

STEEL TARIFF RATE QUOTAS

ARTICLE 2-B.1

Objective

1. Taking into account the framework established by the Regulation (EU) 2026/1384 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2026 addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 (hereinafter referred to as the "EU Steel Regulation"), and recognising the importance of stability and predictability for trade between the Parties pursuant to this Agreement, this Annex sets out the tariff rate quotas (hereinafter referred to as "TRQs") that shall apply to imports into the European Union of steel products originating in India specified in Article 2-B.3 (Scope).
2. The TRQs set out in Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India) relating to imports into the European Union of steel products originating in India shall take effect on the date the EU Steel Regulation starts applying.
3. For imports into the European Union of those products outside the TRQs set out in Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India), the applicable duties shall be the base rates set out in Appendix 2-A-1 (Schedule of tariff commitments of the European Union).

4. For the purposes of this Annex, "originating" means qualifying as originating under the EU Steel Regulation or its implementation measures. If the European Union amends the Product Specific Rules (PSRs) for products covered under the EU Steel Regulation, the European Union shall consult with India immediately upon the proposal for such an amendment. If the Parties do not reach a mutual agreement within 30 days after the date of such proposal, the PSRs negotiated in Annex 3-B (Product-specific rules of origin) shall apply to determine "originating" products under this Annex.

ARTICLE 2-B.2

Administration of TRQs

The European Union shall administer the TRQs set out under this Annex in a transparent, objective and non-discriminatory manner so as to be conducive to trade and facilitate to the extent feasible their effective utilisation. This includes making publicly available in a timely and continuous manner all relevant information concerning the administration of those TRQs.

ARTICLE 2-B.3

Scope

This Annex applies to the following tariff lines, which are divided in product categories in accordance with the table in this Article. Where, for an 8-digit tariff line, 10-digit codes are specified (hereinafter referred to as "TARIC codes"), only the TARIC codes in question shall be considered.

Product category number	Product category name	Tariff lines
1.A	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 10, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 10, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 13 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 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
1.B	Non alloy and other alloy hot rolled sheets and strips	7212 60 00
2	Non alloy and other alloy cold rolled Sheets	7209 15 00, 7209 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
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
3.B		7225 19 90, 7226 19 80

Product category number	Product category name	Tariff lines
4.A	Metallic coated sheets	7210 41 00 (TARIC codes 7210 41 00 20, 7210 41 00 30), 7210 49 00 (TARIC codes 7210 49 00 20, 7210 49 00 30), 7210 61 00 (TARIC codes 7210 61 00 20, 7210 61 00 30), 7210 69 00 (TARIC codes 7210 69 00 20, 7210 69 00 30), 7212 30 00 (TARIC codes 7212 30 00 20, 7212 30 00 30), 7212 50 20, 7212 50 61 (TARIC codes 7212 50 61 20, 7212 50 61 30), 7212 50 69 (TARIC codes 7212 50 69 20, 7212 50 69 30), 7225 92 00 (TARIC codes 7225 92 00 20, 7225 92 00 30), 7225 99 00 (TARIC codes 7225 99 00 11, 7225 99 00 22, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 45, 7225 99 00 91, 7225 99 00 92, 7225 99 00 93), 7226 99 30 (TARIC codes 7226 99 30 10, 7226 99 30 30), 7226 99 70 (TARIC codes 7226 99 70 11, 7226 99 70 13, 7226 99 70 91, 7226 99 70 93, 7226 99 70 94)
4.B	Metallic Coated sheets	7210 20 00, 7210 30 00, 7210 41 00 (TARIC code 7210 41 00 80), 7210 49 00 (TARIC code 7210 49 00 80), 7210 61 00 (TARIC code 7210 61 00 80), 7210 69 00 (TARIC code 7210 69 00 80), 7210 90 80, 7212 20 00, 7212 30 00 (TARIC code 7212 30 00 80), 7212 50 30, 7212 50 40, 7212 50 61 (TARIC code 7212 50 61 80), 7212 50 69 (TARIC code 7212 50 69 80), 7212 50 90, 7225 91 00, 7225 92 00 (TARIC code 7225 92 00 80), 7225 99 00 (TARIC codes 7225 99 00 25, 7225 99 00 95), 7226 99 10, 7226 99 30 (TARIC code 7226 99 30 90), 7226 99 70 (TARIC codes 7226 99 70 19, 7226 99 70 96)
5	Organic coated sheets	7210 70 80, 7212 40 80
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
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 40, 7225 40 60

