

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2037 of 10 December 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/478 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on common rules for imports⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 16 and 20 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on common rules for imports from certain third countries⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 13 and 16 thereof,

Whereas:

1. **BACKGROUND**

- (1) On 31 January 2019, the Commission imposed definitive safeguard measures on certain steel products (the ‘Definitive Safeguard Regulation’)⁽³⁾.
- (2) The Commission amended the measures twice pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1590⁽⁴⁾ and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/894⁽⁵⁾ respectively.
- (3) Pursuant to the Withdrawal Agreement⁽⁶⁾ between the Union and the United Kingdom (‘UK’), as of 1 January 2021, the UK will no longer be part of the Union customs territory. Therefore, as of that date the territorial scope where safeguard measures are applicable will change. Since the level of the safeguard measures on certain steel products was established on the basis of the average imports into the Union of 28 Member States, i.e. including imports into the UK, during the reference period 2015-2017, the Commission finds it appropriate to adapt the volume of Tariff Rate Quotas (‘TRQs’) accordingly as well as the list of developing countries subject to the current safeguard measures.
- (4) On 30 October 2020, the Commission published a Notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*⁽⁷⁾ explaining the rationale of the proposal and the methodology it envisaged to apply, and invited interested parties to comment. The Notice also contained the volume of recalculated TRQs that would be in place for the period 1 January to 30 June 2021.

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2. DUE PROCESS

- (5) The Commission received nineteen submissions from interested parties within the deadline. The Commission also undertook consultations with nine third country governments.

3. ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMENTS RECEIVED

- (6) The Commission addressed the comments received, concerning either specific product categories or general aspects of the adaptation, as follows:

3.1. Category 4 – metallic coated sheets

- (7) Several interested parties submitted comments with regard to the volumes calculated for categories 4A and 4B (including automotive grades) and requested the Commission to review its calculation. In particular, during consultations with third country authorities, an interested party pointed to a clerical error in the calculation. Another interested party identified a specific calculation issue or proposed a slightly different allocation between the two product categories, which better reflects its situation with respect to the volumes concerning its country-specific TRQs, having regard to the counterfactual situation in this case, namely how TRQs would have been allocated had the UK not been part of the customs territory at the time the original safeguard measures were adopted. After assessing these claims the Commission found that they were warranted and revised the volumes included in the notice of 30 October accordingly.

- (8) It should be underlined that these adjustments only concern the distribution of the TRQs between sub-product categories 4A and 4B, but does not affect the level of the TRQs for the overall product category 4.

- (9) The updated volumes are reflected in the TRQ volumes in Annex I.

3.2. Impact of the adaptation on TRQ volumes

- (10) Some parties argued that the Commission should preserve the existing TRQ volumes and, in addition, either grant the UK its own country-specific TRQ or, where it falls under the residual TRQs, the volumes of these TRQs would need to be increased so as to include the UK's traditional trade flows.

- (11) Some parties also argued that they would be negatively affected by the inclusion of the UK under the residual section of given TRQs, as it would increase the competition for a smaller TRQ volume.

- (12) Other parties noted that for certain origins, the overall volume of TRQs calculated would be reduced, making the measure more restrictive.

- (13) Finally, certain exporting countries complained that under the Commission's proposal, they would lose their country-specific TRQ for some specific product categories. These parties argued that the Commission should preserve

their country-specific TRQ and that failing to do so would amount to making the measures more restrictive, thus breaching WTO rules.

- (14) The Commission disagreed that the proposed adjustment would make the safeguard measure stricter. As stated in the Notice of 30 October, the result of the adaptation, in very few cases, would lead to some countries losing their country-specific TRQs (and vice-versa) in certain product categories. However, the Commission does not consider that the adaptation, as such, results in a more restrictive measure. The Commission explained in the Notice of 30 October the rationale of the adaptation, namely to have a volume of TRQs (both globally as well as per product category) that is proportionate to the reduction of the geographical scope of the territory where the Union's safeguard measure applies as of 1 January 2021. Furthermore, the Commission notes that the overall TRQ volumes resulting from the adaptation are 3 % higher than the ones currently in place, and that this cannot be seen as making the measure more restrictive.
- (15) Moreover the Commission wishes to emphasize that if it were to accept the claims from those countries that would lose a certain country-specific TRQ, it would be discriminating them vis-a-vis any other interested parties by departing from its basic principle of granting a country-specific TRQ only when a certain threshold (5 % share of imports), in a specific period, is met⁽⁸⁾. It is the result from the application of the counterfactual that countries which had a country-specific TRQ no longer meet the objective criterion, whereas others do.
- (16) The unused volumes of quotas laid down in Annex II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/894, of those countries that, as a result of this adaptation would lose their country-specific quotas in a product category, were allocated to the residual tariff-rate quotas in the relevant product categories.

