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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 10 November 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Pursuant to Article 12 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies the initiation of a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review by the Trade Remedies Authority ("TRA"), the United Kingdom's competent authority, relating to the developing country exemptions to the safeguard measure on certain steel products.

The review will consider whether it would be appropriate to vary the TRQs to which certain steel products are subject.

1. Specify the date when the reviews were initiated

The TRA initiated the review on 10 November 2025.

Details on the review and a copy of the notice of initiation can be found on the Trade Remedies Service case file:

<https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TQ0072/>

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

The goods subject to this review are:

Product Number	Product Category	Commodity Codes
13	Rebar	72142000, 72149910

3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of the review

The TRA is initiating this review on its own initiative to consider whether the TRQs to which certain steel products are subject should be varied. The TRA has reviewed trade data which indicates that there may have been a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQs to which certain

steel products are subject, namely a change in import levels from certain developing countries since the application of the measure.

4. Provide a point of contact for the review and identify the preferred means for corresponding

The TRA is responsible for conducting the review. Please direct correspondence to TQ0072@traderemedies.gov.uk.

5. Provide the deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence and their views, including (i) deadlines and procedures for Members and exporters to identify themselves as interested parties, if so required, to participate in the proceeding, and (ii) the date of an intended public hearing as provided for in Article 3.1

Anyone interested in taking part in the review can register their interest and provide comments through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by 23:59 UK time on 20 November 2025.

Interested parties can request a hearing using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).



NOTICE OF INITIATION

Review No. TQ0072

Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) review of Category 13 steel products

Initiation of a Tariff Rate Quota Review

The Trade Remedies Authority (the TRA) makes the following Notice to initiate a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) review into Category 13 steel products (rebar) under regulation 35B(5) of The Trade Remedies (Increase in Imports Causing Serious Injury to UK Producers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations).

This review concerns a TRQ which was amended as a result of [Trade remedies notice 2025/12: safeguard measure: tariff-rate quota on steel goods](#). The updated measure was imposed from 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

The date of initiation of the review is 10 November 2025.

INITIATION OF A TRQ REVIEW

The TRA conducts regular, administrative reviews of the existing TRQ regime for the UK's steel safeguard. These reviews include consideration of whether the status of any countries subject to a Developing Country Exception (DCE) should change, based upon import volumes and shares over the most recent, representative period. The most recent TRQ review was concluded in June 2025 (TQ0066). The trade remedies notice for in the TRQ review is available [here](#).

An application to initiate a TRQ review into Vietnamese imports of category 13 steel products has been lodged by the steel producer 7 Steel UK (the Applicant), Building 58, Castle Works, East Moors Road, Cardiff CF24 5NN, United Kingdom (the Application). The Application indicates the fact that category 13 imports from Vietnam, a developing country member of the WTO, can no longer be excluded under regulation 43 (developing country exception).

Specifically, the Application has referred to the latest HMRC UK import data (via ISSB) for category 13 steel products covering the 12-month period from August 2024 to July 2025, that Vietnamese imports of the Goods Subject to Review now exceed the 3% import share threshold as set out in the Regulations.

Having assessed [the Application](#), the TRA considers that the Applicant has provided sufficient evidence substantiating the need for a TRQ review.

The TRA's initial analysis indicates there has been a change in circumstances, which corresponds with regulation 35B(9)(f) of the Regulations. On the basis of the data

provided and our analysis, our intended final determination is to amend Vietnam's DCE status as it relates to category 13 steel products, specifically to remove their DCE and move Vietnamese imports into the residual quota for category 13.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN A TRQ REVIEW

When conducting a TRQ review, the TRA will refer to available information to determine whether there has been a change in circumstances since the application of the TRQ.

A change in circumstances may, among other things, be:

- the fact that the TRQ, or any part of the quota, has been exhausted;
- a change in demand for the relevant goods;
- the effect of an anti-dumping amount or a countervailing amount being applied to the relevant goods or like goods and directly competitive goods in the United Kingdom;
- there has been a trade diversion in relation to the imposition of anti-dumping, countervailing, safeguard or other trade measures by a foreign country or territory;
- there has been a change in the impact of the TRQ on traditional trade flows;
- the fact that imports from a developing country member of the WTO which have been excluded from the application of the TRQ can no longer be excluded under regulation 43 (developing country exception);
- the fact that imports from a developing country member of the WTO which have not been excluded from the application of the TRQ should be excluded under regulation 43.

During the TRQ review the TRA may consider:

- whether the amount or allocation of the TRQ is appropriate for domestic market conditions;
- the desirability of maintaining, as far as possible, traditional trade flows;
- any other factors that the TRA considers relevant.

In light of the Application and the evidence provided, our main focus in this TRQ review is on the DCE status of Vietnam as it relates to category 13 steel products.

Pursuant to regulation 36(1) of the Regulations, the case team is considering whether it is appropriate to expand the matters to be considered in the review to consider whether other developing country members of the WTO (see annex for full list), now have their current status changed on the TRQ relating to category 13 steel products.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE REVIEW

Registration period

Anyone interested in taking part in the review can register their interest and comment on the application, proposed expansion of the matters to be considered in the review and the intended final determination through the [Trade Remedies Service](#) by 20 November 2025.

Please contact TQ0072@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after 20 November 2025 may not be able to participate fully in the review process.

Interested parties and contributors

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to the review through the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

Interested parties may include:

- the government of Vietnam or any other government of a relevant foreign country or territory;
- any overseas exporter, overseas producer or importer of the Goods Subject to Review;
- any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the Goods Subject to Review;
- any producer of like goods and/or Directly Competitive Goods in the UK; and
- any trade or business association of UK producers of like goods and/or Directly Competitive Goods.

Contributors are those, other than interested parties, who have notified the TRA to advise that they would like to participate in the review.

Like goods are goods which are like the Goods Subject to Review in all respects, or if there are no such goods, those which have characteristics closely resembling the Goods Subject to Review.

Directly Competitive Goods are goods produced in the UK which are directly competitive with the Goods Subject to Review, i.e. the imported goods subject to review.

THE GOODS SUBJECT TO REVIEW

The Goods Subject to Review are:

Category 13 steel products - rebar

The Goods Subject to Review are subject to the following tariff classifications:

72142000 and 72149910

SUMMARY OF THE REVIEW PROCESS

The period of investigation for this review is 01 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

The review will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the review and comment on the application, proposed expansion of the matters to be considered in the review and intended final determination of the TRQ review;
- analysing information gathered;
- gathering comments; and
- making a Final Determination on whether to maintain or vary the low volume exporter status of Vietnam (and possibly other developing countries listed in the annex to this notice) in relation to the category 13 TRQ.

At the end of the review, a recommendation will be made by the TRA to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) which will include provision for the low volume exporter status of Vietnam (and possibly other developing countries listed in the annex to this notice) in relation to the category 13 TRQ measure to be maintained or varied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept, reject or ask that the TRA reassess the recommendation.

Oral hearings

Interested parties can request a hearing during the review process using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

For further information about hearings, please see our [Meetings, Hearings and Visits guidance](#).

Confidential information

Information provided during a review may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why and provide:

- a non-confidential summary of that information; or
- where that is not possible, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

Jess Blakely & Carmen Suarez
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Trade Remedies Authority
10 November 2025

Annex – List of developing country members of the WTO

Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Macao, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Northern Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, People's Republic of China, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, UAE, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.