Product category number	Product category name	Tariff lines
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
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 90 20, 7220 90 80
10	Stainless hot rolled quarto plates	7219 21 10, 7219 21 90
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, 7228 30 69 (TARIC 7228 30 69 99), 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, 7228 30 69 (TARIC 7228 30 69 11)
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, 7222 30 51, 7222 30 91, 7222 30 97, 7222 40 10, 7222 40 50, 7222 40 90

Product category number	Product category name	Tariff lines
15	Stainless wire rod	7221 00 10, 7221 00 90
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
17	Angles, shapes and sections of iron or non alloy steel	7216 31 10, 7216 31 90, 7216 32 11, 7216 32 19, 7216 32 91, 7216 32 99, 7216 33 10, 7216 33 90
18	Sheet piling	7301 10 00
19	Railway material	7302 10 22, 7302 10 28, 7302 10 40, 7302 10 50, 7302 40 00
20	Gas pipes	7306 30 41, 7306 30 49, 7306 30 72, 7306 30 77
21	Hollow sections	7306 61 10, 7306 61 92, 7306 61 99
22	Seamless stainless tubes and pipes	7304 11 00, 7304 22 00, 7304 24 00, 7304 41 00, 7304 49 83, 7304 49 85, 7304 49 89
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 50, 7304 39 82, 7304 39 83, 7304 39 88, 7304 51 81, 7304 51 89, 7304 59 30, 7304 59 82, 7304 59 83, 7304 59 89, 7304 90 00
25.A	Large welded tubes	7305 11 00, 7305 12 00

Product category number	Product category name	Tariff lines
25.B	Large welded tubes	7305 19 00, 7305 20 00, 7305 31 00, 7305 39 00, 7305 90 00
26	Other welded pipes	7306 11 00, 7306 19 00, 7306 21 00, 7306 29 00, 7306 30 12, 7306 30 18, 7306 30 80, 7306 40 20, 7306 40 80, 7306 50 21, 7306 50 29, 7306 50 80, 7306 69 10, 7306 69 90, 7306 90 00
27	Non alloy and other alloy cold finished bars	7215 10 00, 7215 50 11, 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
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

ARTICLE 2-B.4

Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India

1. The table in this paragraph provides for India's country-specific TRQs allocated exclusively to products falling under the respective product category (and comprising the corresponding tariff lines, when applicable, as specified in Article 2-B.3 (Scope)) set out in columns 1 and 2.

Product category	Column 1 – country-specific quota (MFN part) – metric tonnes	Column 2 – country-specific quota (FTA part) – metric tonnes	Total country-specific quota – Sum of columns 1 and 2
Category 1.A	299,197	210,408	509,605
Category 2	125,581	93,077	218,658
Category 4.A	113,084	84,776	197,860
Category 4.B	44,627	40,529	85,157
Category 5	110,919	75,119	186,038
Category 6	14,816	22,725	37,541
Category 7	112,229	69,606	181,835
Category 8	10,753	10,776	21,529
Category 9	14,778	16,430	31,208
Category 10	2,218	2,662	4,879
Category 14	47,409	31,869	79,278
Category 15	8,551	7,215	15,766
Category 20	20,421	13,924	34,346
Category 22	7,886	5,253	13,140
Category 25.A	2,055	1,631	3,685
Category 26	12,092	8,853	20,946
Total	946,616	694,853	1,641,470

2. In accordance with the allocation of TRQs set out under the EU Steel Regulation, in addition to the TRQs set out in paragraph 1, India shall be granted access to additional volumes of TRQs in the product categories set out in that paragraph where India has a country-specific TRQs. Those additional volumes shall be made accessible under competition exclusively among the free trade agreement partners (hereinafter referred to as "FTA partners") of the European Union which have country-specific TRQs in the categories set out in paragraph 1.

