

Chesterfield: Commerce House, Millennium Way, Dunston Road, Chesterfield, S41 8ND

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing from East Midlands Chamber to raise concerns regarding the Government's impending changes to tariff-free steel imports from 1 July. Overall quota volumes are being reduced by 60%, with any imports above these levels facing a 50% tariff.

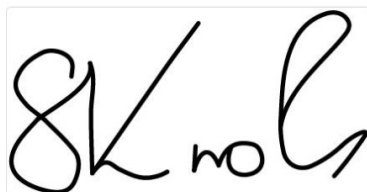
We support home-produced British steel and safeguards to achieve this, but not at any cost. Major employers in the East Midlands are telling us that the reduction in quotas - particularly in categories 1 and 7 - will significantly increase the cost of importing steel products, in some cases running into millions of pounds. This will lead to disruption to local and European supply chains, putting local jobs and investment at risk - 300,000 people are employed in sectors which rely upon imported steel products, often not made in the UK, to manufacture products here.

Given the urgency of the situation, we would be grateful for your support in raising the following concerns with Ministers:

- **Prioritise reaching a deal with the EU**, including negotiating UK-specific quotas for product categories 1–7, 12, and 14–27 and ensuring the deal recognises strong and vital UK–EU supply chain links across key manufacturing sectors.
- **Reduce the scale of proposed quota cuts**, particularly the 90% reduction in category 1 and 35% reduction in category 7.
- **Extend the current easement on duties** (currently for steel contracted by 14 March for delivery July - September) to support impacted businesses now whilst negotiations are ongoing with the EU and the outcomes for businesses are unclear.
- **Publish a full impact assessment** covering effects on both primary producers and downstream users.

Without action, there is a real risk of serious economic disruption to those businesses who are reliant on imported steel products for their supply chains. We welcome your support in ensuring a more balanced outcome that protects UK businesses and jobs.

Yours sincerely,



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