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Glossary

Combined Nomenclature – the standardised classification system for goods used in both UK and EU trade.

Commodity Code – internationally recognised reference numbers that are used to classify goods for importing or exporting. You will use this code on any import declaration and can find them in the Trade Tariff tool on GOV.UK. Commodity codes are usually 10 digits in length. If a code is not defined to the 10th digit, the final digits (to make up 10) are 0s.

Crown Dependency – the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Isle of Man. The Crown Dependencies are not part of the UK but are self-governing dependencies of the Crown.

Customs Tariff (Suspension of Import Duty Rates) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 – these Regulations provide the legal mechanism for the UK to temporarily reduce or remove import duties on specific goods.

Developing Countries Trading Scheme – a preferential trading scheme which has been designed to boost trade with 65 developing countries to support their development. The scheme benefits UK businesses and consumers by reducing the import cost of thousands of products from around the world.

Free Trade Agreement – a preferential arrangement between two or more countries that reduces restrictions on imports and exports, which can make trading easier and cheaper when they are used.

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade – the agreement between members of the World Trade Organization which governs trade in goods, with the aim of minimising trade friction and barriers between countries.

Goods Classification – for trading purposes, all goods must be classified by a commodity code.

Harmonized System – the nomenclature set out by the World Customs Organization to classify goods.

Most Favoured Nation – under the World Trade Organization agreements, members cannot normally discriminate between their trading partners. For goods, this principle is found at Article I of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. For tariffs, the effect is that the same tariffs must be applied to all trading partners, unless an exception applies (for example, that a Free Trade Agreement or other preferential arrangement, such as the Developing Countries Trading Scheme, is in place).

Suspensions – temporary, complete or partial reductions in the UK Global Tariff rate for certain products. In most cases, suspensions reduce the rate to 0%.

Tariff(s) – taxes applied to imports when they enter the country (also known as “import duty” or “customs duty”). Importers are responsible for paying any tariff that is due.

Tariff Rate Quotas or Autonomous Tariff Quotas – trade mechanisms that allow a limited amount of a specific product to be imported into a country, at a lower applied tariff rate. Quotas are most commonly used for agricultural imports.

Tariff Suspension Reference Document – this document publicly details all the goods to which suspensions apply, the reduced tariff rates and the measures' expiry dates. The Reference Document is updated regularly and each version is published on GOV.UK in advance of its entry-into-force date. Users should ensure that they are consulting the current version.

Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 – this Act of Parliament allows HM Government to impose and regulate customs duties on goods that are imported into, and exported from, the UK.

Trade Tariff – a tool made available to the public to help classify goods and calculate tariff rates. Trade Tariff is owned and managed by HMRC, who handle all questions on goods classification. It can be accessed via GOV.UK.

UK Global Tariff – the UK's Most Favoured Nation tariff regime, which applies to all goods imported into the UK, unless provided otherwise. Circumstances where it does not apply include where the goods are imported under preferential trading arrangements (such as a Free Trade Agreement), if the goods come from countries covered by the Developing Countries Trading Scheme**,** or where the rate of import duty has been reduced through other measures such as a relief or tariff suspension.

World Customs Organization – an intergovernmental organisation (which the UK is a member of) that regulates customs administrations across its members.

World Trade Organization – an intergovernmental organisation (which the UK is a member of) that sets out the rules of trade between its members.

Introduction

Duty suspensions ("suspensions") are temporary, complete or partial reductions in the UK Global Tariff rate for certain products. In most cases, suspensions reduce the rate to 0%.

Suspensions are a lever to drive economic growth. They primarily support domestic manufacturing by reducing import costs for businesses, and so can help to increase their overall competitiveness and boost productivity.

Since 2021, the UK has invited businesses and other interested parties to apply for suspensions on four previous occasions, resulting in over 400 measures being introduced. The measures have delivered benefits across many sectors, including the chemicals, plastics, automotive, and food and drink industries. Suspensions granted in the most recent application window are estimated to deliver £9m of annual duty savings to applicants, based on evidence provided in applications, with likely further savings for wider industry.[1]

The Government has now launched the 2026-27 application window for new suspensions and welcomes applications from across all sectors and all UK nations and regions.

Approximately 90 suspensions are due to expire in 2027. A full list is available on the duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas GOV.UK page. The Government has committed to review these suspensions ahead of expiry. The measures were originally in place until 30 June 2027 but will be extended to 31 December 2027, providing continuity for businesses while the public review is completed and ahead of decisions on possible further extensions. As part of the review process, the Government is inviting stakeholders to submit views on whether these suspensions should be extended.

Responses to both processes are open from 11 November 2026. The deadline for responses is **11:59pm on 3 February 2027**.

The relevant application forms for both processes are contained on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

[1] The estimated duty savings figure is based on information provided by applicants. It is the combined total of what applicants indicated they would have saved on import duties had a full duty suspension been in place on these products in the calendar year 2025. Since all importers across the UK and Crown Dependencies can utilise these suspensions, not just those who applied, the total savings figure is likely to be higher.

Information on tariffs and suspensions

What is a tariff?

Tariffs are taxes applied to imports when they are imported into the country (more formally known as “import duty” or “customs duty”). Importers are responsible for paying any tariff that is due.

The UK Global Tariff

On 19 May 2020, the Government announced the UK Global Tariff as the UK’s Most Favoured Nation tariff regime to replace the EU’s Common External Tariff. The UK Global Tariff came into force at the end of the transition period on 1 January 2021.

The UK Global Tariff applies to all goods imported into the UK unless provided otherwise, such as where:

- The country you are importing from has a trade agreement with the UK.
- A measure to reduce the duty applies, such as a duty relief or duty suspension.
- The country you are importing from is part of the Developing Countries Trading Scheme.
- Additional duties apply, such as those which have been introduced for selected goods originating from Russia and Belarus.

What is a suspension?

Suspensions are temporary, complete or partial reductions in the UK Global Tariff rate for certain products. In most cases, suspensions reduce the rate to 0%. Suspensions are not indefinite changes but last for a defined period. After this period expires, the applicable tariff rate reverts to the standard UK Global Tariff rate, unless a decision is taken to extend the suspension.

Suspensions allow unlimited quantities of goods in scope to be imported into the UK at the specified reduced tariff rate. They are applied on a Most Favoured Nation basis: this means that goods in scope of suspensions can be imported into the UK from any country or territory at the specified reduced rate, subject to any conditions that apply. All importers of products in scope can utilise suspensions.

Existing suspensions

You can find all current suspensions either by using the Trade Tariff tool on GOV.UK or by consulting the Tariff Suspension Reference Document on GOV.UK.