3. In accordance with the allocation of TRQs set out under the EU Steel Regulation, in all remaining product categories and corresponding tariff lines listed in Article 2-B.3 (Scope) for which there is no country-specific TRQs under paragraph 1 of this Article, India shall be granted access to available residual TRQs comprising two sets of volumes of quotas:

- (a) a volume of general residual TRQs under competition accessible to all trading partners of the European Union which do not have country-specific TRQs in those product categories and corresponding tariff lines; and
- (b) a volume of preferential TRQs under competition exclusively accessible to the FTA partners of the European Union which do not have country-specific TRQs in those product categories and corresponding tariff lines.

ARTICLE 2-B.5

Monitoring and review

1. The Committee on Trade in Goods, established pursuant to Article 18.3(1) (Specialised committees), shall monitor and review the functioning and application of the TRQs set out in Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India). If a matter arises concerning the TRQs, a Party may request the other Party in writing to:

- (a) hold a meeting of the Committee on Trade in Goods; or
- (b) promptly respond to specific questions by providing relevant information.

2. If, after the entry into force of the EU Steel Regulation, the European Union adopts a measure that modifies the TRQ volumes or the allocation of the TRQs under that Regulation, it shall notify India in a timely manner and preferably before the adoption of the measure, to the extent feasible. Following such notification, India may request a meeting of the Committee on Trade in Goods to consider the matter. The Committee on Trade in Goods shall meet at a mutually agreed date and without undue delay for an exchange of views on the modification and discuss the impact it may have on the application of the TRQs set out in Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India). This is without prejudice to the application of Article 2.7 (Modification of concessions).

3. The TRQs set out in Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India) shall be subject to periodic reviews to consider, among others, market and regulatory developments, the TRQ allocation by the European Union to its trading partners (including under the WTO), the actual utilisation of the TRQs, the inter se distribution of the TRQs volumes between different product categories and different TRQs mechanisms referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India), and the evolution of the respective markets with a view to preserving effective market access. The first review should be initiated one year after the entry into force of this Agreement and, thereafter, every five years, in parallel to the reviews envisaged in paragraph 2(i) of Sub-Section 3 (Management of tariff rate quotas for industrial products) of Section B (Administration and implementation of tariff rate quotas) of Annex 2-A (Schedules of tariff commitments).

4. The periodic reviews referred to in paragraph 3 should take into account TRQ volumes accorded to India under Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India) as compared with the bound TRQ volumes that may be granted in the future by the European Union to its other FTA partners, in order to preserve at least the same level of preferential access for steel accorded to India under this Annex. For that purpose, the Parties should examine whether an FTA partner of the European Union subject to the quota system under the EU Steel Regulation has obtained a quota volume higher than the TRQs set out for India in paragraph 1 of Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India), except if the European Union imported significantly higher volumes of steel products falling within the scope of this Annex from that FTA partner than from India during the three-year period between 2022 and 2024. In that event, the assessment should be conducted in relation to the relative ratio of imports of steel products falling within the scope of this Annex from India and from that FTA partner.

ARTICLE 2-B.6

India's agreement with the European Union under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994

1. The quantities set out in column 1 for the tariff-rate quotas in paragraph 1 of Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India) and those that are accessible pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India) shall form the basis for the calculation, based on an equally favourable treatment of all WTO Members, of the overall quantity of compensatory adjustment in the form of tariff-rate quotas applicable *erga omnes* under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994 on the proposed modification of concessions under the procedure launched by the European Union on 19 December 2025 at the WTO.
2. Before the completion of the process of negotiations under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994 launched by the European Union on 19 December 2025, India and the European Union shall conclude an agreement pursuant to Article XXVIII of GATT 1994 where the overall *erga omnes* tariff rate quotas referred to in column 1 of the table in paragraph 1 of Article 2-B.4 (Tariff-rate quotas for imports into the European Union from India) shall constitute the compensatory adjustment. The joint work on that agreement pursuant to Article XXVIII of GATT 1994 shall be completed before the entry into force of the EU Steel Regulation. That agreement shall apply in relation to those WTO tariff concessions of the European Union for which India holds negotiation or consultation rights under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994. An agreement which incorporates these understandings shall be considered to be in satisfaction of India's rights under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994.

3. Alongside the compensatory adjustment under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994 referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the European Union shall, under Article XIII of GATT 1994, and wherever India has a substantial supplying interest within the meaning of Article XIII:2(d) of GATT 1994, allocate the above-mentioned *erga omnes* tariff-rate quotas on a country-specific basis.