3.3. **Request to carry out an analysis based on EU-27 data**

- (17) Some interested parties argued that if the Union is adapting its measures, it must re-assess whether all the requirements to impose safeguard measures continue to be met under a EU-27 scenario. One interested party noted in particular that such approach would lead the Union to determine that for several product categories, there would not have been an increase in imports, and therefore these should be excluded from the measures.
- (18) The Commission observed in this respect that the conditions to impose a safeguard measure need to be met when a safeguard measure is imposed for the first time. In the case of this measure, the conditions were met as explained in detail in the Definitive Safeguard Regulation.
- (19) The Commission disagrees with the views expressed by some interested parties that in a situation like the one at hand requires carrying out a full

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reassessment. In fact, as explained in the Notice of 30 October, the current proceeding is limited to adapting the TRQ volumes to the change in scope of the territory where the Union's safeguard measure applies. In this regard, the Commission insists that this proceeding by no means constitute a fully-fledged review of the measures, and therefore, it is under no legal obligation to carry out the analysis that some interested parties requested.

3.4. **Category 18 – sheet piles**

(20) Some interested parties contested the Commission's proposal to grant a country-specific TRQ to the UK in this product category on the grounds that there is allegedly no production of this product category in the UK. As a result, the volumes allocated to the UK would not be used. These companies also claimed that the reduction in TRQ volumes resulting from the adaptation did not have any justification and that the Commission should maintain the same level of TRQs as provided by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/894.

(21) In this respect, the Commission had explained in its Notice of 30 October the methodology and rationale behind the adaptation and the implications it could entail. If there is a reduction in overall TRQ volumes in this category, it is because imports into the UK in the reference period were deducted from the TRQ volume. Furthermore, in its Notice of 30 October the Commission explained how it established the level of UK imports into EU-27 during the reference period. The claim with respect to the absence of production in the UK was not properly substantiated and does not correspond with the statistics used by the Commission. No interested party provided any data of whether imports into the UK were consumed, further processed or subsequently sold within the Union. In any event, the volume allocated to the UK could not be transferred to other origins because this would artificially inflate the TRQ volume. Therefore this claim is immaterial to users. The Commission also rejected the claim to preserve the current TRQ volumes as it would ignore the reduction in the geographical scope of the territory covered by the safeguard measure, and it would equally result in an artificially inflated TRQ volume. Accordingly, the Commission rejects these arguments.

3.5. **Product category 9 – stainless steel cold-rolled flat products**

(22) Some interested parties noted that due to the Commission's proposal, Vietnam would lose its country-specific TRQ in this product category. These parties warned the Commission that these volumes, which will accordingly belong to the 'other countries' section of the TRQ, would likely be quickly used, in particular, by a certain origin. Accordingly these parties requested the Commission to limit the volumes that any country could use under the residual TRQ in this category.

(23) The Commission noted that the request to limit the access to incumbent exporting countries under the residual TRQ⁽⁹⁾ falls outside the scope of this adaptation exercise, as it would amount to modifying the functioning of the

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measures. In any event, the Commission recalled that the same claim was made in previous proceedings and it was rejected. Therefore, the Commission does not further address the merits of this claim.

3.6. **Update of list of developing countries subject to measures**

- (24) The list of product categories originating in developing countries to which the definitive measures apply needs to be updated to reflect the territorial adaptation. The Commission based its calculation on the updated data concerning the year 2019 imports dataset (i.e the same period used in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/894, but excluding imports into the UK).
- (25) With respect to categories 4A and 4B, the Commission described in Section 4, paragraph 3 of the Notice of 30 October its provisional approach with respect to the treatment of UK imports for the purpose of the respective TRQs calculation. Following the assessment of the comments received and the consultations with third countries regarding this approach, the Commission decided to apply the same methodology for the purpose of updating the list of developing countries subject to measures in Annex II to this Regulation. In the absence of any other reliable information or documented alternative proposal by any interested party, the Commission assumed that UK imports in the year 2019 should be equally distributed between the two product categories.
- (26) The volumes of country-specific tariff-rate quotas allocated to developing countries that will be excluded from the safeguard measure laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 upon the entry into force of this Regulation, were allocated to the residual tariff-rate quotas in the relevant product categories.
- (27) The changes to the list of developing countries subject to the measures is as follows:
- China becomes subject to the measures in product category 22,
 - Turkey becomes excluded from measures in product category 25A,
 - United Arab Emirates becomes excluded from measures in product categories 21 and 26.
- (28) No comments were made by any interested party on this adaptation.
- (29) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Safeguards established under Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 and Article 22(3) of Regulation (EU) 2015/755 respectively,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 is amended as follows:

