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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE
AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9.1, FOOTNOTE 2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

UNITED KINGDOM

Certain steel products

Supplement

The following communication, dated and received on 30 June 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Pursuant to Articles 12 and 9.1 and its footnote of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies that on 30 June 2025, the Secretary of State for Business and Trade's (Secretary of State) final decision to vary the safeguard measure on certain steel products was announced, with effect from 1 July. The details of this are set out in this notification.

By way of background, on 28 February 2025 the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) initiated a 'Tariff Rate Quota' (TRQ) review relating to the 'Developing Country Exemptions' (DCEs) to the safeguard measure on certain steel products as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.23](#).

On 26 March 2025, the TRA amended its notice of initiation to expand the scope of the review to account for a change of circumstances, as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.24](#).

On 13 May 2025, the TRA published its initial conclusions in its Statement of Intended Final Determination as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.25](#). This was open to comment from interested parties until 26 May 2025, which the TRA considered when making its recommendation to the Secretary of State.

On 24 June 2025, the Secretary of State wrote to the TRA setting out his intended final decision, as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.26](#) [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.21](#). International partners were invited to engage with the United Kingdom on this intended decision.

On 30 June 2025, the Secretary of State's final decision to vary the TRQ allocations was announced, with effect from 1 July. More details on the Secretary of State's final decision can be found on¹:

- The public notice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-tariff-rate-quotas-on-steel-goods/trade-remedies-notice-202512-safeguard-measure-tariff-rate-quota-on-steel-goods>

¹ These documents are also available from the WTO Secretariat. To consult them, please contact Ms Anne Richards of the Rules Division (anne.richards@wto.org).

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- The Trade Remedies Service Platform: <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TQ0066>

1. Provide the precise description of the product(s) involved.

The product is certain steel products. Table 1 of the Annex contains a full description of the product categories and UK Global Tariff commodity codes.

2. Provide precise description of the adjustments

On 30 June 2025, the Secretary of State announced his final decision to vary the TRQs that apply to the safeguard measure on certain steel products in the following ways:

- The pace of liberalisation of the measure will be set at 0.1% effective from 1 July.
- Country-specific caps will be imposed on the residual quotas of categories 4 (metallic coated sheet), 7 (non-alloy and other alloy quarto plates), and 13 (rebar) from 1 July. These caps will be 15% for category 4, and 20% for categories 7 and 13.
- Unused quotas will no longer be made available in the following quarter, removing the carry-over of facility.
- Countries with a country specific quota will no longer have access to the residual quota in the final quarter.
- The list of developing countries not benefiting from an exemption will be updated to reflect UK import data for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 in line with Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards

For further information on these changes, please consult the [public notice](#) or the [Trade Remedies Service Platform](#):

Table 2 of the Annex set out the final quota amounts and allocations effective from 1 July 2025.

Table 3 sets out the changes to the list of developing countries benefiting from an exemption effective from 1 July 2025.

Table 4 outlines the developing countries exempt from the safeguard measure as Economic Partnership Agreement partners and not included in this review.

3. Provide proposed date or actual date of introduction of the adjustments.

The adjustments will enter into effect on 1 July 2025.

ANNEX*Table 1. Goods subject to review*

| Product Number | Product Category | UK Global Tariff Commodity Codes |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| 1A | Non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheet and strip | 72081000, 72082500, 72082600, 72082700, 72083600, 72083700, 72083800, 72083900, 72084000, 72085210, 72085299, 72085310, 72085390, 72085400, 72111300, 72111400, 72111900, 72126000, 72251910, 72253010, 72253030, 72253090, 72254015, 72254090, 72261910, 72269120, 72269191, 72269199 |
| 1B | Non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheet and strip (authorised use) | 72081000, 72082500, 72082600, 72082700, 72083600, 72083700, 72083800, 72083900, 72084000, 72085210, 72085299, 72085310, 72085390, 72085400, 72111300, 72111400, 72111900, 72126000, 72251910, 72253010, 72253030, 72253090, 72254015, 72254090, 72261910, 72269120, 72269191, 72269199 |
| 4 | Metallic coated sheet | 72102000, 72104100, 72104900, 72106100, 7210690020, 7210690080, 72109080, 72122000, 72123000, 72125020, 72125030, 72125040, 72125061, 72125069, 72125090, 72259100, 72259200, 72259900, 72269910, 72269930, 72269970 |
| 5 | Organic coated sheet | 72107080, 72124080 |
| 6 | Tin mill products | 72091899, 72105000, 72121090, 72101100, 72107010, 72124020, 72101220, 72109040, 72101280, 72121010 |
| 7 | Non-alloy and other alloy quarto plates | 72085120, 72089020, 72254040, 72085191, 72089080, 72254060, 72085198, 72109030, 72085291, 72254012 |
| 12A | Alloy merchant bars and light sections | 72283020, 72283041, 72283061, 72283069, 72283070, 72283089, 72286020, 72287010 |
| 12B | Non-alloy merchant bars and light sections | 72143000, 72149110, 72149190, 72149931, 72149939, 72149950, 72149971, 72149979, 72149995, 72159000, 72161000, 72162100, 72162200, 72164010, 72164090, 72165010, 72165091, 72165099, 72169900 |
| 13 | Rebar | 72142000, 72149910 |
| 16 | Non-alloy and other alloy wire rod | 72131000, 72139149, 72271000, 72132000, 72139170, 72272000, 72139110, 72139190, 72279010, 72139120, 72139910, 72279050, 72139141, 72139990, 72279095 |
| 17 | Angles, shapes, and sections of iron or non-alloy steel | 72163110, 72163219, 72163310, 72163190, 72163291, 72163390, 72163211, 72163299 |
| 19 | Railway material | 73021022, 73021028, 73021050 |
| 20 | Gas pipe | 73063041, 73063049, 73063072, 73063077 |
| 21 | Hollow section | 73066110, 73066192, 73066199 |
| 25A | Large welded tube (1) | 73051100, 73051200 |
| 25B | Large welded tube (2) | 73051900, 73052000, 73053100, 73053900, 73059000 |
| 26 | Other welded tube | 73061100, 73061900, 73062100, 73062900, 73063012, 73063018, 73063080, 73064020, 73064080, 73065021, 73065029, 73065080, 73066910, 73066990, 73069000 |

