



**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 12.1(B) AND 12.1(C)  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

UNITED KINGDOM

*Certain steel products*

*Supplement*

The following communication, dated and received on 1 July 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

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Pursuant to Article 12.1(c) and Article 9.1 and its footnote of the Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies the final decision of the safeguard measure on certain steel products.

The transition review of the measure, covering 19 steel product categories, was initiated on 1 October 2020, and notified to the Committee on Safeguards on 8 October 2020 (document [G/SG/N/6/GBR/1](#)).

On 21 May 2021, the United Kingdom notified the Committee on finding serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports to the domestic industry producing certain steel products (document [G/SG/N/8/GBR/1](#)).

On 11 June 2021, the United Kingdom notified the Committee that its competent authority, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA), made findings of serious injury or threat thereof, and recommended to the Secretary of State for International Trade the extension of the measure, and to not apply it to products originating in developing countries (document [G/SG/N/8/GBR/Suppl.1](#) - [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1](#) - [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1](#)).

On 1 July 2021, the United Kingdom notified the Committee following the Secretary of State's decision on 30 June 2021 to extend the measure until 30 June 2022 in respect of 5 product categories and until 30 June 2024 in respect of 10 product categories, to not apply the measure to products originating in developing countries, and to cease to apply the measure in respect of 4 product categories (document [G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.3](#); [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.1](#); [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.1](#)).

On 7 September 2021, following the acceptance of 8 applications for reconsideration, the TRA initiated a reconsideration of their recommendation to the Secretary of State in the transition review of the measure (document [G/SG/N/6/GBR/1/Suppl.1](#) - [G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.4](#) - [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.2](#) - [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.2](#)). From 22 March 2022, the reconsideration has been conducted under a domestic framework as notified in document [G/SG/N/6/GBR/1/Suppl.2](#) - [G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.6](#) - [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.6](#) - [G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.6](#).

On 23 June 2022, the United Kingdom notified the Committee that the Secretary of State made findings of serious injury or threat thereof, proposed to extend the measure until 30 June 2024 in respect of 5 product categories, and to not apply it to products originating in developing countries (document [G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.7 - G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.8 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.8](#)). That notification reflected the TRA's findings in the reconsideration process and the Secretary of State's conclusions and included an invitation to hold consultations under Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

Separate to the reconsideration process, on 4 February 2022, the TRA initiated a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) review to reassess traditional trade flows in certain product categories as a result of an update to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) statistical datasets (document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.4 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.4](#)). On 30 June 2022, the TRA recommended to amend the TRQs to reflect corrections in published HMRC trade data.<sup>1</sup>

On 28 February 2022, the TRA initiated a TRQ review on developing country exemptions to examine whether the exemption given to certain developing countries needs to be revised (document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.5 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.5](#)). On 30 June 2022, the TRA recommended to amend the TRQs to reflect changes in trade flows from developing countries and to take account of changes in the list of countries that benefit from FTA exception provisions.<sup>2</sup>

On 6 April 2022, the TRA initiated a TRQ review to examine the effects of the trade sanctions the United Kingdom introduced on certain steel products imported from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus (document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.7 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.7](#)). On 29 April 2022, the TRA recommended the removal of country-specific TRQs of Russia and Belarus and their reallocation across other existing country-specific and residual quotas.<sup>3</sup>

This notification reflects the Secretary of State's final decisions in the reconsideration process and the three TRQ reviews, which came into effect on 1 July 2022.

**1. Provide evidence, citing relevant data and the applicable period of investigation, of serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports.**

Please refer to the notification of 23 June 2022.

**2. Provide information on whether there is an absolute increase in imports or an increase in imports relative to domestic production.**

Please refer to the notification of 23 June 2022.

**3. Provide the precise description of the product involved.**

The product concerned is certain steel products as previously notified to the Committee.