- Annex IV is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Regulation,

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— Annex III.2 is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2021.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 December 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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ANNEX I

ANNEX IV.1 –Volumes of tariff–rate quotas

IV

Product Number	Product category	CN Codes	Allocation by country (Where Applicable)	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021	From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021	Additional duty rate	Order numbers
				Volume of tariff quota (net tonnes)			
1	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7208 10 00, 7208 25 00, 7208 26 00, 7208 27 00, 7208 36 00, 7208 37 00, 7208 38 00, 7208 39 00, 7208 40 00, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, 7212 60 00, 7225 19 10, 7225 30 10, 7225 30 30, 7225 30 90, 7225 40 15, 7225 40 90, 7226 19 10, 7226 91 20, 7226 91 91, 7226 91 99	Russian Federation	395 909,0	400 307,98	25 %	09.8966
			Turkey	313 791,59	317 278,16	25 %	09.8967
			India	161 191,83	162 982,85	25 %	09.8968
			Korea, Republic of	129 042,6	130 476,4	25 %	09.8969
			United Kingdom	114 460,48	115 732,26	25 %	09.8976
			Serbia	113 624,87	114 887,37	25 %	09.8970
			Other countries	969 690,07	980 464,41	25 %	^a
2	Non Alloy	7209 15 00, 7209	India	143 355,4	144 948,24	25 %	09.8801

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	and Other Alloy Cold Rolled Sheets	16 90, 7209 17 90, 7209 18 91, 7209 25 00, 7209 26 90, 7209 27 90, 7209 28 90, 7209 90 20, 7209 90 80, 7211 23 20, 7211 23 30, 7211 23 80, 7211 29 00, 7211 90 20, 7211 90 80, 7225 50 20, 7225 50 80, 7226 20 00, 7226 92 00	Korea, Republic of	83 143,26	84 067,08	25 %	09.8802
			United Kingdom	76 842,6	77 696,41	25 %	09.8977
			Ukraine	63 833,81	64 543,07	25 %	09.8803
			Brazil	40 842,75	41 296,56	25 %	09.8804
			Serbia	36 193,2	36 595,35	25 %	09.8805
			Other countries	252 391,11	255 195,45	25 %	^b
3.A	Electrical Sheets (other than GOES)	7209 16 10, 7209 17 10, 7209 18 10, 7209 26 10, 7209 27 10, 7209 28 10	Russian Federation	333,03	336,73	25 %	09.8808
			United Kingdom	285,37	288,54	25 %	09.8978
			Iran, Islamic Republic of	145,80	147,42	25 %	09.8809
			Korea, Republic of	118,68	119,99	25 %	09.8806
			Other countries	719,47	727,46	25 %	^c
3.B		7225 19 90, 7226 19 80	Russian Federation	33 685,76	34 060,05	25 %	09.8811
			Korea, Republic of	20 132,89	20 356,59	25 %	09.8812
			China	15 498,07	15 670,27	25 %	09.8813

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			Taiwan	11 627,43	11 756,62	25 %	09.8814
			Other countries	6 024,76	6 091,7	25 %	^d
4.A	Metallic Coated Sheets	TARIC Codes: 7210 41 00 20, 7210 49 00 20, 7210 61 00 20, 7210 69 00 20, 7212 30 00 20, 7212 50 61 20, 7212 50 69 20, 7225 92 00 20, 7225 99 00 11, 7225 99 00 22, 7225 99 00 45, 7225 99 00 91, 7225 99 00 92, 7226 99 30 10, 7226 99 70 11, 7226 99 70 91, 7226 99 70 94	Korea (Republic of)	32 981,94	33 348,41	25 %	09.8816
			India	47 144,92	47 668,75	25 %	09.8817
			United Kingdom	31 075,99	31 421,28	25 %	09.8979
			Other countries	417 545,5	422 184,9	25 %	^e
4.B		CN Codes: 7210 20 00, 7210 30 00, 7210 90 80, 7212 20 00, 7212 50 20, 7212 50 30,	China	112 702,1	113 954,34	25 %	09.8821
			Korea (Republic of)	146 267,74	147 892,93	25 %	09.8822
			India	67 313,85	68 061,78	25 %	09.8823
			United Kingdom	31 075,99	31 421,28	25 %	09.8980

