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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF
THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS

UNITED KINGDOM

Supplement

The following communication, dated and received on 6 April 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Pursuant to Article 12.1 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom provides the following information in regards to the reconsideration of the safeguard on certain steel products:

The transition review of the safeguard on certain steel products was initiated on 1 October 2020, and notification was provided 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) has made findings of serious injury or threat thereof, and has recommended to the Secretary of State for International Trade the extension of the safeguard measure on certain steel imports, and to not apply the measure 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 on certain steel imports, to not apply the measure to products originating in developing countries, and to cease to apply the measure in respect of certain product categories (document G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.2; G/SG/N/10/GBR/2; G/SG/N/11/GBR/2¹).

On 7 September 2021, following the acceptance of eight applications for reconsideration, the TRA initiated a reconsideration of their recommendation to the Secretary of State in the transition review of the safeguard on certain steel products (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).

¹ Document G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.2-G/SG/N/10/GBR/2-G/SG/N/11/GBR/2, when originally circulated on 2 July 2021, was incorrectly symbolled and should be considered null and void.

It was re-circulated as G/SG/N/8/GBR/1/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/11/GBR/1/Suppl.1, without any change in the content, to ensure the consistency of the symboling system, on 8 September 2021.

As of 22 March 2022, the reconsideration is being conducted under a domestic framework² whereby, at the end of the process, the TRA will issue a report of findings to support the Secretary of State in making a decision in relation to the matters under reconsideration. The reconsideration will consider the categories of goods listed in the document above, and other matters, such as the grouping of product categories. Further detail is available on the Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk>.

Interested parties who wish to contribute to the reconsideration should continue to contact the TRA via the Trade Remedies Service. Any enquiries should be emailed to TF0006@traderemedies.gov.uk.

² See documents G/ADP/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.13 - G/SCM/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.12 - G/SG/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.12 and G/ADP/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.14 - G/SCM/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.13 - G/SG/N/1/GBR/1/Suppl.13.