geneva or the Commission at:

TRADE-SAFE009-REVIEW@ec.europa.eu

² 30 June 2026 at 23h59, Brussels time.

Members should indicate in their email at least two different time slots for the consultations and, if possible, provide the names and email addresses of the participants.

- 9. Members are encouraged to attach, in an electronic form, publicly available document(s) containing the relevant decision(s) made by the competent authority.**

Not applicable at this stage.

ANNEX I**ANNEX I.1 - Volumes of tariff-rate quotas**

Product Number	Product category	CN Codes	Allocation by country (Where Applicable)	Year 8				Additional duty rate
				From 1.7.2025 to 30.9.2025	From 1.10.2025 to 31.12.2025	From 1.1.2026 to 31.3.2026	From 1.4.2026 to 30.6.2026	
				Volume of tariff quota (net tonnes)				
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	Ukraine	31 662,59	31 662,59	30 974,27	31 318,43	25%
			United Kingdom	27 506,58	27 506,58	26 908,61	27 207,60	25%
			Türkiye	22 892,27	22 892,27	22 394,61	22 643,44	25%
			Korea, Republic of	5 335,16	5 335,16	5 219,18	5 277,17	25%
			Other countries	12 555,44	12 555,44	12 282,49	12 418,96	25%
			United Kingdom (to Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom)	14 254,99	14 254,99	13 945,10	14 100,05	25%

ANNEX I.2 – Volumes of global and residual tariff-rate quotas per trimester

Product Number	Allocation by country (Where Applicable)	Year 8			
		From 1.7.2025 to 30.9.2025	From 1.10.2025 to 31.12.2025	From 1.1.2026 to 31.3.2026	From 1.4.2026 to 30.6.2026
		Volume of tariff quota (net tonnes)			
17	Other countries	12 555,44	12 555,44	12 282,49	12 418,96

ANNEX I.3 – Maximum volume of residual quota accessible in last quarters to countries with a country specific quota

Product category	New allocated quota in tonnes
	From 1.4.2026 to 30.6.2026
17	No access to the residual quota in Q4