

Duties on glass fibre revoked given no UK production industry

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The UK government has accepted the TRA's recommendation to revoke a countervailing measure on imports of continuous filament glass fibre products from Egypt.

The Secretary of State for Business and Trade has accepted the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA)'s recommendation to revoke a countervailing measure on glass fibre imports from Egypt, with effect from 26 June 2025. This is the date that the measure would have expired if no transition review had been carried out.

The TRA initiated a transition review into the countervailing measure on 20 March 2025 to assess whether the measure was still needed to ensure fairness for UK producers and consumers. The measure was one of 43 transitioned from the European Union following the UK's departure from the bloc.

In its investigation, the TRA found that, given that there is no current UK production of glass fibre, there is no UK industry that would suffer injury from imports and therefore it is appropriate to revoke the countervailing measure.

Glass fibre products are used in the creation of wind turbine blades and in the marine and automotive industries as well as building and construction. The UK imported over £35 million worth of glass fibre in 2024, 7.5% of which was imports originating in Egypt.

Notes to editors:

- The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) is the independent UK body that investigates whether trade remedies are needed to counter unfair import practices and unforeseen surges of imports.
- The TRA is an arm's length body of the Department for Business and Trade.
- Trade remedies investigations were carried out by the European Union (EU) Commission on the UK's behalf until the UK left the EU. A number of EU measures of interest to UK producers were carried across into UK law when the UK left the EU and the TRA has been reviewing each one to assess whether they are suitable for UK needs.
- The goods reviewed in this investigation are described as:
 - chopped glass fibre strands, of a length of not more than 50mm, or
 - glass fibre rovings, excluding glass fibre rovings which are impregnated and coated and have a loss on ignition of more than 3% (as determined by the ISO Standard 1887).
- Countervailing duties are a type of trade remedy used to address imports of goods that are being unfairly subsidised by overseas governments and causing injury to UK industry.
- The period of investigation for this transition review was 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. To assess injury, the investigation examined the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024.

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