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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C) 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 4 July 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

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Pursuant to Articles 12.1(c) and 9.1 footnote 2 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies that, on 30 June 2023, the Secretary of State for Business and Trade accepted the Trade Remedies Authority's (TRA) final determination and recommendation in the tariff rate quota (TRQ) review examining the exemption status of developing country Members from the safeguard measure on certain steel products, with effect from 1 July 2023.

The review was initiated on 16 January 2023, as set out in document G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.10 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/Suppl.10. On 13 February 2023, the TRA expanded the scope of the review, as set out in document G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.11 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.11. On 17 April 2023, the TRA published its initial conclusions in its Statement of Intended Final Determination, as set out in G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.12 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.12. The final recommendation was published on 12 May 2023, as set out in document G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.13 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.13.<sup>1</sup> Details of the case can be found on the Trade Remedies Service platform at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TQ0030/>.

The TRA recommended that the exemption status of developing country Members pursuant to Article 9.1, and resulting TRQ allocations, should be varied. The adjustments came into force on 1 July 2023. The Annex sets out the application of the safeguard measure from that date to 30 June 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> The TRA's recommendation is also available from the WTO Secretariat. To consult it, please contact Ms Anne Richards of the Rules Division ([anne.richards@wto.org](mailto:anne.richards@wto.org)).

## ANNEX

Table 1. Quarterly volumes of country and residual tariff-rate quotas (in tonnes) for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

Product category	Origin country or territory	01/07/2023 to 30/09/2023	01/10/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2024 to 31/03/2024	01/04/2024 to 30/06/2024
1	EU	181,526	181,526	179,553	179,553
	Türkiye	23,834	23,834	23,575	23,575
	Chinese Taipei	13,269	13,269	13,125	13,125
	Residual	22,837	22,837	22,589	22,589
	Total	241,467	241,467	238,842	238,842
2	EU	78,489	78,489	77,636	77,636
	India	9,652	9,652	9,547	9,547
	South Korea	11,546	11,546	11,421	11,421
	Residual	24,492	24,492	24,226	24,226
	Total	124,179	124,179	122,829	122,829
4	EU	313,539	313,539	310,131	310,131
	Chinese Taipei	32,416	32,416	32,063	32,063
	India	23,941	23,941	23,681	23,681
	Türkiye	23,873	23,873	23,614	23,614
	Residual	82,792	82,792	81,892	81,892
Total	476,561	476,561	471,381	471,381	
5	EU	35,482	35,482	35,096	35,096
	South Korea	14,419	14,419	14,262	14,262
	Residual	2,155	2,155	2,132	2,132
	Total	52,056	52,056	51,490	51,490
6	EU	30,938	30,938	30,602	30,602
	China	7,855	7,855	7,769	7,769
	Chinese Taipei	2,565	2,565	2,537	2,537
	South Korea	2,435	2,435	2,408	2,408
	Residual	1,050	1,050	1,038	1,038
	Total	44,842	44,842	44,355	44,355
7	EU	68,848	68,848	68,099	68,099
	Residual	24,569	24,569	24,302	24,302
	Total	93,417	93,417	92,401	92,401
12A	EU	28,551	28,551	28,241	28,241
	Residual	4,107	4,107	4,062	4,062
	Total	32,658	32,658	32,303	32,303
12B	EU	34,297	34,297	33,924	33,924
	Türkiye	12,909	12,909	12,769	12,769
	Residual	7,336	7,336	7,256	7,256
Total	54,542	54,542	53,949	53,949	
13	EU	72,081	72,081	71,298	71,298
	Türkiye	34,148	34,148	33,777	33,777
	Residual	23,250	23,250	22,997	22,997
	Total	129,480	129,480	128,073	128,073
16	EU	72,564	72,564	71,775	71,775
	Residual	3,168	3,168	3,134	3,134
	Total	75,732	75,732	74,909	74,909
17	EU	165,222	165,222	163,426	163,426
	Residual	17,171	17,171	16,984	16,984
	Total	182,393	182,393	180,410	180,410
19	EU	4,640	4,640	4,590	4,590
	Residual	137	137	135	135
	Total	4,777	4,777	4,725	4,725
20	EU	6,847	6,847	6,773	6,773
	India	3,520	3,520	3,482	3,482
	UAE	2,334	2,334	2,308	2,308
	Türkiye	15,213	15,213	15,048	15,048
	Residual	715	715	708	708
Total	28,630	28,630	28,318	28,318	
21	EU	10,962	10,962	10,842	10,842
	Türkiye	36,113	36,113	35,721	35,721
	Residual	3,332	3,332	3,296	3,296
	Total	50,407	50,407	49,859	49,859