Trade Tariff is an online tool made available to the public to help classify goods and calculate tariff rates. If a suspension is in place on a commodity code, then it will be listed under the subheading “Suspensions” on the relevant commodity code page on Trade Tariff.

The Tariff Suspension Reference Document publicly details all the goods to which suspensions apply, the reduced tariff rates and the measures’ expiry dates. The Document is updated regularly

and each version is published on GOV.UK in advance of its entry-into-force date. You should ensure that you are consulting the current version.

Suspensions implemented when the UK was a member of the EU

Suspensions for products which previously existed in the UK under the EU suspensions regime were carried over into the UK's independent regime. They were retained, provided they came into force before, or as part of, the EU's July 2020 update to ensure continuity for UK businesses.

All current duty suspensions rolled over from the EU regime, including duty suspensions covering products in scope of EU Autonomous Tariff Quotas, are in place until 31 December 2028.

Suspensions implemented as a result of application windows

Following the UK's departure from the EU, the UK has invited businesses and other interested parties to request suspensions on specific goods, normally those used as inputs into production processes, during designated application windows. Over 400 suspensions have been implemented via the four previous application windows which have taken place.

The Government has committed to review these measures ahead of expiry and is currently inviting stakeholders to submit views on whether suspensions due to expire in 2027 should be extended.

Suspensions implemented unilaterally by the Government

In addition to considering public applications for suspensions during designated windows, the Government can also implement suspensions to meet a clear temporary need, such as in exceptional circumstances where suspensions are considered necessary to mitigate price increases for consumers and UK businesses reliant on imports. For instance, the Government has implemented suspensions on:

- A number of medical items critical in the response to COVID-19 in 2021.
- Sunflower-seed oil in 2023, in response to supply chain disruption caused by Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine.
- A range of agricultural and food products, fertilisers and kerosene (mainly for use as heating oil), in 2026, to support households with rising prices as a result of the conflict in the Middle East.

The application process for new suspensions: key considerations

Is a suspension needed on my product?

If you are considering applying for a new suspension, please check before starting an application that:

- The UK Global Tariff rate is not already 0% on the relevant product.
- A full duty suspension is not already in place on the relevant product.

If the UK Global Tariff rate is already 0%, there is no import duty to suspend and introducing a suspension would have no material effect.

If a full suspension is already in place, then you can submit feedback in favour of extending the existing measure when it approaches its expiry date. The Government is currently inviting public views on whether suspensions due to expire in 2027 should be extended as part of a review process taking place in parallel to the application window for new suspensions.

If a partial suspension is already in place, applications may request that the applied tariff rate is further lowered. For instance, if an existing suspension reduces the tariff rate from 4% to 2% on a product, then you could apply for the rate to be further reduced to 0%.

To find out the import duty rate of a particular good, you can look up the commodity code for that product on the Trade Tariff tool on GOV.UK. To find out what duty suspensions are currently in place, you can use the Trade Tariff tool or consult the Tariff Suspension Reference Document on GOV.UK.

Product description and supporting literature

During the application process, you will be asked to provide a description of the product on which you wish to apply for a suspension and supporting literature (**Q.14** and **Q.16** of the application form).

What makes for an effective product description?

You should provide an accurate, succinct and detailed description of the product on which you are applying for a suspension. The product description will assist the Government in verifying that your proposed new suspension is assigned to the correct commodity code and in creating an accurate listing of what the suspension would cover. The description will help us to assess your application and, if successful, implement the suspension correctly. The description does not need to be longer than a paragraph.

Depending on the product's nature, the description you provide in response to **Q.14** of the application could include the product's name, composition and properties, technical specifications,

components and intended end use. It can be helpful to include information which distinguishes your product from other similar products. It can be helpful to consult the Tariff Suspension Reference Document on GOV.UK, to understand the kinds of information which are typically included in suspension listings for products across different sectors.

For example, “a world-leading, highly innovative motor vehicle engine” would not be effective as a product description. The description is very broad, and “world-leading” and “innovative” are not properties which can be quantified by measurement. A more effective alternative could describe the product as: “an internal combustion diesel engine, with X cylinders and a displacement of X litres, with a bore of X mm and a stroke of X mm, with a power of X kW, for use in the manufacture of buses.” This range of technical detail and measurable quantities gives the description a high degree of specificity.

Supporting literature to accompany a product description

Q.16 of the application form asks you to upload supporting literature, such as specification sheets, diagrams and brochures, about the product on which you are applying for a suspension. Supporting literature should provide as much detail as you have available, including the product’s name, composition and properties if relevant, technical specifications, intended end use and other potential uses. While a different level of detail will be appropriate for different products, it is important to provide as much supporting literature as you have available.

Commodity code classification

During the application process, you will be asked to provide a commodity code covering the good on which you wish to apply for a suspension. If you are unsure how to classify your goods, please check the Trade Tariff tool on GOV.UK.

How does commodity code classification work?

Commodity codes are internationally recognised reference numbers that are used to classify goods for importing or exporting. They are usually 10 digits in length.

The first 6 digits are determined by the Harmonized System, set out by the World Customs Organization. All members of the World Customs Organization must use the Harmonized System but then have the option to further define commodity codes at the 7-10-digit level. If a code is not defined to the 10th digit, the final digits (to make up 10) are 0s. For example, the commodity code for dried apples is 0813 30 00 00, while the commodity code for dried goji berries is 0813 40 95 10.

The main commodity code classifications for goods are:

- Chapters (2-digit level of the Harmonized System, “HS2”).
- Headings (4-digit level of the Harmonized System, “HS4”).
- Subheadings (6-digit level of the Harmonized System, “HS6”).

- Combined Nomenclature: the following 2-4 digits after HS6, which describe goods at the most specific level. These levels of description are referred to as “CN8” (specified to the 8th digit) and “CN10” (specified to the 10th digit).

At which level of commodity code classification do suspensions usually apply?

Commodity codes, even at the most granular level (CN10), often cover more than one specific good. Suspensions can therefore either apply at the level of the commodity code (usually at CN8 or CN10 level), or at the level of the specific good itself (i.e. at a more granular level than CN10, referred to as sub-CN10).

Through this application process, you can apply for a suspension to be implemented on any level of commodity code, or for a suspension to be implemented on a specific product that sits within a commodity code. You need to ensure that the evidence you provide to support your application correctly matches the level of commodity code or product that you are applying for.

How will the Government ensure it has appropriately classified the product that you have applied for?

After the application window closes, the Government will review the information applicants have provided to verify that each proposed new suspension is correctly classified. We will contact all applicants ahead of the public objections window opening, to confirm with you the commodity code and product description which we intend to publish in the objections notice. We will check that you agree with the classification we intend to publish, which will be based on our assessment of your application form.