**4. If the final measure replaces a provisional measure, or if a final measure is extended, provide a written description of any part of the imported product that will no longer be subject to the measure.**

N/A

**5. Provide precise description of the measure.**

The safeguard measure was extended for a further 2 years (from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2024) in respect of product categories 6, 7, 12, 16 and 17.

For product categories 1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, the safeguard measure is in place until 30 June 2024.

<sup>1</sup> The recommendation is publicly available [here](#).

<sup>2</sup> The recommendation is publicly available [here](#). All documents are also available from the WTO Secretariat. To consult these documents, please contact Ms Anne Richards of the Rules Division ([anne.richards@wto.org](mailto:anne.richards@wto.org)).

<sup>3</sup> The recommendation is publicly available [here](#).

Tariff rate quotas for all 15 product categories from 1 July 2022 can be found in Tables 1 and 2 in the Annex.

In categories 4, 5 and 19, the quotas reflect corrections in published HMRC trade data.

In categories 1 and 13, the quotas previously allocated to Russia and Belarus were redistributed to all other countries proportionally based on 2021 import data.

The list of developing Member country exemptions was updated using import data from July to December 2021. The updated list of developing country non-exemptions can be found in Table 3 in the Annex.

The Secretary of State also decided to suspend the application of the measure for goods originating in Ukraine for two years from 1 July 2022.

**6. Provide proposed date or actual date of introduction of the measure.**

See above.

**7. Provide expected duration of the measure.**

See above.

**8. For a measure with a duration of more than three years, provide the proposed date for the review (under Article 7.4) to be held not later than the mid-term of the measure, if such a date for the review has already been scheduled.**

N/A

**9. If the expected duration is over one year, provide expected timetable for progressive liberalization of the measure.**

A 3% liberalisation rate is applied each year.

**10. Procedures relevant to the decision to apply measures:**

N/A. Please refer to the notification of 23 June 2022.

**11. If the measure is being extended, also provide:**

**(i) evidence that the industry concerned is adjusting and that the safeguard measure continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury;**

Please refer to the notification of 23 June 2022.

**(ii) reference to the WTO document that notified the initial application of the measure;**

This notification is in relation to the safeguard measure imposed by the European Union, on behalf of Member States, including the United Kingdom. The measure was provisionally applied from 17 July 2018, and was notified under document [G/SG/N/7/EU/1](#) - [G/SG/N/11/EU/1](#). The definitive measure applied from 2 February 2019, and was notified under document [G/SG/N/8/EU/1](#) - [G/SG/N/10/EU/1](#) - [G/SG/11/EU/1/Suppl.1](#). The United Kingdom's transition review of the measure, following its withdrawal from the European Union, was initiated on 1 October 2020 (see above documents).

**(iii) duration of the measure from initial application till the date at which it will be extended;**

The initial application of the measure commenced on 17 July 2018 as a provisional measure. The measure was extended in respect of 5 product categories until 30 June 2024. In respect of 10 product

categories, the measure is already in place until 30 June 2024. The total duration of the measure would therefore be just under 6 years.

**(iv) precise description of the measure in place prior to the date of extension.**

Table 4 of the Annex illustrates the measure in place prior to 1 July 2022.

**12. If the notification relates to a decision to apply or extend a safeguard measure, provide the following information:**

**(i) the major exporting Members of imports of the product involved;**

The UK considers major exporting countries to be those who have a significant supplying interest.

**(ii) if there are any exporting Members to which the measure does not apply for any reason other than the application of Article 9.1, the names of such exporting Members and reasons for non-application of the measure.**

Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners with a global safeguard exclusion under the FTA exception provisions are listed below.

