

# **About the Trade Remedies Authority**

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) exists to defend the UK against unfair international trade practices. It operates as an independent body at arm's length from government, sponsored by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT).

The TRA investigates allegations of unfair trade practices and assesses whether trade remedy measures are needed to prevent injury to UK industries. After our investigation, we make recommendations to the Secretary of State to protect UK economic interests.



#### What are Trade Remedies?

#### **Trade remedies:**

- usually take the form of additional duty placed on imports of specific products.
- are used to protect domestic industries against injury caused by unfair trade practices or unforeseen surges in imports;
- apply to goods and not services.



### **Investigations and Reviews**

- There are three main types of investigations:
  - anti-dumping,
  - anti-subsidy (also known as countervailing), and
  - safeguard investigations.
- There are also different kinds of reviews to address changes in circumstances (or lack thereof) following an investigation or review.
- Whether a particular investigation or review is appropriate will depend on your industry's individual circumstances.
- However, if you are facing unfair competition from imports or think that a review of an existing measure is necessary – then please contact the Trade Remedies Advisory Service at <a href="mailto:contact@traderemedies.gov.uk">contact@traderemedies.gov.uk</a>.

## **Trade Remedies Advisory Service**

The Trade Remedies Advisory Service exists to support industries which may want to make an application for a trade remedy investigation or need support with an ongoing investigation. It acts as a liaison point with industries, interested parties to investigations and other stakeholders, providing informal guidance in a confidential environment.

#### The Advisory Service:

- Allows industry to discuss potential unfair trade practices and assesses whether trade remedies can be an
  effective solution.
- Answers general questions about the process and investigation lifecycle.
- Offers support to interested parties looking to take part in an investigation.
- Reviews draft applications and makes suggestions on improvements.
- Host workshops and drop-in sessions for industry.
- Offers specialist support for SMEs.

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