In some cases, the Government may suggest a different classification to the one you provided on your application form. If this is the case, we will explain why we are suggesting an alternative classification, and how implementing a suspension at that alternative classification would differ from what you proposed in your original application. You will have the opportunity to object or raise concerns before the objection window opens.

Can commodity codes change over time?

The Harmonized System commodity code digits are reviewed every five or six years by the World Customs Organization. Members can decide how often they wish to review their own 7-10-digit systems. Commodity codes can be subject to change throughout the year. This could mean that, after you apply, the commodity code on which you have requested a suspension will change. If this is the case, the correct commodity code will be communicated to you as part of the outcome of your application.

Objections window

Four weeks after the close of the application window – or, where that is not reasonably practicable, as soon as practicable after that four-week period – the Government will publish a notice of all applications at the level of commodity code classification we have agreed with you.

This will then initiate a four-week objections window, in which we will invite the wider public to submit any objections they might have on the proposed suspensions.

Objections do not automatically lead to the rejection of an application. Not receiving an objection does not mean that an application will be automatically approved. Objections will be considered during the assessment process alongside the evidence submitted by applicants and the Government's own internal analysis.

If we have been unable to confirm with you the appropriate level of classification relating to your application, the objections window will act as a further opportunity for you to highlight any concerns that you may have. Where this is the case, the Government will discuss with you directly. In some cases, the Government may also wish to discuss potential classification changes after the objections window has closed.

Assessment process

Suspensions reduce UK and Crown Dependency businesses' import costs, helping to improve overall competitiveness and drive economic growth. However, introducing new suspensions can also impact other domestic businesses or wider Government policy objectives, such as our commitment to supporting developing countries through trade, environmental goals and trade negotiations agenda. All applications therefore go through a robust cross-Government assessment process where they are considered against the programme's stipulated criteria. Every application is assessed on its merits.

Assessment criteria

Applications for new suspensions submitted as part of this process need to meet both of the following criteria:

- The product you are seeking a suspension on should not be traded between persons who are related parties (defined in Regulation 8(4) of the Customs Tariff (Suspension of Import Duty Rates) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) in circumstances which would not enable other UK businesses to benefit from the suspension.
- The same product (falling under the same commodity code) or similar products, should not be produced, or not be produced in sufficient quantities, in the UK or Crown Dependencies.[2]

We strongly recommend you ensure your application meets the two core assessment criteria. If these criteria are not met, your application may not be considered. When you submit your application form, you will need to confirm that it does not relate to a product that is traded between persons who are related parties, in circumstances that would not enable other UK businesses to benefit from the suspension. You are asked to provide evidence in **Q38.** to **Q40.** of the application

2 Products other than raw products are taken to be produced in the UK or a Crown Dependency if they are partly or wholly manufactured in the UK or a Crown Dependency. Simple assembly operations, repacking products, or preparing products for shipment or transportation would not normally be considered production processes.

form about domestic production of the good on which you are applying for a suspension (guidance on what typically constitutes strong evidence about domestic production is set out below on pages 13-14).

When assessing applications, the Government will also take into account relevant considerations, including statutory considerations such as the Public Sector Equality Duty. Other relevant considerations may include:

- International arrangements to which the UK is a party (for example Free Trade Agreements and the Developing Countries Trading Scheme).
- Factors such as:

  a) the interests of consumers in the United Kingdom;
  b) the interests of producers in the United Kingdom of the goods concerned;
  c) the desirability of maintaining and promoting the external trade of the United Kingdom;
  d) the desirability of maintaining and promoting productivity in the United Kingdom; and
  e) the extent to which the goods concerned are subject to competition.

- How other Government policies may be affected by the proposed duty suspension (such as trade remedies).
- Any circumvention risks due to tariff reclassification.

Domestic production of the product

At **Q39.** of the application form, you will be asked to explain the efforts you have made to ascertain that there are no UK or Crown Dependency producers that are willing or able to supply the product or similar products in sufficient quantities. Since this pertains to one of the two core assessment criteria, it is crucial that you provide detailed evidence explaining the specific types of research you have undertaken. Insufficient information on whether a product meets this criterion could be detrimental to the success of an application.

It is important that you set out in detail the steps you have taken to determine that there is no or insufficient domestic production. For example, rather than simply stating that there is no domestic production of a specific good, it would be more effective to explain that although there are several UK businesses who manufacture similar goods, none is able to manufacture the good to the precise specification your organisation requires. You could then provide evidence that you have contacted each business via email to confirm this.

Q40. of the application form allows you to provide evidence to demonstrate the efforts you have made to determine there is no or insufficient domestic production. We strongly recommend that you submit supporting evidence, such as email exchanges and the results of any research undertaken, as this is likely to strengthen your application. Providing the dates, details and results of the approaches you have made will assist the Government in ascertaining that your application meets the assessment criteria, making it more likely to be successful.

This evidence could include, for example: a report detailing correspondence by phone or email with potential producers or market leaders with knowledge of the good being applied for; trade data implying there is no domestic production; reports from official sources (e.g. official data/statistical authorities producing trustworthy evidence); and rigorous internet-based research or independently driven analysis. A simple search through an online search engine with no attempt to follow up (e.g. a screenshot of the first page of a search engine result) is unlikely to be sufficient.

Guidance on applying for new suspensions

The online application form for this year's process is available on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

If you have any issues when completing your application, please contact the Tariff Suspensions Team at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Before starting your application, please note:

- We recommend that you complete this application on a computer, rather than a mobile device.
- Your application will automatically save your progress, meaning you will be able to come back to it at a later date.
- You can only complete one application form at a time. You may apply for up to five products per application. To begin an additional application form, please submit the one you are currently working on. At Annex A, we have provided an example template of the form, which may be useful to plan for multiple forms.
- There is a progress bar, which features at the top of the application form. This indicates how far through the form you are.
- You may move between pages by using the "backward" and "forward" buttons at the bottom of the page. Please note that certain questions are mandatory to answer to progress.
- How you answer certain questions may affect the numerical ordering of subsequent questions. Please do not be concerned if certain question numbers appear to have been skipped.
- You are able to expand text-input answer fields by dragging with your mouse. You may prefer to do this if you are inserting high volumes of information.

Detailed guidance on questions in the application form

Privacy and confidentiality

Q1. You need to receive the consent of any third parties whose information you are submitting as part of your application. If you have not received this consent, we may not be able to complete our assessment. By clicking “yes” to this question you understand that the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade may check with the third party that consent has been granted. Choose “N/A” if your application does not contain any third-party information.