<b>FTA</b>	<b>Country</b>
CARIFORUM – UK Economic Partnership Agreement	Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Belize The Commonwealth of the Bahamas The Commonwealth of Dominica The Dominican Republic Grenada The Republic of Guyana Jamaica Saint Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Kenya – UK Economic Partnership Agreement	Kenya
SACUM – UK Economic Partnership Agreement	Mozambique

## ANNEX

Table 1: Quarterly volumes of country and residual tariff-rate quotas (in tonnes) for 2022-2023

Product category	Country	01/07/2022 to 30/09/2022	01/10/2022 to 31/12/2022	01/01/2023 to 31/03/2023	01/04/2023 to 30/06/2023
1	EU	176,722	176,722	172,880	174,801
	Turkey	23,203	23,203	22,699	22,951
	Chinese Taipei	12,918	12,918	12,637	12,777
	Residual	22,233	22,233	21,750	21,991
2*	EU	76,412	76,412	74,751	75,581
	South Korea	11,240	11,240	10,996	11,118
	India	9,396	9,396	9,192	9,294
	Vietnam	6,807	6,807	6,659	6,733
	Residual	17,036	17,036	16,666	16,851
4	EU	305,241	305,241	298,605	301,923
	Chinese Taipei	31,558	31,558	30,872	31,215
	India	23,307	23,307	22,801	23,054
	Turkey	23,242	23,242	22,736	22,989
	Residual	80,601	80,601	78,849	79,725
5	EU	34,543	34,543	33,792	34,167
	South Korea	14,037	14,037	13,732	13,884
	Residual	2,098	2,098	2,053	2,075
6	EU	30,120	30,120	29,465	29,792
	China	7,647	7,647	7,481	7,564
	Chinese Taipei	2,497	2,497	2,443	2,470
	South Korea	2,370	2,370	2,319	2,344
	Residual	1,022	1,022	1,000	1,011
7	EU	67,025	67,025	65,568	66,297
	Ukraine	10,461	10,461	10,234	10,347
	Residual	13,458	13,458	13,165	13,312
12A	EU	27,795	27,795	27,191	27,494
	Residual	3,998	3,998	3,911	3,954
12B	EU	33,389	33,389	32,664	33,026
	Turkey	12,567	12,567	12,294	12,431
	Residual	7,142	7,142	6,986	7,064
13	EU	70,174	70,174	68,648	69,411
	Turkey	33,245	33,245	32,522	32,883
	Residual	22,635	22,635	22,143	22,389
16	EU	70,644	70,644	69,108	69,876
	Residual	3,084	3,084	3,017	3,051
17*	EU	160,849	160,849	157,352	159,101
	Residual	16,716	16,716	16,353	16,535
19	EU	4,517	4,517	4,419	4,468
	Residual	133	133	130	131
20	Turkey	14,810	14,810	14,489	14,649
	EU	6,666	6,666	6,521	6,593
	India	3,427	3,427	3,352	3,390
	UAE	2,272	2,272	2,223	2,247
	Residual	696	696	681	689
21	Turkey	35,157	35,157	34,393	34,775
	EU	10,671	10,671	10,439	10,555
	Residual	3,244	3,244	3,174	3,209
25A	Japan	7,794	7,794	7,624	7,709
	EU	5,963	5,963	5,834	5,899
	South Korea	1,191	1,191	1,165	1,178
	Residual	2,102	2,102	2,057	2,079
25B	EU	15,339	15,339	15,006	15,173
	South Korea	4,409	4,409	4,313	4,361
	Japan	1,932	1,932	1,890	1,911
	Residual	4,650	4,650	4,549	4,600

Product category	Country	01/07/2022 to 30/09/2022	01/10/2022 to 31/12/2022	01/01/2023 to 31/03/2023	01/04/2023 to 30/06/2023
26	EU	21,488	21,488	21,021	21,255
	UAE	14,441	14,441	14,127	14,284
	Turkey	10,490	10,490	10,262	10,376
	China	5,518	5,518	5,398	5,458
	Residual	9,528	9,528	9,320	9,424

\*Category 2 and 17 quotas updated on 27 June 2022 to correct a clerical error. These updated figures replace those originally notified on 23 June 2022.

