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Sent by email to [trade.com@parliament.uk](mailto:trade.com@parliament.uk)

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Dear Angus Macneil,

**Re: Announcing the publication of TRID's Statement of Intended Preliminary Decision for the Steel safeguards transition review**

I am writing to inform you that we have published the Statement of Intended Preliminary Decision for transition review TF0006 on the [public file](#), covering safeguard measures on certain steel products, as of 19 May 2021.

**Background**

On 1 October 2020, following the publication of a [Notice of Determination](#), TRID published a [Notice of Initiation](#) for a transition review of EU tariff rate quotas (TRQs) on certain categories of steel products. We are carrying out transition reviews into all trade remedy measures which have been carried over from the EU regime, to test whether they are necessary in the UK market. These steel safeguard measures were put in place to mitigate a surge in imports of certain steel products which were causing damage to the UK industry.

This transition review has considered whether goods belonging to each specified category of steel products were imported into the UK in increased quantities during our period of investigation. Where TRID has determined that goods were imported in increased quantities, we also considered whether:

- imports of those goods would be likely to recur if they were no longer subject to a TRQ;
- there would be serious injury to UK producers if goods belonging to that category were no longer subject to the TRQs;



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- continuing the application of the TRQs is necessary to help the UK producers adjust to the import of goods belonging to those categories;
- whether an alternative TRQ or the application of a safeguarding amount to goods belonging to that category would better meet the aim of preventing serious injury to these producers; and
- whether the application of the TRQ to the goods subject to review meets the UK's economic interest test.

### **Intended decision**

TRID now sets out its intended decision within the published Statement of Intended Preliminary Decision.

Of the 253 commodity codes under review (reducing to 237 when combining categories 4A and 4B), across the 19 product categories considered, 135 have been recommended for revocation of the TRQ. Of these, 9 are due to no UK production, 98 are due to no increase in imports, 11 are due no significant increase in imports, 12 are due to no serious injury and 5 are due to the Economic Interest Test not being met. The remaining 102 commodity codes have been recommended to be varied for the TRQ, and that the period for which the TRQ should apply to the goods should be extended.

### **Next steps**

As of 19 May 2021, interested parties, contributors or any other person who has supplied information to us, will have 7 days to provide comments on the Statement of Intended Preliminary Decision. Following the consideration of all submissions received, TRID will then put forward its final determination and recommendation to the Secretary of State for International Trade.

Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Walker  
Chair-Designate of Trade Remedies Authority