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7212 50 40, 7212 50 90, 7225 91 00, 7226 99 10 TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 30, 7210 41 00 80, 7210 49 00 30, 7210 49 00 80, 7210 61 00 30, 7210 61 00 80, 7210 69 00 30, 7210 69 00 80, 7212 30 00 30, 7212 30 00 80, 7212 50 61 30, 7212 50 61 80, 7212 50 69 30, 7212 50 69 80, 7225 92 00 30, 7225 92 00 80, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 93, 7225 99 00 95, 7226 99 30 30, 7226 99 30 90, 7226 99	Other countries	94 312,94	95 360,86	25 %	f
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		70 13, 7226 99 70 19, 7226 99 70 93, 7226 99 70 96					
5	Organic Coated Sheets	7210 70 80, 7212 40 80	India	69 079,96	69 847,51	25 %	09.8826
			Korea, Republic of	62 432,08	63 125,77	25 %	09.8827
			United Kingdom	30 651,88	30 992,45	25 %	09.8981
			Taiwan	20 009,2	20 231,52	25 %	09.8828
			Turkey	13 814,36	13 967,85	25 %	09.8829
			Other countries	37 843,96	38 264,44	25 %	g
6	Tin Mill products	7209 18 99, 7210 11 00, 7210 12 20, 7210 12 80, 7210 50 00, 7210 70 10, 7210 90 40, 7212 10 10, 7212 10 90, 7212 40 20	China	97 495,49	98 578,77	25 %	09.8831
			United Kingdom	35 561,84	35 956,97	25 %	09.8982
			Serbia	19 570,13	19 787,58	25 %	09.8832
			Korea, Republic of	14 156,15	14 313,44	25 %	09.8833
			Taiwan	11 769,81	11 900,58	25 %	09.8834
			Other countries	32 623,1	32 985,58	25 %	h
7	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates	7208 51 20, 7208 51 91, 7208 51 98, 7208 52 91, 7208 90 20, 7208 90 80, 7210 90 30, 7225 40 12, 7225 40	Ukraine	209 860,26	212 192,04	25 %	09.8836
			Korea, Republic of	85 938,89	86 893,77	25 %	09.8837
			Russian Federation	72 574,83	73 381,22	25 %	09.8838
			India	47 696,17	48 226,13	25 %	09.8839

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		40, 7225 40 60, 7225 99 00	United Kingdom	47 679,95	48 209,72	25 %	09.8983
			Other countries	289 237,24	292 450,99	25 %	i
8	Stainless Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7219 11 00, 7219 12 10, 7219 12 90, 7219 13 10, 7219 13 90, 7219 14 10, 7219 14 90, 7219 22 10, 7219 22 90, 7219 23 00, 7219 24 00, 7220 11 00, 7220 12 00	Other countries	90 629,91	91 636,9	25 %	j
9	Stainless Cold Rolled Sheets and Strips	7219 31 00, 7219 32 10, 7219 32 90, 7219 33 10, 7219 33 90, 7219 34 10, 7219 34 90, 7219 35 10, 7219 35 90, 7219 90 20, 7219 90 80, 7220 20 21, 7220 20 29, 7220 20 41, 7220 20 49, 7220 20 81, 7220 20 89, 7220	Korea, Republic of	43 629,0	44 113,77	25 %	09.8846
			Taiwan	40 458,63	40 908,18	25 %	09.8847
			India	27 041,19	27 341,65	25 %	09.8848
			United States	22 000,76	22 245,21	25 %	09.8849
			Turkey	18 307,38	18 510,79	25 %	09.8850
			Malaysia	11 598,54	11 727,41	25 %	09.8851
			Other countries	46 526,2	47 043,16	25 %	k