Table 2: Quarterly volumes of country and residual tariff-rate quotas (in tonnes) for 2023-2024

Product category	Country	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
	Turkey	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
2*	EU	78,489	78,489	77,636	77,636
	South Korea	11,546	11,546	11,421	11,421
	India	9,652	9,652	9,547	9,547
	Vietnam	6,992	6,992	6,916	6,916
	Residual	17,499	17,499	17,309	17,309
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
	Turkey	23,873	23,873	23,614	23,614
	Residual	82,792	82,792	81,892	81,892
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
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
7	EU	68,848	68,848	68,099	68,099
	Ukraine	10,746	10,746	10,629	10,629
	Residual	13,824	13,824	13,673	13,673
12A	EU	28,551	28,551	28,241	28,241
	Residual	4,107	4,107	4,062	4,062
12B	EU	34,297	34,297	33,924	33,924
	Turkey	12,909	12,909	12,769	12,769
	Residual	7,336	7,336	7,256	7,256
13	EU	72,081	72,081	71,298	71,298
	Turkey	34,148	34,148	33,777	33,777
	Residual	23,250	23,250	22,997	22,997
16	EU	72,564	72,564	71,775	71,775
	Residual	3,168	3,168	3,134	3,134
17*	EU	165,222	165,222	163,426	163,426
	Residual	17,171	17,171	16,984	16,984
19	EU	4,640	4,640	4,590	4,590
	Residual	137	137	135	135
20	Turkey	15,213	15,213	15,048	15,048
	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
	Residual	715	715	708	708
21	Turkey	36,113	36,113	35,721	35,721
	EU	10,962	10,962	10,842	10,842
	Residual	3,332	3,332	3,296	3,296
25A	Japan	8,006	8,006	7,918	7,918
	EU	6,126	6,126	6,059	6,059

Product category	Country	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
	South Korea	1,224	1,224	1,210	1,210
	Residual	2,159	2,159	2,136	2,136
25B	EU	15,756	15,756	15,585	15,585
	South Korea	4,529	4,529	4,479	4,479
	Japan	1,984	1,984	1,963	1,963
	Residual	4,777	4,777	4,725	4,725
26	EU	22,073	22,073	21,833	21,833
	UAE	14,833	14,833	14,672	14,672
	Turkey	10,775	10,775	10,658	10,658
	China	5,668	5,668	5,607	5,607
	Residual	9,787	9,787	9,680	9,680

\*Category 2 and 17 quotas updated on 27 June 2022 to correct a clerical error. These updated figures replace those originally notified on 23 June 2022.

Table 3: Developing country non-exemptions by product category

Product Category	Developing country non-exemptions (July-Dec 2021 import share)
1	India (24.9%), Turkey (9.2%)
2	India (12%), Ukraine (11.7%), Viet Nam (8.5%), Tunisia (3.6%)
4	Viet Nam (26.7%), India (10.9%), Turkey (7.6%)
5	India (10.8%), Viet Nam (5%)
6	China (44.8%)
7	Ukraine (16.6%)
12A	n/a
12B	Turkey (29.9%)
13	Turkey (20%), India (8.5%)
16	Ukraine (12.7%), Turkey (3.2%)
17	Turkey (10.9%), India (3.2%)
19	n/a
20	Turkey (65.5%), India (15.4%), UAE (4.1%)
21	Turkey (79.4%), UAE (5.7%)
25A	n/a
25B	n/a
26	Turkey (25%), UAE (13.3%), China (11.1%), India (5.8%)

Table 4: Quarterly volumes of country and residual tariff-rate quotas (in tonnes) in 2021-2022, prior to 1 July 2022.