Q2. If the Government receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is required to disclose the information it holds unless certain exemptions apply. Please use the space under this question to let us know if you want the information you provide to be treated confidentially. Please be aware that, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, public authorities are required to comply with a statutory code of practice which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. If we receive a request for disclosure of information that has been provided, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

Q3. If you consent, the name of your business or organisation, or that which you are applying on behalf of, will be included in the published summary of applications that will appear on GOV.UK. If you do not consent, it will be anonymised, but the product you have applied for, and its associated commodity code, will still be published.

Applicant information

Q4. to **Q13.** ask you to fill in your personal and company information.

Q10. asks whether any of the applicants are importers of the product being applied for. While anyone can apply for a tariff suspension through this process, we would usually expect applications to be made by, or on behalf of, organisations that import the product being applied for.

Product description

Please answer **Q14.** to **Q42.** for one product only. At **Q43.** you will be asked if you wish to apply for further suspensions. If you wish to apply for a further suspension**,** the form will then allow you to submit the information in response to **Q14.** to **Q42.** for the relevant product.

You may repeat this process to apply for up to five products per application. If you wish to apply for more than five products, please submit your application form and begin a new application form for the further products.

Q14. The accuracy and level of detail of the product description is important. It ensures the Government will be able to accurately assess and, if successful, implement the suspension correctly, in line with the product you have applied for. If there is insufficient detail or the description is inaccurate, it may mean your application is less likely to be successful, or that there

could be a delay in assessing it. The description should be concise and does not need to be longer than a paragraph. Please refer to the guidance relating to product descriptions on pages 9-10 of this document.

Q15. This question will help us to analyse results we receive as part of the process, including identifying particular sectors of interest to applicants.

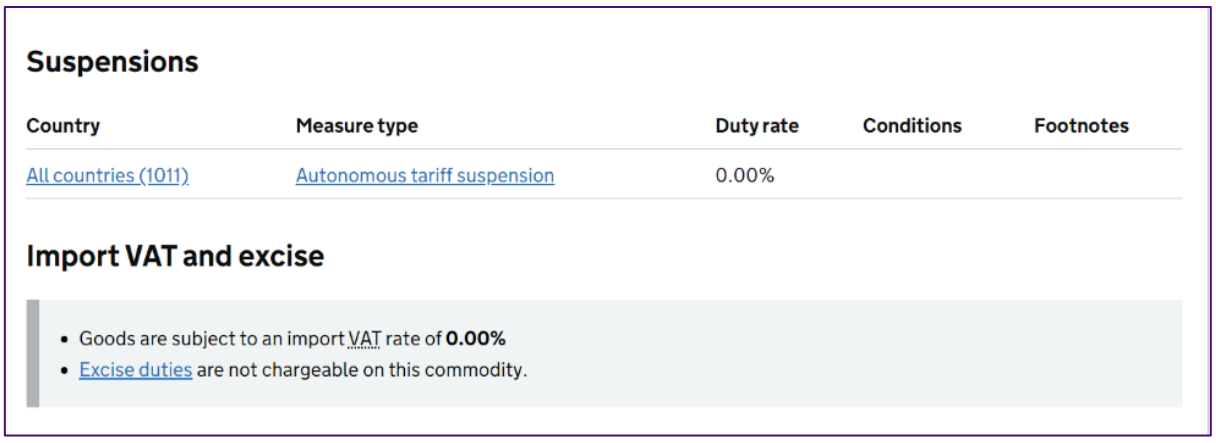
Q16. Supporting literature should provide as much detail as you have available. It should detail the product name, what the product is, including its composition and properties if relevant, and its intended and other potential uses. While a different level of detail will be appropriate for different products, it is important to provide as much supporting evidence as you can. If you are unable to provide this, please indicate why at Q44 at the end of the questionnaire or contact us at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Q17. For information on commodity codes, please refer to the guidance relating to commodity code classification on pages 10-11 of this document. We would usually expect the commodity code you supply to be defined at 10-digit level. It may be the case that your product is covered by a commodity code covering "Other". If you are unsure of the right code, you can use the Trade Tariff tool on GOV.UK or email us at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Q18. Please see below an image of where the product description appears at CN10 level on the Trade Tariff lookup tool:



Q19. Please state whether there is an existing tariff suspension on the product. You can find out whether a suspension is in place on a product by using the Trade Tariff tool on GOV.UK. If a suspension is in place on a commodity code, then it will be listed under the subheading "Suspensions" on the relevant Trade Tariff commodity code page, as shown in the below image:



If a suspension is applied at sub-CN10 level, the products to which that suspension applies will be specified under Conditions and Footnotes.

To find out if a suspension is currently in place, you can also consult the current version of the Tariff Suspension Reference Document on GOV.UK. The Reference Document publicly details all the goods to which suspensions apply, the reduced tariff rates and the measures' expiry dates.

Q20. Please use this space to state how you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, intend to use the product (such as whether the product is intended for resale, or whether the intention is to use it in a production process). If your product is not used in a production process, you may also use the space at **Q44.**, under "Other remarks", to provide further information to support your application.

Q21. Please state whether the product you are applying for is a chemical with a CAS registry number.

Q22. to **Q25.** will appear if you have answered you are applying for a chemical product in **Q21.** These questions will ask you to input the relevant information pertaining to the chemical product. Answering these questions accurately will help the Government correctly classify the good on which you are applying for a suspension.

Proposed implementation of suspension

Q26. Referring to the guidance regarding commodity codes on pages 10-11 of this document, please specify the level of commodity code you wish to apply for. This could, for example, be where you indicate you wish the suspension to apply at:

- CN8 level.
- CN10 level.
- Sub-CN10 level.

You will need to ensure that the evidence you provide to support your application correctly matches the level of commodity code or product that you are applying for.

Q27. Please express any concerns you may have at this stage with a suspension being applied on a broader commodity code than the one you have applied for. For example, if you have specified in response to **Q26**. that you are applying for the suspension at sub-CN10 level, this is where any concerns with broader implementation (e.g. CN10 level) should be made in advance of the Government assessing whether a broader level of commodity code might be appropriate. There will also be further opportunities to raise concerns about implementing the suspension at a broader level. For further information on commodity codes and how they apply to suspensions, please see the explanation above on pages 10-11 of this document.

Q28. You should choose "No" if you are requesting for the tariff to be reduced but not removed altogether – i.e. to lower the import duty but for it to remain above 0%.

Q29. This question will appear if you answer "No" to **Q28.** It asks you to provide the rationale for the reduction, which will help the Government to effectively assess your application.

Product importation and consumption

Q30.A. Please insert the total value of this product that you expect to import within the calendar year 2027. This should be expressed in GBP and should be reported in the same format as required on customs declarations.

Q30.B. Please insert the quantity of this product that you expect to import within the calendar year 2027. You are asked to express this in weight (the measurement unit defined in the UK Global Tariff, or the unit used when submitting a customs declaration, ordinarily declared in KG). There is also an option to express any relevant supplementary units (for example, litres).