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		90 20, 7220 90 80					
10	Stainless Hot Rolled Quarto Plates	7219 21 10, 7219 21 90	China	4 320,8	4 368,81	25 %	09.8856
			India	1 832,92	1 853,28	25 %	09.8857
			United Kingdom	756,12	764,53	25 %	09.8984
			Taiwan	698,09	705,84	25 %	09.8858
			Other countries	915,93	926,11	25 %	^l
12	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Merchant Bars and Light Sections	7214 30 00, 7214 91 10, 7214 91 90, 7214 99 31, 7214 99 39, 7214 99 50, 7214 99 71, 7214 99 79, 7214 99 95, 7215 90 00, 7216 10 00, 7216 21 00, 7216 22 00, 7216 40 10, 7216 40 90, 7216 50 10, 7216 50 91, 7216 50 99, 7216 99 00, 7228 10 20, 7228 20 10, 7228 20 91, 7228 30 20, 7228 30 41, 7228 30 49, 7228 30 61,	China	103 601,87	104 753,01	25 %	09.8861
			United Kingdom	86 672,43	87 635,46	25 %	09.8985
			Turkey	62 288,24	62 980,33	25 %	09.8862
			Russian Federation	57 825,56	58 468,06	25 %	09.8863
			Switzerland	46 358,9	46 874,0	25 %	09.8864
			Belarus	37 104,08	37 516,35	25 %	09.8865
			Other countries	47 142,12	47 665,92	25 %	^m

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		7228 30 69, 7228 30 70, 7228 30 89, 7228 60 20, 7228 60 80, 7228 70 10, 7228 70 90, 7228 80 00					
13	Rebars	7214 20 00, 7214 99 10	Turkey	58 826,75	59 480,38	25 %	09.8866
			Russian Federation	56 951,11	57 583,9	25 %	09.8867
			Ukraine	28 798,84	29 118,83	25 %	09.8868
			Bosnia and Herzegovina	25 219,87	25 500,09	25 %	09.8869
			Moldova, Republic of	18 125,11	18 326,5	25 %	09.8870
			Other countries	109 637,11	110 855,3	25 %	"
14	Stainless Bars and Light Sections	7222 11 11, 7222 11 19, 7222 11 81, 7222 11 89, 7222 19 10, 7222 19 90, 7222 20 11, 7222 20 19, 7222 20 21, 7222 20 29, 7222 20 31, 7222 20 39, 7222 20 81, 7222 20 89,	India	27 892,96	28 202,88	25 %	09.8871
			United Kingdom	4 076,21	4 121,51	25 %	09.8986
			Switzerland	4 012,28	4 056,86	25 %	09.8872
			Ukraine	3 098,9	3 133,33	25 %	09.8873
			Other countries	4 521,8	4 572,05	25 %	°

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		7222 30 51, 7222 30 91, 7222 30 97, 7222 40 10, 7222 40 50, 7222 40 90					
15	Stainless Wire Rod	7221 00 10, 7221 00 90	India	6 487,41	6 559,49	25 %	09.8876
			Taiwan	4 182,82	4 229,3	25 %	09.8877
			United Kingdom	3 360,43	3 397,77	25 %	09.8987
			Korea, Republic of	2 088,34	2 111,54	25 %	09.8878
			China	1 414,37	1 430,08	25 %	09.8879
			Japan	1 403,63	1 419,23	25 %	09.8880
			Other countries	698,10	705,85	25 %	^p
16	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Wire Rod	7213 10 00, 7213 20 00, 7213 91 10, 7213 91 20, 7213 91 41, 7213 91 49, 7213 91 70, 7213 91 90, 7213 99 10, 7213 99 90, 7227 10 00, 7227 20 00, 7227 90 10, 7227 90 50, 7227 90 95	United Kingdom	133 112,45	134 591,48	25 %	09.8988
			Ukraine	93 132,26	94 167,07	25 %	09.8881
			Switzerland	90 980,58	91 991,47	25 %	09.8882
			Russian Federation	78 745,32	79 620,26	25 %	09.8883
			Turkey	76 362,96	77 211,44	25 %	09.8884
			Belarus	62 438,46	63 132,22	25 %	09.8885
			Moldova, Republic of	46 799,56	47 319,56	25 %	09.8886
			Other countries	77 881,71	78 747,06	25 %	^q
17	Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron	7216 31 10, 7216 31 90,	Ukraine	27 500,57	27 806,14	25 %	09.8891
			United Kingdom	23 890,85	24 156,31	25 %	09.8989