Table 2. Proposed quota amounts and allocations by country and territory for year 8 of the safeguard measure, from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026²

| Product category | Country or territory | Quarter 1 (in tonnes) 01/07/2025 to 30/09/2025 | Quarter 2 (in tonnes) 01/10/2025 to 31/12/2025 | Quarter 3 (in tonnes) 01/01/2026 to 31/03/2026 | Quarter 4 (in tonnes) 01/04/2026 to 30/06/2026 |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1A | EU | 187,671 | 187,671 | 183,592 | 185,631 |
| | Türkiye | 24,641 | 24,641 | 24,105 | 24,373 |
| | Chinese Taipei | 13,718 | 13,718 | 13,420 | 13,570 |
| | Residual | 23,611 | 23,611 | 23,097 | 23,354 |
| 1B | Global – 40% cap for any individual exporting country | 231,666 | 231,666 | 226,631 | 229,150 |
| | Total global quota | 579,166 | 579,166 | 566,579 | 572,874 |
| 4 | EU | 324,154 | 324,154 | 317,107 | 320,630 |
| | Chinese Taipei | 33,513 | 33,513 | 32,785 | 33,149 |
| | India | 24,752 | 24,752 | 24,213 | 24,482 |
| | Residual | 85,595 | 85,595 | 83,735 | 84,665 |
| | Residual 15% cap for any individual exporting country | 12,839 | 12,839 | 12,560 | 12,700 |
| 5 | EU | 36,684 | 36,684 | 35,886 | 36,284 |
| | Republic of Korea | 14,907 | 14,907 | 14,583 | 14,745 |
| | Residual | 2,228 | 2,228 | 2,180 | 2,204 |
| 6 | EU | 31,986 | 31,986 | 31,290 | 31,638 |
| | China | 8,121 | 8,121 | 7,944 | 8,032 |
| | Chinese Taipei | 2,652 | 2,652 | 2,595 | 2,623 |
| | Republic of Korea | 2,518 | 2,518 | 2,462 | 2,489 |
| | Residual | 1,085 | 1,085 | 1,062 | 1,073 |
| 7 | EU | 71,178 | 71,178 | 69,631 | 70,404 |
| | Residual | 25,401 | 25,401 | 24,849 | 25,125 |
| | Residual 20% ³ cap for any individual exporting country | 5,080 | 5,080 | 4,970 | 5,025 |
| 12A | EU | 29,517 | 29,517 | 28,876 | 29,197 |
| | Residual | 4,246 | 4,246 | 4,153 | 4,200 |
| 12B | EU | 35,458 | 35,458 | 34,688 | 35,073 |
| | Türkiye | 13,346 | 13,346 | 13,056 | 13,201 |
| | Residual | 7,585 | 7,585 | 7,419 | 7,501 |

² Please note: In the previous notification ([G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.26](#) [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.21](#)) country-specific quotas were included in category 4 for Türkiye, and category 20 for the UAE. This was incorrect, and as recorded in table 3, both countries will be exempted in these respective categories from 1 July.