Q31. Please insert the annual import value of the product for the calendar years 2024, 2025 and 2026, as well as the average across these years. Please calculate this average value by adding up the values of each year for which you have imported the product and dividing it by the number of years you have imported it for. For example, [value in 2024] + [value in 2025] + [value in 2026] = Sum. Sum / 3 = average.

Q32. There are two options to express units of quantity in this section. The first is the unit of weight (the measurement unit defined in the UK Global Tariff, or the unit used when submitting a customs declaration, ordinarily declared in KG). The second provides space for any supplementary unit. For example, if you are importing juice, you may wish to express a measurement in litres, in addition to KG. Please insert the quantities you have imported for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026, as well as the average quantity of importation across these years. Please calculate this average by adding up the quantities of each year for which you have imported the product and dividing it by the number of years you have imported it for. For example, [quantity in 2024] + [quantity in 2025] + [quantity in 2026] = Sum. Sum / 3 = average.

Q33. Please indicate the country or countries from which you are importing. If you are importing from more than one country, please provide a breakdown (%) of the amount you import per country. For example, we could expect a return to take the following form:

Country	**Payable tariff rate**	**Amount of product imported (%)**
Country A	4%	60%
Country B	4%	20%
Country C	4%	20%

We would typically expect the breakdown (%) to be based on import value. However, if import quantity is more appropriate for your product, you are welcome to use this instead and indicate why it is preferred in the additional space provided.

Q34. Please indicate if you plan to import from any other countries within the next two calendar years.

Q35. If you click “yes” to **Q34.**, we will ask you to specify which countries you plan to import from. If you have a contract with an organisation for future imports, it may assist your application to evidence it here. This will be particularly helpful if you have limited or no past imports of the product.

Q36. Please indicate the total duty savings you would have realised if a suspension had been in place on this product in the calendar year 2026. Please ensure your figures are correct for the calendar year 2026. If you provide figures for a different year, please explain why in the “other remarks” section at **Q44.**

The Government does not set out a minimum duty savings threshold as part of the application process. Savings are, however, generally expected to be significant enough to warrant a Government measure.

Q37. Please demonstrate how you have calculated the total duty savings you have described in **Q36.** We typically expect you to set out the following to give the total amount of duty paid:

- the total amount you imported of this product in the calendar year 2026;
- the applicable duty rate on the product; and
- the duty rate applied to the total imports.

Domestic production of the product

Q38. to **Q40.** ask you to demonstrate how your application meets the criterion that the product or similar products should not be produced or not be produced in sufficient quantities in the UK or Crown Dependencies.

Q39. asks you to provide a summary of the efforts you have made to ascertain that there are no UK or Crown Dependency producers that are willing or able to supply the product or similar products. As this pertains to one of the criteria listed on pages 12-13, providing detailed evidence that explains the specific type of research undertaken is crucial. Further guidance on what typically constitutes strong evidence about domestic production is set out on pages 13-14.

Q40. allows you to provide evidence to demonstrate these efforts. We strongly recommend that you submit supporting evidence, such as email exchanges and the results of any research undertaken, as this is likely to strengthen your application. Further guidance is available on pages 13-14.

Anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguard measures

Q41. This question asks you whether you are aware of any anti-dumping, countervailing or safeguard measures on the product on which you are applying for a suspension. You can find out

whether a product is subject to an anti-dumping, countervailing or safeguard measure by looking it up on the Trade Tariff tool on GOV.UK.

Trade Remedy Measures

The World Trade Organization provides for its members to impose three types of trade remedy measures where the appropriate evidentiary thresholds have been met: anti-dumping, countervailing (anti-subsidy) and safeguard measures.

In the UK, the Trade Remedies Authority is the independent arm's-length body responsible for assessing applications from industry for an investigation and conducting any investigation itself. All investigations are conducted in line with World Trade Organization rules and domestic legislation. The Trade Remedies Authority submits evidence-based recommendations to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade.

Anti-dumping and Countervailing Measures

An anti-dumping measure may be applied where there is evidence that UK industry is being materially injured by the import of "dumped" goods (i.e., goods that are sold in the UK market at a price below their normal value in the country of export).

A countervailing measure may be applied where there is evidence that UK industry is being materially injured by the import of subsidised goods (i.e., a financial contribution or income/price support that confers a benefit to a foreign industry).

Both anti-dumping and countervailing measures typically comprise an increased duty on imported goods. Measures are applied on specific goods originating from (and sometimes also consigned from) named countries. Any duty is charged in addition to other duties that apply to the imported goods, such as the UK Global Tariff.

Both anti-dumping and countervailing measures are treated in the same way for customs purposes. It is possible to have both anti-dumping and countervailing duties on the same product.

Safeguard Measures

A safeguard measure is a globally-applied measure. It is a temporary restriction on imports to protect UK industry from serious injury, or the threat of serious injury, as a result of an unforeseen surge of imports. Under World Trade Organization rules, certain exemptions may be applied for imports from developing countries.

Safeguard measures typically comprise a tariff-rate quota or a duty on imported goods. A tariff-rate quota provides for a specific volume of imports to enter the UK market at a lower duty rate relative to the out-of-quota duty.

A safeguard measure may be applied on a good that also has an anti-dumping and/or countervailing measure applied on it. As with anti-dumping and countervailing measures, any duty

is charged in addition to other duties that apply to the imported goods, such as the UK Global Tariff.

Q42. will appear if you answer "yes" to **Q41.** This question asks you to explain the reasons why you are applying for a tariff suspension on a product subject to anti-dumping, countervailing or safeguard measures. This information will help the Government to effectively assess your application.

Apply for further suspensions

Q43. You will be asked if you wish to apply for suspensions on any further products. If you wish to apply for a suspension on a further product**,** the form will then allow you to submit the information in response to **Q14.** to **Q42.** for that product.

You may repeat this process to apply for up to five products per application. If you wish to apply for more than five products, please submit your application form and begin a new application form for the additional products.

Other remarks

Q44. You should use this answer to provide any further information on any aspect of your application. Where you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, are not based in the UK or a Crown Dependency or are applying for a good that is not used as an input into a production process, you can also use this space to provide further information to support your application.

Declaration

Once you have completed **Q44.**, you will then be taken to the final page, which asks you to provide e-signatures for all named applicants. Signatories' names should be typed into the box provided.

By providing e-signatures, you confirm:

- that you have read the privacy notice and that the information provided in your application form and supporting attachments is complete and correct; and
- that your application does not relate to a product that is traded between persons who are related parties, in circumstances that would not enable other businesses to benefit from a duty suspension. This criterion is set out in Regulation 8(4) of the Customs Tariff (Suspension of Import Duty Rates) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

Please note that this is the final page and that by clicking "next" your application will be submitted. Once submitted, you will receive a PDF copy of your completed form.