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	or Non Alloy Steel	7216 32 11, 7216 32 19, 7216 32 91, 7216 32 99, 7216 33 10, 7216 33 90	Turkey	19 883,09	20 104,02	25 %	09.8892
			Korea, Republic of	4 633,85	4 685,34	25 %	09.8893
			Other countries	10 905,03	11 026,2	25 %	r
18	Sheet Piling	7301 10 00	China	6 151,98	6 220,33	25 %	09.8901
			United Arab Emirates	3 044,65	3 078,48	25 %	09.8902
			United Kingdom	789,54	798,32	25 %	09.8990
			Other countries	224,06	226,55	25 %	s
19	Railway Material	7302 10 22, 7302 10 28, 7302 10 40, 7302 10 50, 7302 40 00	United Kingdom	3 788,71	3 830,8	25 %	09.8991
			Russian Federation	1 375,95	1 391,24	25 %	09.8906
			Turkey	1 117,6	1 130,02	25 %	09.8908
			China	989,92	1 000,92	25 %	09.8907
			Other countries	1 024,65	1 036,04	25 %	t
20	Gas pipes	7306 30 41, 7306 30 49, 7306 30 72, 7306 30 77	Turkey	43 450,18	43 932,96	25 %	09.8911
			India	16 721,0	16 906,78	25 %	09.8912
			North Macedonia	6 175,81	6 244,43	25 %	09.8913
			United Kingdom	5 874,82	5 940,09	25 %	09.8992
			Other countries	12 635,26	12 775,65	25 %	u
21	Hollow sections	7306 61 10, 7306 61 92, 7306 61 99	Turkey	66 577,91	67 317,67	25 %	09.8916
			United Kingdom	40 001,61	40 446,07	25 %	09.8993
			Russian Federation	22 664,34	22 916,17	25 %	09.8917
			North Macedonia	21 621,7	21 861,94	25 %	09.8918

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			Ukraine	16 174,57	16 354,29	25 %	09.8919
			Switzerland	13 600,58	13 751,7	25 %	09.8920
			Belarus	13 392,2	13 541,0	25 %	09.8921
			Other countries	15 230,42	15 399,64	25 %	v
22	Seamless Stainless Tubes and Pipes	7304 11 00, 7304 22 00, 7304 24 00, 7304 41 00, 7304 49 10, 7304 49 93, 7304 49 95, 7304 49 99	India	5 168,74	5 226,17	25 %	09.8926
			Ukraine	3 236,47	3 272,43	25 %	09.8927
			United Kingdom	1 642,83	1 661,08	25 %	09.8994
			Korea, Republic of	1 017,41	1 028,71	25 %	09.8928
			Japan	946,14	956,65	25 %	09.8929
			China	811,77	820,79	25 %	09.8931
			Other countries	2 360,85	2 387,08	25 %	w
24	Other Seamless Tubes	7304 19 10, 7304 19 30, 7304 19 90, 7304 23 00, 7304 29 10, 7304 29 30, 7304 29 90, 7304 31 20, 7304 31 80, 7304 39 10, 7304 39 52, 7304 39 58, 7304 39 92, 7304 39 93, 7304 39 98, 7304 51 81, 7304 51 89, 7304 59 10,	China	30 152,17	30 487,19	25 %	09.8936
			Ukraine	23 541,21	23 802,78	25 %	09.8937
			Belarus	12 595,36	12 735,31	25 %	09.8938
			United Kingdom	9 557,38	9 663,58	25 %	09.8995
			United States	6 714,21	6 788,82	25 %	09.8940
			Other countries	35 461,44	35 855,45	25 %	x

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		7304 59 92, 7304 59 93, 7304 59 99, 7304 90 00					
25.A	Large welded tubes	7305 11 00, 7305 12 00	Other countries	106 330,19	107 511,63	25 %	y
25.B	Large welded tubes	7305 19 00, 7305 20 00, 7305 31 00, 7305 39 00, 7305 90 00	Turkey	9 347,69	9 451,55	25 %	09.8971
			China	6 323,27	6 393,53	25 %	09.8972
			Russian Federation	6 278,07	6 347,83	25 %	09.8973
			United Kingdom	4 248,97	4 296,18	25 %	09.8996
			Korea, Republic of	2 488,39	2 516,04	25 %	09.8974
			Other countries	5 771,54	5 835,67	25 %	
26	Other Welded Pipes	7306 11 10, 7306 11 90, 7306 19 10, 7306 19 90, 7306 21 00, 7306 29 00, 7306 30 11, 7306 30 19, 7306 30 80, 7306 40 20, 7306 40 80, 7306 50 20, 7306 50 80, 7306 69 10, 7306 69 90, 7306 90 00	Switzerland	40 668,04	41 119,9	25 %	09.8946
			Turkey	31 126,18	31 472,03	25 %	09.8947
			United Kingdom	9 655,6	9 762,88	25 %	09.8997
			Taiwan	7 510,15	7 593,59	25 %	09.8950
			China	6 540,69	6 613,37	25 %	09.8949
			Russian Federation	6 402,83	6 473,97	25 %	09.8952
			Other countries	20 849,11	21 080,77	25 %	aa
27	Non- alloy and other	7215 10 00, 7215 50 11,	Russian Federation	74 594,12	75 422,94	25 %	09.8956

