

1st July 2026

Dear Liz and Ruth,

Thank you again for your letter of 20th May 2026 in which you raise concerns about the proposed steel tariffs.

I understand your concerns, and I would like to update you on the recent changes to steel quotas.

You may have seen that the Government announced a new steel trade measure on 25th June 2026, which came into force today, 1st July 2026. This measure applies to imports of steel products that can be made in the UK, and replaces the previous steel safeguard quotas and the 25% additional safeguard duty.

The key changes include a reduction in the proposed quota cuts from 60% to 51% (with any imports above these levels now facing a 50% tariff), and an increase in the tariff free import quotas to 3.2 metric tonnes, representing a 21% increase on the previous quotas. I have included a link to more information about the new measure here: [UK's steel trade measure from 1 July 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

I am pleased that the Government are listening to concerns raised by domestic steel manufacturers, and have taken action to support our steel industry and maintain continuity of supply for downstream users.

This is a welcomed step in the right direction, however I also recognise that changes could still go further to ensure that our steel measures support the entirety of the supply chain, from steelmakers who produce our steel, to manufacturers who turn it into products and support thousands of skilled workers.

It is important that we continue to feed the experiences of British steel manufacturers into the Government, and I will shortly be meeting with steel manufacturers based in Shrewsbury to discuss how best to do so.

Thank you once again for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely,
Julia

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