An example of the application form for new suspensions is included below at **Annex A** of this document.

If you have further questions that were not answered by the guidance document, please contact the Tariff Suspensions Team at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Guidance on submitting views on the extension of existing suspensions

The opportunity to submit views on whether to extend suspensions due to expire in 2027 is being conducted in a separate, streamlined form. This can be accessed via the suspensions GOV.UK page.

If you have any issues when submitting your form, please contact the Tariff Suspensions Team at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Before starting, please note:

- We recommend that you complete this form on a computer, rather than a mobile device.
- The form will automatically save your progress, meaning you will be able to come back to it at a later date.
- You can only complete one form at a time. You may submit views on up to five suspensions per form. To begin an additional form, please submit the one you are currently working on. At Annex B, we have provided an example template of the form, which may be useful to plan for multiple forms
- There is a progress bar, which features at the top of the application form. This indicates how far through the form you are.
- You may move between pages by using the "backward" and "forward" buttons at the bottom of the page. Please note that certain questions are mandatory to answer to progress.
- How you answer certain questions may affect the numerical ordering of subsequent questions. Please do not be concerned if certain question numbers appear to have been skipped.
- You are able to expand text-input answer fields by dragging with your mouse. You may prefer to do this if you are inserting high volumes of information.

Detailed guidance on questions in the extension form

Privacy and confidentiality

Q1. You need to receive the consent of any third parties whose information you are submitting. If you have not received this consent, we may not be able to complete our assessment. By clicking "yes" to this question you understand that the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade may check with the third party that consent has been granted. Choose "N/A" if your application does not contain any third-party information.

Q2. If the Government receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is required to disclose the information it holds unless certain exemptions apply. Please use the space under this question to let us know if you want the information you provide to be treated confidentially. Please be aware that, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, public authorities are required to comply with a statutory code of practice which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. If we receive a request for disclosure of information that has been provided, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

Respondent information

Q3. to **Q6.** provide space to provide details of name(s), organisation(s), email address(es) and telephone number(s). If you are submitting this information on behalf of UK or Crown Dependency business/es that produce the product concerned (or a similar one), please also provide their details.

Product details

Please answer **Q7.** to **Q19** for one suspension only. At **Q20.** you will be asked if you wish to provide views on further suspensions. If you select "yes", the progress you have made so far will be saved, and you will be re-directed to complete **Q7.** to **Q19.** for the additional suspension.

You may repeat this process to submit views on up to five suspensions per form. If you wish to provide views on more than five suspensions, please submit your current form once completed and begin a new form for the further suspensions.

Q7. to **Q9**. provide space to provide details of the suspension ID, commodity code, and product description on which you would like to submit your views. This information is available via the suspensions GOV.UK page.

Q10. Please select "yes" if you are in favour of the suspension being extended or "no" if you are not.

Q11. Please provide your comments on why this suspension should or should not be extended. You should set out what impact extending the suspension might have for you or your organisation,

which could include any impacts an extension might have on costs, sourcing and supply chains, international competitiveness, UK manufacturing and consumers. Please make reference to the assessment criteria as listed on pages 12-13 of the guidance pack where relevant. Please provide as much detail as possible.

Q12. Please attach any supporting evidence you may wish to provide about the impact that extending the suspension might have.

Domestic production of the product

Q13. If you are aware of any producer in the UK or a Crown Dependency that produces the same product (falling under the same commodity code) or similar product, please select “yes”. Please also select “yes” if you are aware of plans for future production.

Q14. to **Q19.** will appear if you select “yes”. Please provide details of existing or planned future domestic production of the same or similar product. You should provide as much detail as you have available.

Submit views on further suspensions

Q20. If you select “yes”, the form will save the information you have inputted so far and allow you to submit the information in response to **Q7.** to **Q19.** for the additional suspension.

You may repeat this process to provide views on up to five suspensions per application. If you wish to provide views on more than five suspensions, please submit your current form once completed and begin a new form for the further suspensions.

Other remarks

Q.21 You should use this answer to provide any further information that you consider relevant to support your response.

Declaration

You will then be taken to the final page, which asks you to provide e-signatures for all named respondents. Signatories’ names should be typed into the box provided. By providing e-signatures, you confirm that you have read the privacy notice and that the information provided in your application form and supporting attachments is complete and correct.

Please note that this is the final page and that by clicking “next” your form will be submitted. Please ensure you are content with your response before moving to the next page.

Once submitted, you will receive a PDF copy of your completed form.

An example of the form to provide views on the extension of suspensions is included at **Annex B** of this document.

If you have further questions that were not answered by the guidance document, please contact the Tariff Suspensions Team at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Annex A: example new suspension application form

Duty suspensions are temporary, complete or partial reductions in the UK Global Tariff (UKGT) rate for certain products. In most cases, suspensions effectively reduce the UKGT rate to 0%. All importers can benefit from the reduced duty rates, subject to any conditions that apply. Suspensions are not indefinite UKGT changes but last for a defined period. After this period expires, the applicable tariff rate reverts to the standard UKGT rate, unless a decision is taken to extend the suspension.

Since 2021, the UK has invited businesses and other interested parties to apply for suspensions on four previous occasions, resulting in over 400 measures being introduced.

The Government has now launched the 2026-27 application window for new suspensions and welcomes applications from across all sectors and all UK nations and regions. The deadline for applications is **11:59pm on Wednesday 3 February 2027**.

Before completing this form, we recommend that you read the detailed guidance on the UK's duty suspension application process, which can be found on the duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas GOV.UK page.

Please note that if you wish to provide views on extending an existing suspension, there is a separate form. This can also be found on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

Before starting your application, please note:

- We recommend that you complete this application on a computer, rather than a mobile device.
- Your application will automatically save your progress, meaning you will be able to come back to it at a later date.
- You can only complete one application form at a time. You may apply for up to five products per application. To begin an additional application form, please submit the one you are currently working on. At Annex A of the guidance pack, we have provided an example template of the form, which may be useful to plan for multiple forms.
- There is a progress bar, which features at the top of the application form. This indicates how far through the form you are.
- You may move between pages by using the “backward” and “forward” buttons at the bottom of the page. Please note that certain questions are mandatory to answer to progress.
- How you answer certain questions may affect the numerical ordering of subsequent questions. Please do not be concerned if certain question numbers appear to have been skipped.
- You are able to expand text-input answer fields by dragging with your mouse. You may prefer to do this if you are inserting high volumes of information.