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	alloy cold finished bars	7215 50 19, 7215 50 80, 7228 10 90, 7228 20 99, 7228 50 20, 7228 50 40, 7228 50 61, 7228 50 69, 7228 50 80	Switzerland	17 399,98	17 593,32	25 %	09.8957
			United Kingdom	13 012,46	13 157,05	25 %	09.8998
			China	12 561,01	12 700,58	25 %	09.8958
			Ukraine	10 233,14	10 346,84	25 %	09.8959
			Other countries	9 702,37	9 810,18	25 %	bb
28	Non Alloy Wire	7217 10 10, 7217 10 31, 7217 10 39, 7217 10 50, 7217 10 90, 7217 20 10, 7217 20 30, 7217 20 50, 7217 20 90, 7217 30 41, 7217 30 49, 7217 30 50, 7217 30 90, 7217 90 20, 7217 90 50, 7217 90 90	Belarus	56 580,19	57 208,86	25 %	09.8961
			China	39 836,99	40 279,62	25 %	09.8962
			Russian Federation	26 657,35	26 953,54	25 %	09.8963
			Turkey	21 490,1	21 728,87	25 %	09.8964
			Ukraine	17 144,99	17 335,49	25 %	09.8965
			Other countries	29 751,08	30 081,65	25 %	cc

a From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8601
From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8602
From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Russia*: 09.8571, for Turkey*: 09.8572, for India*: 09.8573, for Korea (Republic of)*: 09.8574, for Serbia*: 09.8575 and for United Kingdom*: 09.8599
*In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5

b From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8603
From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8604
From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For India*, Korea (Republic of)*, Ukraine*, Brazil*, Serbia* and United Kingdom*: 09.8567
*In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5

c From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8605
From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8606
From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Korea (Republic of)*, Russia*, Iran (Islamic republic of)* and United Kingdom*: 09.8568
*In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5

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d	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8607 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8608 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Russia*, Korea (Republic of)*, China* and Taiwan*: 09.8569 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
e	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8609 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8610 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For India*, Korea (Republic of)* and United Kingdom*: 09.8570 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
f	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8611 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8612 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For China*: 09.8581, for Korea (Republic of)*: 09.8582, for India*: 09.8583, for United Kingdom*: 09.8584 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
g	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8613 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8614
h	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8615 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8616 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For China*, Korea (Republic of)*, Taiwan*, Serbia* and United Kingdom*: 09.8576 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
i	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8617 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8618 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Ukraine*, Korea (Republic of)*, Russia*, India* and United Kingdom*: 09.8577 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
j	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8619 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8620
k	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8621 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8622 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Korea (Republic of)*, Taiwan*, India*, United States of America*, Turkey* and Malaysia*: 09.8578 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
l	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8623 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8624 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For China*, India*, Taiwan* and United Kingdom*: 09.8591 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
m	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8625 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8626 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For China*, Turkey*, Russia*, Switzerland*, Belarus* and United Kingdom*: 09.8592 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
n	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8627 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8628 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Turkey*, Russia*, Ukraine*, Bosnia and Herzegovina* and Moldova*: 09.8593 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
o	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8629 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8630 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For India*, Switzerland*, Ukraine* and United Kingdom*: 09.8594 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
p	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8631 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8632 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For India*, Taiwan*, Korea (Republic of)*, China*, Japan* and United Kingdom*: 09.8595 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
q	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8633 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8634
r	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8635 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8636 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Turkey*, Ukraine*, Korea (Republic of)* and United Kingdom*: 09.8579

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s	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8637 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8638 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For China*, United Arab Emirates* and United Kingdom*: 09.8580 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
t	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8639 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8640 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Russia*, China*, Turkey* and United Kingdom*: 09.8585 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
u	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8641 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8642
v	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8643 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8644 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Turkey*, Russia*, Ukraine*, North Macedonia*, Switzerland*, Belarus* and United Kingdom*: 09.8596 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
w	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8645 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8646 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For India*, Ukraine*, Korea (Republic of)*, Japan*, China* and United Kingdom*: 09.8597 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
x	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8647 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8648 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For China*, Ukraine*, Belarus*, United States of America* and United Kingdom*: 09.8586 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
y	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8657 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8658 From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8659 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8660 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Turkey*, China*, Russia*, Korea (Republic of)* and United Kingdom*: 09.8587 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
aa	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8651 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8652 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Switzerland*, Turkey*, Taiwan*, China*, Russia* and United Kingdom*: 09.8588 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5
bb	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8653 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8654
cc	From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021: 09.8655 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: 09.8656 From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021: For Turkey*, Russia*, Ukraine*, China* and Belarus*: 09.8598 *In case of exhaustion of their specific quotas in accordance with Article 1.5