³ Please note: This was recorded as a 15% cap in table 2 of [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.26](#) [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.21](#). This should have read 20% as the correct cap.

| Product category | Country or territory | Quarter 1 (in tonnes) 01/07/2025 to 30/09/2025 | Quarter 2 (in tonnes) 01/10/2025 to 31/12/2025 | Quarter 3 (in tonnes) 01/01/2026 to 31/03/2026 | Quarter 4 (in tonnes) 01/04/2026 to 30/06/2026 |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | EU | 74,521 | 74,521 | 72,902 | 73,712 |
| | Türkiye | 35,304 | 35,304 | 34,538 | 34,921 |
| | Residual | 24,037 | 24,037 | 23,514 | 23,776 |
| | Residual 20% ⁴ cap for any individual exporting country | 4,807 | 4,807 | 4,703 | 4,755 |
| 16 | EU | 75,021 | 75,021 | 73,389 | 74,205 |
| | Residual | 3,275 | 3,275 | 3,204 | 3,240 |
| 17 | EU | 170,816 | 170,816 | 167,102 | 168,959 |
| | Residual | 17,753 | 17,753 | 17,366 | 17,560 |
| 19 | EU | 4,797 | 4,797 | 4,693 | 4,745 |
| | Residual | 141 | 141 | 138 | 139 |
| 20 | EU | 7,079 | 7,079 | 6,925 | 7,002 |
| | India | 3,640 | 3,640 | 3,561 | 3,600 |
| | Türkiye | 15,728 | 15,728 | 15,386 | 15,558 |
| | Residual | 740 | 740 | 724 | 732 |
| 21 | EU | 11,332 | 11,332 | 11,086 | 11,209 |
| | Türkiye | 37,335 | 37,335 | 36,524 | 36,930 |
| | Residual | 3,445 | 3,445 | 3,370 | 3,407 |
| 25A | EU | 6,333 | 6,333 | 6,195 | 6,264 |
| | Republic of Korea | 1,265 | 1,265 | 1,237 | 1,251 |
| | Japan | 8,276 | 8,276 | 8,097 | 8,186 |
| | Residual | 2,232 | 2,232 | 2,184 | 2,208 |
| 25B | EU | 16,290 | 16,290 | 15,936 | 16,113 |
| | Japan | 2,051 | 2,051 | 2,007 | 2,029 |
| | Republic of Korea | 4,682 | 4,682 | 4,580 | 4,631 |
| | Residual | 4,938 | 4,938 | 4,831 | 4,885 |
| 26 | EU | 22,820 | 22,820 | 22,323 | 22,572 |
| | Türkiye | 11,140 | 11,140 | 10,898 | 11,019 |
| | China | 5,860 | 5,860 | 5,733 | 5,797 |
| | UAE | 15,335 | 15,335 | 15,002 | 15,169 |
| | Residual | 10,118 | 10,118 | 9,898 | 10,008 |

⁴ Please note: This was recorded as a 15% cap in table 2 of [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.26](#) [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.21](#). This should have read 20% as the correct cap.

Table 3. Developing Country Exemption (DCE) changes coming into effect from 1 July 2025. The changes highlighted in this table are only the changes to the TRQ quotas in relation to the DCE. Quotas not listed remain as they currently are.

| Product Category | Country | Current allocation until 1 July 2025 (import share January 2022 - December 2022) | Allocation from 1 July 2025 (import share January 2024 - December 2024) |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| 1A | Viet Nam | Excepted (0%) | Residual (4.3%) |
| 1B | Viet Nam | Excepted (0%) | Global quota (4.3%) |
| 4 | Türkiye | Country (6.8%) | Excepted (0.1%) |
| 5 | India | Residual (4.9%) | Excepted (0.6%) |
| 5 | Viet Nam | Residual (8.7%) | Excepted (2.2%) |
| 6 | Türkiye | Residual (7.5%) | Excepted (1.9%) |
| 7 | Ukraine | Country (1%) | Excepted (0%) |
| 7 | India | Residual (5.4%) | Excepted (0.2%) |
| 7 | Türkiye | Residual (4.1%) | Excepted (2.5%) |
| 12A | China | Residual (4.6%) | Excepted (2.6%) |
| 12B | China | Residual (5.7%) | Excepted (2.1%) |
| 13 | India | Residual (3.0%) | Excepted (0%) |
| 13 | Malaysia | Residual (4.0%) | Excepted (0%) |
| 16 | Ukraine | Residual (0%) | Excepted (0%) |
| 17 | Bahrain | Residual (4.7%) | Excepted (0%) |
| 17 | India | Residual (3.7%) | Excepted (0%) |
| 20 | UAE | Country (5.4%) | Excepted (2.8%) |
| 25B | Brazil | Residual (3.2%) | Excepted (0.8%) |
| 25B | Türkiye | Residual (12.0%) | Excepted (0.1%) |
| 25B | China | Excepted (0%) | Residual (3.4%) |

Table 4. Countries exempt from the safeguard measure as Economic Partnership Agreement partners and not included in this review

| EPA | Countries |
|------------|---|
| CARIFORUM | Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, the Bahamas, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago |
| Kenya | Kenya |