If you have any technical issues or questions while completing this application, please don’t hesitate to contact us at: tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Privacy notice

Please read the privacy notice before answering the privacy and confidentiality questions on the next page.

Privacy notice

This privacy notice explains how the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade (BIST), as a 'data controller', processes personal data for the duty suspensions application window.

This notice is supplemented by our main privacy notice which provides further information on how BIST processes personal data, and sets out your rights in respect of that personal data.

Personal data BIST collects

BIST collects information about:

- Individuals, businesses and organisations who are applying for new tariff suspensions

BIST collects the following categories of personal data:

- Name (first name and surname)
- Name of the organisation / business a respondent might be applying on behalf of
- Contact details (email address and contact number – personal and/or business)
- Signature

Why BIST asks for this information and what happens if it is not provided

BIST collects this information in order to help us identify any responses from bots or other fraudulent sources to maintain the integrity of the information received. We may also use your contact details to get in touch with you to discuss the information you have provided in your form, or any attachments you have provided. We may also use your contact details to remove your response if you instruct us to do so.

If this data is not provided, your application will not be accepted.

The legal basis for processing your personal data

The table below sets out the primary legal bases we rely on for processing the personal data we collect about you. BIST will process personal data supplied for this purposed in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The information you provide will be processed on the lawful basis of public task. If you are providing a response on behalf of a third party, you must ensure you get their consent prior to submission.

Legal basis for processing

Personal Data (Article 6(1) UK GDPR)
i. Consent ii. Processing is necessary for a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

How BIST processes personal data it receives

Once received your data will be:

- Stored within BIST's internal database which is managed by the tariff suspensions policy team and will be independently assessed and reviewed against the published assessment criteria.
- For transparency, a summary of the information provided in application forms will be published on GOV.UK. This summarised list will include non-personal information about the product to which

each application relates, including the commodity code and commodity description. It will include the name of the organisation or business who lodged the application, subject to their consent.

- Your information will be processed and shared within the department and with selected third parties for purposes connected with BIST performing a task in the public interest, or to fulfil an official function, and the task or function has a clear basis in law, including to:
    - ensure that the UK's suspensions regime is tailored to the UK economy
    - identify international and UK-based opportunities
    - better understand the domestic and international business landscape with respect to the UK's international trade
    - ensure that trade opportunities are inclusive
    - enable BIST to follow up on the points raised in the suspension form
- Once your personal data is no longer needed as part of the assessment, any identifiers will be removed and a de-identified dataset will remain for audit purposes.

We will only process your personal data for purposes which are compatible with those specified in this privacy notice. This may include archiving in the public interest, or scientific, historical or statistical research, in accordance with Article 89 UK GDPR. Where your data is further used for research purposes, appropriate safeguards (including anonymisation, pseudonymisation and data minimisation techniques) will be used to ensure that your personal data is only processed where it is necessary for us to do so, and that it is processed lawfully and securely.

Compatible research purposes may include analysis to further BIST policy development, or to analyse public consultation responses or similar requests for information from the public.

We are trialling Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions to support the delivery of our functions. Unless made expressly clear to you, we will not use AI to either make or inform decisions about you. We will apply effective data minimisation techniques to all such uses of your data.

Third Party Processors

We use a third-party provider Qualtrics who are contracted by BIST to provide an online platform for surveys. A link to the Qualtrics Security and Privacy notice is available here. We have a contract with Qualtrics which means that they are required to meet appropriate security standards and which also means that they cannot use your data without instruction from BIST.

Information sharing

We may share personal data you provide:

- With other Government departments, public authorities, law enforcement agencies and regulators
- With other third parties where we consider it necessary in order to further our functions as a Government department
- In response to information requests, for example, under Freedom of Information (FOI) law or the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)
- To a court, tribunal or party where the disclosure is necessary in order to exercise, establish or defend a legal claim
- Where we are ordered to do so or where we are otherwise required to do so by law
- With third party data processors as governed by contract

- Non-personal information provided within your application form may be shared with a science and technology consultant. This is to ensure that, for some products, the product subject to the application request is aligned with the most appropriate commodity code
- Should there be a requirement to share your personal data with other third parties not included in this list, you will be notified beforehand via a revised privacy notice

BIST may use your data to inform UK tariff and trade policy. In particular, your data might be considered as part of the Tariff Implementation Monitoring (TIM) Exercise, which assesses evidence on the impact of the UKGT. Information may also be used to inform any future reviews of the UKGT. We will seek your consent before considering the data you have provided via these other processes.

You can find out more detailed information about how we share data and further processing in the main privacy notice.

How long will BIST hold your data for

BIST will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. We will only retain your personal information for as long as:

- it is needed for the purposes set out in this document
- the law requires us to

Subject to the paragraph above, we will retain your personal information for up to 3 years from the date on which it is provided or subsequently updated, and your overall response for up to 10 years, however we conduct regular reviews to ensure we only keep information required for the purpose of which it was collected. Should there be any indication that there will be a business need to extend this retention period, this will be robustly reviewed, and any changes will be clearly outlined and recorded in a revised notice.

If we decide that we need to process your personal data for a reason which is incompatible with the purposes for which we collected it, we will contact you to explain why we are doing this and why it is lawful to do so.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

Your rights

You have a number of rights available to you under UK data protection legislation, including:

- the right to request copies of the personal data we hold about you
- the right to request that we rectify information about you which you think is inaccurate or incomplete
- the right to request that we restrict your data from further processing (in certain circumstances)
- the right to object to the processing of your data (in certain circumstances)
- the right to data portability (in certain circumstances)
- the right to request that we erase your data (in certain circumstances)
- the right not to be subject to a decision based on solely automated data processing

You can contact BIST's Data Protection Officer for further information about how your data has been processed by the department or to make a complaint about how your data has been used. Please contact: data.protection@businessandtrade.gov.uk

You can also submit a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

W: https://ico.org.uk/

Tel: 0303 123 1113

You can find out more about your rights as a data subject, and details of how to contact our Data Protection Officer and the ICO in our main privacy notice.

Privacy and confidentiality

- **Q1:** If you are including any personal information of third parties in the application, have you received their permission to do so?
    - Yes.
    - No.
    - Not Applicable.
- **Q2:** Please use the space under this question to let us know if you want the information you provide to be treated confidentially. Please be aware that, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, public authorities are required to comply with a statutory code of practice which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. If we receive a request for disclosure of information that has been provided, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. If you select "yes", please use the text entry box to be as specific as possible.
- **Q3:** As outlined in the privacy notice, BIST will publish a notice on GOV.UK, which summarises the requests received. Do you – and any other named applicants – consent to the name of your (and, if relevant, their) business or organisation being published? If you wish to consent to certain names being published, but not others, there is space to specify this in the text box provided.