IV.2 – Volumes of global tariff–rate quotas per trimester

Product number		From 1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021	From 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021
		Volume of tariff quota (net tonnes)	
1	Other countries	969 690,07	980 464,41
2	Other countries	252 391,11	255 195,45
3A	Other countries	719,47	727,46
3B	Other countries	6 024,76	6 091,7
4A	Other countries	417 545,5	422 184,9

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4B	Other countries	94 312,94	95 360,86
5	Other countries	37 843,96	38 264,44
6	Other countries	32 623,1	32 985,58
7	Other countries	289 237,24	292 450,99
8	Other countries	90 629,91	91 636,9
9	Other countries	46 526,2	47 043,16
10	Other countries	915,93	926,11
12	Other countries	47 142,12	47 665,92
13	Other countries	109 637,11	110 855,3
14	Other countries	4 521,8	4 572,05
15	Other countries	698,10	705,85
16	Other countries	77 881,71	78 747,06
17	Other countries	10 905,03	11 026,2
18	Other countries	224,06	226,55
19	Other countries	1 024,65	1 036,04
20	Other countries	12 635,26	12 775,65
21	Other countries	15 230,42	15 399,64
22	Other countries	2 360,85	2 387,08
24	Other countries	35 461,44	35 855,45
25A	Other countries	106 330,19	107 511,63
25B	Other countries	5 771,54	5 835,67
26	Other countries	20 849,11	21 080,77
27	Other countries	9 702,37	9 810,18
28	Other countries	29 751,08	30 081,65

IV.3 – Maximum volume of residual quota accessible from 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021 to countries with a country specific quota

Product category	New allocated quota from 1.4.2021 to 30.6.2021 in tonnes
1	Special regime
2	255 195,45
3.A	727,46
3.B	6 091,7
4.A	422 184,9
4.B	Special regime

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5	No access to the residual quota in Q4
6	32 985,58
7	292 450,99
8	Not applicable
9	47 043,16
10	277,83
12	28 599,55
13	28 822,38
14	2 514,63
15	522,33
16	No access to the residual quota in Q4
17	11 026,2
18	226,55
19	1 036,04
20	No access to the residual quota in Q4
21	3 233,93
22	1 933,53
24	35 855,45
25.A	Not applicable
25.B	5 835,67
26	21 080,77
27	No access to the residual quota in Q4
28	21 357,97

ANNEX II

List of product categories originating in developing countries to which the definitive measures apply

Annex III.2 is amended as follows:

List of product categories originating in developing countries to which the definitive measures apply		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Country	Product group																												
Brazil	X	X																					X						

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China		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
India	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			X	
Indonesia						X	X	X									X				
Malaysia								X									X				
Mexico																	X				
Moldova									X		X						X				
North Macedonia				X	X			X						X	X	X					
Thailand							X										X				
Tunisia		X															X				
Turkey	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ukraine	X				X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				X	X
United Arab Emirates											X	X	X			X					
Vietnam	X			X			X										X				
All other developing countries																	X				

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- (1) [OJ L 83, 27.3.2015, p. 16.](#)
- (2) [OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 33.](#)
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 of 31 January 2019 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products ([OJ L 31, 1.2.2019, p. 27](#)).
- (4) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1590 of 26 September 2019 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products ([OJ L 248, 27.9.2019, p. 28](#)).
- (5) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/894 of 29 June 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products ([OJ L 206, 30.6.2020, p. 27](#)).
- (6) Council Decision (EU) 2020/135 of 30 January 2020 on the conclusion of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community ([OJ L 29, 31.1.2020, p. 1](#)).
- (7) Notice 2020/C 366/12 concerning the adaptation of the level of Tariff Rate Quotas under the safeguard measures on certain steel products following the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union as of 1 January 2021 ([OJ C 366, 30.10.2020, p. 36](#)).
- (8) In this particular case, the threshold refers to the 5 % share of imports in the reference period in a given product category to qualify for a country-specific TRQ.
- (9) Incumbent exporting countries under the residual TRQ are those who do not benefit from a country-specific TRQ in a given product category.

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