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Dear Andrew RT Davies,

Thank you for the opportunity to give evidence to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on 9 October.

I hope the session provided a useful insight into the progress that Tata Steel UK has made on our EAF project to date, the ongoing market and policy challenges we continue to face, and our asks of policymakers to create a sustainable and competitive operating environment for UK steel producers.

As discussed during the Committee session, earlier this month the European commission set out plans to cut the amount of steel that can be imported into the EU by half - beyond which new 50% tariffs will apply.

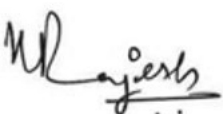
The UK and the EU are the most important export destinations for each other, with a high degree of mutual reliance and supply chain integration. EU exports of flat steel products and tubes to the UK amounted to circa 1.6mt in 2024, while UK exports were circa 1mt.

Around one third of Tata Steel UK's output is currently sold to customers in the EU. These exports would be directly impacted by the new restrictions, and it would be extremely difficult to find alternative markets.

The UK Government must make every effort to secure early concessions on the quotas for the UK and must move forward with industry proposals to tighten our own steel quotas well ahead of the expiration of the steel safeguards next Summer. Unless the UK strengthens its own trade defence measures, we risk being doubly exposed from restricted access to our key export market and surging imports from trade diversion into the UK market.

As requested by the Committee, please find further information and data regarding EU exports into the UK below. This is specific to flat steel products, produced by Tata Steel UK.

Yours sincerely,



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Table 1: EU exports to UK 2024: Flat steel and tubular products

Product Category	Volume
Strip Mill Products	1,387,833
Tubes and Pipes	245,665
Total	1,633,498

Table 2: UK exports to EU 2024: Flat steel and tubular products

Product Category	Volume
Strip Mill Products	855,566
Tubes and Pipes	232,641
Total	1,088,207

Graph 1: UK-EU flat steel trade flow, 2024

