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Committee on Safeguards

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

UNITED KINGDOM

Certain steel products

Supplement

The following communication, dated and received on 23 January 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 that the Secretary of State for Business and Trade ("the Secretary of State") has accepted a recommendation made by the Trade Remedies Authority ("the TRA" – the United Kingdom's competent authority) in the discontinuation review relating to the definitive safeguard measure on certain steel products.

The discontinuation review considered whether it would be appropriate to revoke the application of the measure in respect of product category 2, non-alloy and other alloy cold-rolled sheets.

1. Title of the public notice regarding the action

Trade remedies notice 2025/02: revocation of the safeguard measure on category 2 steel products

2. Date and place of publication

The public notice was published on 22 January 2025 and will come into effect from 23 January 2025. The public notice can be found on the United Kingdom (UK) Government's website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-revocation-of-the-safeguard-measure-on-category-2-steel-products.

3. Investigation (Regulation) Number and other notices relating to the same investigation

Case number: SD0064

Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) case file: https://www.trade-

remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/SD0064/.

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

The goods subject to this review were:

Product Number	Product Category			Commodity Codes			
2	Non-alloy and cold-rolled sheets.	other	,	72092500, 72099020,	72091690, 72092690, 72099080, 72112900,	72092790, 72112320,	72092890, 72112330,
				72255020, 72255080, 72262000, 72269200			

5. Provide the reasons for the outcome of the review

On 11 November 2024, the TRA initiated a discontinuation review in relation to the definitive safeguard measure on category 2 steel products, as set out in <u>G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.20</u>.

The TRA initiated the review following an application from industry which indicated a lasting change in circumstances since the application of the definitive safeguarding remedy. The information provided in the application also indicated that as a result of the lasting change in circumstances, UK producers would not suffer serious injury if the safeguarding remedy were revoked.

The change in circumstances under review was that the sole active UK producer is to cease production of category 2 steel products for sale within the UK market and that it would not be possible for the producer to reverse this decision prior to the expiry of the definitive safeguard measure.

The TRA recommended to the Secretary of State that the safeguard measure applied on category 2 steel products should be revoked.

The Secretary of State accepted the TRA's recommendation and revoke the application of the definitive safeguard measure on category 2 steel products having considered the recommendation and wider matters in the public interest.

6. Period of investigation

The period of investigation to assess the change in circumstances was 1 January 2024 to 21 October 2024.

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

The TRA was responsible for conducting the review. Please direct correspondence to SD0064@traderemedies.gov.uk.