Product category	Origin country or territory	01/07/2023 to 30/09/2023	01/10/2023 to 31/12/2023	01/01/2024 to 31/03/2024	01/04/2024 to 30/06/2024
25A	EU	6,126	6,126	6,059	6,059
	South Korea	1,224	1,224	1,210	1,210
	Japan	8,006	8,006	7,918	7,918
	Residual	2,159	2,159	2,136	2,136
	Total	17,514	17,514	17,324	17,324
25B	EU	15,756	15,756	15,585	15,585
	Japan	1,984	1,984	1,963	1,963
	South Korea	4,529	4,529	4,479	4,479
	Residual	4,777	4,777	4,725	4,725
	Total	27,046	27,046	26,752	26,752
26	EU	22,073	22,073	21,833	21,833
	Türkiye	10,775	10,775	10,658	10,658
	China	5,668	5,668	5,607	5,607
	UAE	14,833	14,833	14,672	14,672
	Residual	9,787	9,787	9,680	9,680
	Total	63,136	63,136	62,450	62,450

Table 2. Full description of the goods that were subject to the review and that are subject to the safeguard measure

Goods Category	Goods category name	'UK Global Tariff' commodity code
1	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
2	Non-alloy and other alloy cold-rolled sheet	72091500, 72091690, 72091790, 72091891, 72092500, 72092690, 72092790, 72092890, 72099020, 72099080, 72112320, 72112330, 72112380, 72112900, 72119020, 72119080, 72255020, 72255080, 72262000, 72269200
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
13	Rebar	72142000, 72149910
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
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
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

Table 3. Adjustments to developing country Members' exemption status following review

Product category	Country	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 allocation (based on July-December 2021 import share)	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 allocation (based on January-December 2022 import share)
2	Brazil	Exempt (0.2%)	Residual (7.5%)
2	Ukraine*	Residual (11.7%)	Exempt (2.6%)
2	Viet Nam	Country (8.5%)	Exempt (1.1%)
6	Türkiye	Exempt (0.9%)	Residual (7.5%)
7	India	Exempt (1.4%)	Residual (5.4%)
7	Türkiye	Exempt (2.0%)	Residual (4.1%)
7	Ukraine*	Country (16.6%)	Exempt (0.9%)
12A	China	Exempt (1.7%)	Residual (4.6%)
12B	China	Exempt (0.9%)	Residual (5.7%)
13	Egypt	Exempt (0.0%)	Residual (6.2%)
13	Malaysia	Exempt (0.0%)	Residual (4.0%)
16	Ukraine*	Residual (12.7%)	Exempt (0.0%)
17	Bahrain	Exempt (2.1%)	Residual (4.7%)
25A	China	Exempt (1.5%)	Residual (21.9%)
25B	Brazil	Exempt (2.0%)	Residual (3.2%)
25B	Türkiye	Exempt (0.1%)	Residual (12.0%)

\*The safeguard measure continues to be suspended for goods originating in Ukraine until 30 June 2024.

Table 4. Developing country non-exemptions by product category, based on January-December 2022 import share, as of 1 July 2023

Product Category	Country Specific Quota	Residual Quota
1	Türkiye (7.1%)	India (7.6%)
2	India (10.8%)	Brazil (7.5%), Tunisia (3.5%)
4	India (11.9%), Türkiye (6.8%)	Viet Nam (16.8%)
5		India (4.9%), Viet Nam (8.7%)
6	China (31.2%)	Türkiye (7.5%)
7		Türkiye (4.1%), India (5.4%)
12A		China (4.6%)
12B	Türkiye (24.8%)	China (5.7%)
13	Türkiye (24.8%)	India (3.0%), Egypt (6.2%), Malaysia (4.0%)
16		Türkiye (8.4%)
17		India (3.7%), Bahrain (4.7%), Türkiye (9.7%)
19	N/A	
20	India (11.8%), Türkiye (53.7%), UAE (5.4%)	
21	Türkiye (73.8%)	UAE (4.2%)
25A		China (21.9%)
25B		Brazil (3.2%), Türkiye (12.0%)
26	China (8.9%), Türkiye (13.9%), UAE (23.4%)	India (5.5%)

Table 5. Developing countries exempt from the safeguard measure by virtue of the UK's Economic Partnership Agreements

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

#### Developing countries subject to this review

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; China; 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, China; 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; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Rwanda; Saint 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; Republic of North Macedonia; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; Uruguay; Vanuatu; Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

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