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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 25 September 2024, 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 the Secretary of State for Business and Trade accepted the Trade Remedies Authority's (TRA) final determination and recommendation to adjust the tariff rate quota (TRQ) applying to imports of product category 1, non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheet and strip, under the safeguard measure on certain steel products, with effect from 1 October 2024.

By way of background, on 9 February 2024, the TRA initiated a TRQ review following applications from industry which indicated a change in circumstances and market conditions, as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.15](#).

On 9 August 2024, the TRA published its Statement of Intended Final Determination (SIFD), in which it proposed adjusting the quota amount and allocations, as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.18-G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.18](#). This was open to comment from interested parties until 19 August 2024.

The TRA considered further submissions in response to the SIFD and made its final determination and recommendation to the Secretary of State accordingly, as outlined below.

More details on the TRQ review, including the TRA's Final Determination¹, can be found on the Trade Remedies Service platform at: <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TQ0052/#public-file>.

The suspension review of category 1 also announced on 9 February 2024 and notified in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.15](#) is ongoing separately. Details of this review can be found on the Trade Remedies Service platform at: <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/SS0051/#public-file>

The UK welcomes bilateral engagement with Members on the matter. We invite interested Members to reach out to the UK Mission in the first instance.

¹ The TRA's Final Determination is also available from the WTO Secretariat. To consult it, please contact Ms Anne Richards of the Rules Division (anne.richards@wto.org).

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

The goods subject to this TRQ review are:

Product Number	Product Category	Commodity Codes
1	Non-alloy and other alloy hot-rolled sheets and strips	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

2. Provide precise description of the adjustments

The TRA established that there has been a change in circumstances relevant to the application of the safeguard TRQ with respect to category 1 as a result of changes at Tata Steel UK's site in Port Talbot. The TRA found evidence that there has been a change in demand for the import of category 1 steel products used for downstream processing into other steel products. The TRA found that the quota, specifically the residual quota, has been repeatedly exhausted across four consecutive quarters, which has had an adverse impact on UK importers, stockists and distributors.

The TRA recommended that the Secretary of State should vary the category 1 TRQ by amending the existing category 1 quota to form categories 1A and 1B, varying the quota allocation for category 1B to create a global quota for downstream processing with a cap on exports from any single country of 40%, and increasing the quota amount for category 1B by 132%. The category 1A quotas would maintain existing amounts and allocations. This was the TRA's preferred recommendation.

The TRA also offered a possible alternative option to duplicate the existing category 1 quotas exactly as outlined above, but without a cap on exports from any single country.

The Secretary of State accepted the TRA's preferred recommendation.

For further information on the change in circumstances, please consult Section C: Assessment in the TRA's Final Determination.

The quota amounts and allocations can be found in the Annex.

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

The adjustments enter into effect on 1 October 2024 (at the start of quarter 2 of the quota management year).

ANNEX

Quota amount and allocation for 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025:

Quarter 1: 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024
 Quarter 2: 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024
 Quarter 3: 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025
 Quarter 4: 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025

Quota amount and allocation for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026:

Quarter 1: 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025
 Quarter 2: 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025
 Quarter 3: 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
 Quarter 4: 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026

Category 1 Quota (ending 30 September 2024):

Table 1: Quota amount and allocation for 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025:

Country	Q1 quota (in tonnes)	Q2 quota (in tonnes)	Q3 quota (in tonnes)	Q4 quota (in tonnes)
EU	187,484	187,484	183,409	185,446
Türkiye	24,616	24,616	24,081	24,349
Chinese Taipei	13,704	13,704	13,407	13,556
Residual	23,587	23,587	23,074	23,331
Total	249,391	249,391	243,971	246,682

Table 2: Quota amount and allocation for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026:

Country	Q1 quota (in tonnes)	Q2 quota (in tonnes)	Q3 quota (in tonnes)	Q4 quota (in tonnes)
EU	193,109	193,109	188,911	191,010
Türkiye	25,355	25,355	24,804	25,079
Chinese Taipei	14,116	14,116	13,809	13,962
Residual	24,295	24,295	23,766	24,030
Total	256,875	256,875	251,290	254,081

Adjusted Category 1A

Table 3: Quota amount and allocation for 1 October 2024 – 30 June 2026:

Country	Q2 quota (in tonnes)	Q3 quota (in tonnes)	Q4 quota (in tonnes)
EU	187,484	183,409	185,446
Türkiye	24,616	24,081	24,349
Chinese Taipei	13,704	13,407	13,556
Residual	23,587	23,074	23,331
Total	249,391	243,971	246,682

Table 4: Quota amount and allocation for 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026:

Country	Q1 quota (in tonnes)	Q2 quota (in tonnes)	Q3 quota (in tonnes)	Q4 quota (in tonnes)
EU	193,109	193,109	188,911	191,010
Türkiye	25,355	25,355	24,804	25,079
Chinese Taipei	14,116	14,116	13,809	13,962
Residual	24,295	24,295	23,766	24,030
Total	256,875	256,875	251,290	254,081

Adjusted Category 1B:

Table 5: Quota amount and allocation for 1 October 2024 – 30 June 2025:

Country	Q2 1 October– 31 December (in tonnes)	Q3 1 January– 31 March (in tonnes)	Q4 1 April– 30 June (in tonnes)
40% cap (Maximum quota amount sourced from any individual country/territory, before incurring safeguard duty)	231,435	226,405	228,921
Total	578,587	566,013	572,302

Table 6: Quota amount and allocation for 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026:

Country	Q1 1 July– 30 September (in tonnes)	Q2 1 October– 31 December (in tonnes)	Q3 1 January– 31 March (in tonnes)	Q4 1 April– 30 June (in tonnes)
40% cap (Maximum quota amount sourced from any individual country/territory, before incurring safeguard duty)	238,380	238,380	233,197	235,787
Total	595,950	595,950	582,993	589,468

Downstream processing

Table 7. Steel products and UK Global Tariff commodity codes used for the purposes of defining 'downstream processing'

Steel Product	Commodity Codes
Non Alloy and Other Alloy Cold Rolled Sheets	72091500, 72091690, 72091790, 72091891, 72092500, 72092690, 72092790, 72092890, 72099020, 72099080, 72112320, 72112330, 72112380, 72112900, 72119020, 72119080, 72255020, 72255080, 72262000, 72269200
Metallic Coated Sheet	72102000, 72104100, 72104900, 72106100, 7210690020, 7210690080, 72109080, 72122000, 72123000, 72125020, 72125030, 72125040, 72125061, 72125069, 72125090, 72259100, 72259200, 72259900, 72269910, 72269930, 72269970
Organic Coated Sheets	72107080, 72124080
Tin Mill Products	72091899, 72105000, 72121090, 72101100, 72107010, 72124020, 72101220, 72109040, 72101280, 72121010
Gas Pipes	73063041, 73063040, 73063072, 73063077
Hollow Sections	73066110, 73066192, 73066199
Other Seamless Tubes	73041910, 73041930, 73041990, 73042300, 73042910, 73042930, 73042990, 73043120, 73043180, 73045181, 73045189, 73049000, 73043950, 73043982, 73043983, 73043988, 73045982, 73045983, 73045989
Large Welded Tubes	73051100, 73051200, 73051900, 73052000, 73053100, 73053900, 73059000
Other Welded Pipes	73061100, 73061900, 73062100, 73062900, 73063012, 73063018, 73063080, 73064020, 73064080, 73065021, 73065029, 73065080, 73066910, 73066990, 73069000