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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 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 31 December 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Pursuant to Article 12 and Article 9.1 and its footnote of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom notifies that on 31 December 2025, the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) accepted the TRA's recommendation to vary the safeguard measure on category 13 steel products (Rebar). The details of this are set out in this notification.

By way of background, on 10 November 2025 the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) initiated a tariff rate quota (TRQ) review relating to the developing country exceptions to the safeguard measure on category 13 steel products as set out in document [G/SG/N/10/GBR/1/Suppl.28](#).

On 31 December 2025, the Secretary of State accepted the TRA's recommendation to vary the safeguard measure, with effect from 1 January 2026. More details on the Secretary of State's final decision can be found on:

- The public notice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trade-remedies-notices-tariff-rate-quotas-on-steel-goods/trade-remedies-notice-202526-safeguard-measure-tariff-rate-quota-on-steel-goodss>
- The Trade Remedies Service Platform: <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/public/case/TQ0072/#public-file>

**1. Provide the precise description of the product(s) involved**

Product Number	Product Category	Commodity Codes
13	Rebar	72142000, 72149910

**2. Provide precise description of the adjustments**

On 10 November 2025, the TRA launched a TRQ review after receiving trade data indicating a potential change in circumstances, specifically that import volumes and shares of the goods under review from Vietnam have changed since the measure was first applied.

The TRA reviewed data from HMRC's 8-digit Customs Declaration for UK imports of rebar, as well as reviewing the list of WTO developing countries, excluding those with Free Trade Agreement (FTA) based safeguard exceptions. The TRA's review assessed whether there had been a change in circumstances, specifically whether Viet Nam still qualified as a low-volume exporter and whether other developing countries also breached the 3% threshold. The TRA found that Viet Nam exported 21,184 tonnes of rebar to the UK, representing 5.53% of the total UK rebar imports. This exceeded the 3% threshold, meaning that Viet Nam could no longer qualify for the developing country exception.

In view of these findings, the TRA recommended varying the TRQ, so that imports of the goods subject to review originating in Viet Nam are no longer exempted from the application of the safeguard measure and Vietnamese imports of category 13 steel goods now have access to the residual quota. On 31<sup>st</sup> December, the Secretary of State accepted the TRA's recommendation.

Table 1 sets out the TRQs, the quarterly volumes of country and residual TRQ (in tonnes) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Table 2 sets out the developing country members of the WTO.

Table 3 sets out the FTA partners with a current safeguard exception.

### **3. Provide proposed date or actual date of introduction of the adjustments**

The adjustments will enter into effect on 1 January 2026.

**ANNEX****Annex 1: Tariff Rate Quotas**

Quarterly volumes of country and residual tariff-rate quota (in tonnes) 01/01/26 – 30/06/26.

Product category	Country	01/01/2026 to 31/03/2026	01/04/2026 to 30/06/2026
13	EU	72,902	73,712
	Türkiye	34,538	34,921
	Residual	23,514	23,774
	Residual 20% cap for any individual exporting country	4,703	4,755
	Total	130,954	132,407

**Annex 2: Developing country members of the WTO**

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, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gabon, The 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, China, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, People's Republic of China, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Christopher (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, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, UAE, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

**Annex 3: FTA partners with a current safeguard exception**

Agreement	Multilateral safeguard exception
UK – Kenya	Active
UK – CARIFORUM EOA (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, and Trinidad and Tobago)	Active