



## NOTICE OF INITIATION

### Aluminium extrusions

Imported into the United Kingdom from the People's Republic of China

Initiation of an Investigation into Alleged Dumping

Investigation No. AD0012

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice under paragraph 9(5) of Schedule 4 to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (the Act) to initiate an investigation into alleged dumping.

The date of initiation of the investigation is 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by Hydro Aluminium UK Ltd ([www.hydro.com](http://www.hydro.com)). UK producers supporting this application include: exlabesa Extrusions Doncaster Ltd, Garner Aluminium Extrusions Ltd and, Aluminium Shapes LTD.

The Application was made on behalf of the UK industry in aluminium extrusions.

A non-confidential copy of the application is available on our public file relating to this investigation.

## HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION

### *Registration period*

Anyone interested in taking part in the investigation can register their interest through the Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/> by **6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.

Please contact [AD0012@traderemedies.gov.uk](mailto:AD0012@traderemedies.gov.uk) if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after **6<sup>th</sup> July 2021** may not be able to participate fully in the investigation process.

### *Interested parties and contributors*

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to the investigation through the Trade Remedies Service.

Interested parties may include:

- the government of the People’s Republic of China;
- any overseas exporter or importer of the goods concerned;
- any trade or business association of overseas producers, overseas exporters or importers of the goods concerned;
- any producer of the like goods in the UK; and
- any trade or business association of UK producers of the like goods.

Contributors are those, other than interested parties, who have notified us that they would like to participate in the investigation.

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION**

### ***The Goods***

The goods subject to investigation (the Goods Concerned) are:

Bars, rods, profiles (whether or not hollow), tubes, pipes; unassembled; whether or not prepared for use in structures (e.g. cut to length, drilled, bent, chamfered, threaded); made from aluminium whether or not alloyed, containing not more than 99.3% aluminium. The product concerned is commonly referred to as ‘aluminium extrusions’, referring to its most common manufacturing process even if it can also be produced by other production processes such as rolling, forging or casting.

The Goods Concerned are subject to the following commodity codes:

76041010; 76041090; 76042100; 76042910; 76042990; 76081000; 76082081; 76082089; 76109090.

The applicant considers that the following are Like Goods for the purposes of this investigation:

The Like Goods are aluminium extrusions that are supplied to meet customer design needs (usually identified in the form of drawing specifications, tolerance level and aluminium alloy specification), including but not limited to bars, rods, profiles (whether or not hollow), tubes, pipes; unassembled; whether or not prepared for use in structures (e.g. cut-to-length, drilled, bent, chamfered, threaded); made from aluminium alloy containing less than 99% of aluminium. The goods are commonly referred to as ‘Extrusions’, referring to its most common manufacturing process even if the goods can also be produced by other production processes such as rolling, forging or casting.

### ***Allegations of dumping and injury***

The Application alleges that the market for aluminium extrusions, as well as the markets for the different factors of production for aluminium extrusions in the People’s Republic of China, are distorted. The consequence of the distortions is that the costs and prices for aluminium extrusions and the factors of production used to make aluminium extrusions are distorted. Normal value cannot therefore be a price for the

comparable product on the domestic Chinese market but must be a value constructed within the terms of Regulation 8(1)(a) of the Trade Remedies (Dumping and Subsidisation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. The allegations of dumping are based on the comparison of a constructed normal value with the export price adjusted to ex-works level when sold in the United Kingdom. This calculation has produced a dumping margin more than minimal.

The applicant claims that the alleged dumping has caused and is causing material injury to the applicant through price undercutting which has led to decreased domestic production, decrease value of sales and decreased profitability. The value of sales to unrelated parties decreased leading to decreased profitability over the injury period. The applicant also decreased in market share over the same period and the alleged dumping has also led to price depression of the United Kingdom industry. The applicant further considers that the recent imposition by the EU of antidumping measures against aluminium extrusions exported from the People's Republic of China, could lead to trade deflection from the EU to the UK which could increase the material injury currently suffered by the domestic industry.

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS**

The period of investigation is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

The investigation will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the investigation;
- issuing questionnaires, where practicable, to:
  - all interested parties (other than the government of the foreign country or territory) who have registered an interest in the investigation;
  - all contributors who have registered an interest in the investigation;
  - all UK producers, importers and overseas exporters identified in the Application; and
  - any trade or business association of UK producers, importers and overseas exporters identified in the Application.
- carrying out verification visits to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered;
- determining whether goods are being dumped and the dumping is causing injury to UK industry;
- determining an amount adequate to remove the injury;
- considering whether applying an anti-dumping amount would be in the economic interests of the UK;
- publishing a Statement of Essential Facts. On publication, we will set a period of time, which will be no longer than 30 days, during which parties will be able to comment on the Statement of Essential Facts; and
- at the end of the investigation we will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for International Trade (the Secretary of State) which may

include provision for an anti-dumping amount to be applied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept or reject that recommendation.

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process.

### ***Provisional affirmative determination***

If, at any time during the investigation, we are satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for recommending imposition of an anti-dumping amount, we may make a provisional affirmative determination under paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 to the Act and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State under paragraph 13 of that schedule that importers of the goods concerned are required to give a guarantee in respect of an estimated anti-dumping amount.

### ***Sampling***

Depending on the number of parties registering an interest in the investigation, we may consider it appropriate to limit examination to a sample of:

- overseas exporters;
- importers;
- categories of goods;
- UK producers;
- transactions for the purchase of the like goods in the UK; or
- anything else we consider it appropriate to sample.

### ***Hearings***

Interested parties can request a hearing by using the Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/>.

For further information about hearings during an investigation, please see our [Meetings, Hearings and Visits Guidance](#).

### ***Confidential information***

Information provided during an investigation may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why and provide:

- a non-confidential summary of that information; or
- where that is not possible, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

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21<sup>st</sup> June 2021