Product category	Country	01/07/2021 to 30/09/2021	01/10/2021 to 31/12/2021	01/01/2022 to 31/03/2022	01/04/2022 to 30/06/2022
1	European Union	165,052	165,052	161,464	163,258
	Turkey	22,982	22,982	22,482	22,732
	Chinese Taipei	12,792	12,792	12,514	12,653
	Russia	11,782	11,782	11,526	11,654
	All others	15,621	15,621	15,282	15,452
2	European Union	74,206	74,206	72,593	73,400
	South Korea	11,146	11,146	10,904	11,025
	India	9,106	9,106	8,908	9,007
	Viet Nam	6,240	6,240	6,104	6,172
	All others	16,673	16,673	16,310	16,491
4	European Union	302,951	302,951	296,365	299,658
	Chinese Taipei	32,637	32,637	31,927	32,282
	China	31,933	31,933	31,238	31,586
	South Korea	24,610	24,610	24,075	24,343
	All others	71,359	71,359	69,807	70,583
5	European Union	33,537	33,537	32,808	33,172
	South Korea	10,884	10,884	10,647	10,765
	All others	2,170	2,170	2,123	2,147
6	European Union	29,379	29,379	28,740	29,059

<b>Product category</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>01/07/2021 to 30/09/2021</b>	<b>01/10/2021 to 31/12/2021</b>	<b>01/01/2022 to 31/03/2022</b>	<b>01/04/2022 to 30/06/2022</b>
	China	6,913	6,913	6,763	6,838
	Chinese Taipei	2,408	2,408	2,356	2,382
	South Korea	2,202	2,202	2,154	2,178
	All others	1,689	2,545	1,227	1,240
7	European Union	65,067	65,067	63,652	64,359
	Ukraine	10,156	10,156	9,936	10,046
	All others	13,072	14,967	11,845	11,976
12	European Union	50,214	50,214	-	-
	Turkey	12,943	12,943	-	-
	All others	8,342	9,804	-	-
12A	European Union	-	-	13,708	13,860
	Turkey	-	-	799	808
	China	-	-	761	769
	All others	-	-	334	338
12B	European Union	-	-	32,110	32,466
	Turkey	-	-	12,102	12,237
	All others	-	-	6,093	6,161
13	European Union	50,362	50,362	49,267	49,814
	Turkey	29,015	29,015	28,384	28,699
	Belarus	21,051	21,051	20,594	20,822
	Ukraine	12,398	12,398	12,129	12,263
	Russia	6,122	6,122	5,989	6,056
	All others	3,433	3,433	3,359	3,396
16	European Union	68,586	68,586	67,095	67,840
	All others	2,995	4,992	1,936	1,958
17	European Union	156,162	156,162	152,767	154,464
	All others	16,232	16,232	15,879	16,056
19	European Union	9,186	9,186	8,986	9,086
	All others	129	129	126	128
20	Turkey	14,368	14,368	14,056	14,212
	European Union	6,472	6,472	6,331	6,402
	India	3,386	3,386	3,312	3,349
	United Arab Emirates	2,135	2,135	2,089	2,112
	All others	675	675	661	668
21	Turkey	34,133	34,133	33,391	33,762
	European Union	10,099	10,099	9,880	9,989
	All others	3,411	3,411	3,337	3,374
25A	European Union	5,790	5,790	5,664	5,727
	Indonesia	4,584	4,584	4,485	4,535
	Malaysia	2,348	2,348	2,297	2,323
	South Korea	1,128	1,128	1,104	1,116
	Saudi Arabia	1,117	1,117	1,093	1,105
	All others	1,586	1,586	1,552	1,569
25B	European Union	12,472	12,472	12,201	12,336
	South Korea	4,219	4,219	4,127	4,173
	Norway	3,623	3,623	3,544	3,583
	Turkey	1,682	1,682	1,645	1,663
	All others	3,568	3,568	3,491	3,529
26	European Union	20,298	20,298	19,857	20,078
	United Arab Emirates	14,000	14,000	13,695	13,848
	Turkey	10,238	10,238	10,015	10,127
	China	5,524	5,524	5,404	5,464
	Norway	2,985	2,985	2,920	2,952
	All others	6,609	6,609	6,466	6,537