From preserves to packaging – helping British glass shine

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Glass containers are used across many UK supply chains (from preserves to beverages) and remain a household staple, especially given the possibility of recycling.

The two cases are:

- an anti-subsidy investigation into subsidised imports of glass containers from Turkey;
- an anti-dumping investigation into imports of glass containers from China.

The investigations cover the majority of class containers under 2.5 litres. That means everything from the jars that keep the country’s favourite preserves safe to the bottles that carry beer, wine, and spirits.

Full details about the products we’re investigating are available on the TRA’s public file. The decision to initiate the investigations followed applications lodged on behalf of the UK industry in glass containers.

TRA Chief Executives Jessica Blakely and Carmen Suarez said:

> Glass containers play a key role across a wide variety of supply chains in the UK economy and in the day-to-day life of many households. The investigations initiated today by the TRA will consider whether the UK glass industry is being harmed by unfair competition from imports and, if so, the measures to put in place to protect it.

If you think your business could be affected by these investigations, you can register to take part in our investigation through our public file by 20 March 2026. Those who register after this may not be able to fully participate.

The TRA will also be holding an online drop-in session on 11 March 2026 to provide more information to businesses and to answer any questions.

Notes to editors

- The Trade Remedies Authority is the UK body that investigates whether new trade remedy measures are needed to counter unfair import practices and unforeseen surges of imports.

- The period of investigation (POI) for the investigations is 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. The injury period (IP) is 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025.

- Investigations typically run for up to 12 months and involve gathering evidence from UK businesses, importers, and overseas producers.

- If the TRA finds harm, it can recommend measures such as duties to restore fair competition.

- Countervailing (anti-subsidy) duties are one of three trade remedy tools used to address goods that are being unfairly subsidised by overseas governments and causing injury to UK industry.

- Anti-dumping duties are applied when a foreign producer exports goods at prices below their normal value, causing harm to domestic industry.

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