  A summary of your request will be published in all circumstances. If you consent, this will include the name of your business. If you do not, it will be anonymised.

Applicant information

Please provide details for all applicants. If you are applying on behalf of an organisation that imports the product that is the subject of this application, please also provide their details below.

- **Q4:** Please provide full name(s).

- **Q5:** Please provide name(s) of organisation(s).
- **Q6:** If your organisation(s) has/have a website, please include a link.
- **Q7:** Please provide email address(es).
- **Q8:** Please provide telephone number(s).
- **Q9:** Please specify where your organisation is located
    - Scotland.
    - Wales.
    - Northern Ireland.
    - North East England.
    - North West England.
    - Yorkshire and the Humber.
    - East Midlands.
    - West Midlands.
    - East of England.
    - London.
    - Southeast England.
    - Southwest England.
    - Crown Dependency: the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man.
    - Other (please specify).
- **Q10:** Are you an importer of the product(s) being applied for?
    a) All applicants are importers of the product.
    b) Some applicants are importers of the product.
    c) No applicants are importers of the product.
- **Q11:** If you answered (b) to the previous question, please state which applicants are importers of the product being applied for.
- **Q12:** Please select the size of your organisation by number of employees. If there are multiple organisations listed on your application, please use the additional space provided.
    - Fewer than 50 employees.
    - Between 51 and 250 employees.
    - Between 251 and 500 employees.
    - Greater than 501 employees.
    - Additional space.
- **Q13:** Have you applied for a tariff suspension previously?

Product description

Please answer questions 14 to 42 for one product only. At question 43, you will be asked if you wish to apply for further suspensions. If you wish to apply for a further suspension, the form will then allow you to submit the information in response to questions 14 to 42 for the relevant product.

You may repeat this process to apply for up to five products per application. If you wish to apply for more than five products, please submit your application form and begin a new application form for the further products.

In this section, please provide us with the details of the product on which you are applying for a suspension.

Please ensure you provide an accurate, succinct and detailed product description, that will enable us to identify the specific product you are importing. You must show that your product meets the requirements of the commodity code applicable to the product (see Q17). Detailed advice on how best to fill out this section can be found on pages 9-11 of the guidance pack available via the suspensions GOV.UK page.

- **Q14:** Please provide an accurate, succinct and detailed description of the product. Depending on the product's nature, the description could include the product's name, composition and properties, technical specifications, components and intended end use.

  Please do not simply quote the text of the commodity code considered to be applicable to the product.

- **Q15:** Which manufacturing sector does the product you are applying for sit within?
  - Agriculture.
  - Automotive.
  - Biomedicine.
  - Chemicals.
  - Food and drink.
  - Furniture.
  - Heavy vehicles.
  - Metals.
  - Pigments.
  - Plastics.
  - Oils.
  - Office supplies.
  - Renewables.
  - Other (please specify).

- **Q16:** Please provide supporting literature, such as specification sheets, diagrams and brochures, about the product on which you're applying for a suspension. If you are unable to provide this, please indicate why at Q44 at the end of the questionnaire or contact us at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

  Below there are five opportunities to upload files in support of your application. Each file has an upload limit of 50MB. If you would like to provide more files in support of your application beyond the five opportunities provided here, please email us at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

- **Q17:** Please provide the commodity code applicable to this product. We have provided detailed guidance on commodity codes on pages 10-11 of the guidance pack, available via the suspensions GOV.UK page. We would usually expect this to be defined at ten-digit level. It may be the case that your product is covered by a commodity code covering "Other". If you are unsure of the right code, you can use the Trade Tariff tool or email us at tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.
- **Q18:** Please insert the commodity code description that appears on the Trade Tariff tool.
- **Q19:** Please state whether there is an existing tariff suspension on the product. You can find out more about whether a suspension is in place on the product by using the Trade Tariff tool. Further guidance on how to find existing suspensions is included on pages 17-18 of the guidance pack, available via the suspensions GOV.UK page.
- **Q20:** Please describe how you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, intend to use the product (such as whether the product is intended for resale, or whether the intention is to use it in a production process).
- **Q21:** Is the product you are importing a chemical with a CAS number?

Chemical product information (pop up – diverted here if answer "yes" to Q21)

You have indicated the product you are applying for is a chemical. Please provide the following evidence.

- **Q22:** Please provide the CAS registry number.
- **Q23:** Please provide the CUS number (reference number in the European Customs Inventory of Chemicals).
- **Q24:** Please provide the structural formula.
- **Q25:** Please provide the purity degree.

Proposed implementation of suspension

This section focuses on the different ways in which suspensions can be implemented. Further information on how to fill out this section can be found in the guidance pack, available via the suspensions GOV.UK page.

- **Q26:** As outlined on pages 10-11 of the guidance pack, a full commodity code can often cover multiple different products. Please specify if you wish to apply for the suspension to apply to a full commodity code (and, if so, at what level) or a more specific product falling within it. Please note if you are applying for a suspension to cover a full commodity code, the evidence you provide throughout this form will need to meet the assessment criteria for the full range of products covered by that commodity code.
    - Headings (4-digit level of the HS, "HS4").

      This will mean the suspension will cover all product lines under this heading.
    - Subheading (6-digit level of the HS, "HS6").

      This will mean the suspension will cover all product lines falling under this subheading.
    - Combined nomenclature (8-digit level, "CN8").

      This will mean the suspension will cover all product lines under this definition.

- Combined nomenclature (10-digit level, “CN10”).

  This will mean the suspension will cover all products captured by this definition.

- Specific product (“sub-CN10”).

  This will mean the suspension will apply to a specific product within a defined commodity code.

- **Q27:** Please outline if you have any concerns or objections at this stage to the Government considering a suspension to a broader level of commodity code than appears in your application form. Please note that if this is being considered, the Government will suggest the broader code to you when it confirms the classification code with you, following submission of your application. In such instances, an explanation detailing why the Government is suggesting a different classification, and how implementing a suspension at that different classification would differ from what you proposed in your original application, will be set out in the same email checking classification. You will have the opportunity to object or raise concerns before the objection window opens.
- **Q28:** Please indicate whether you are applying for the tariff on this product to be suspended to 0%.
- **Q29 (pop up – diverted here if answer “no” to Q28):** Please indicate a suggested reduced tariff rate, and an explanation of why you have suggested this rate.

Product importation and consumption

In this section, please provide information regarding your, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, historic and anticipated importation and consumption of the product. If more than one importer is named on this application, you should provide the total combined figures in responses to the below.

- **Q30:** Please provide the expected annual importation of the product for the calendar year 2027.

  a) Customs value in GBP (figures should be reported in the same format as is required on customs declarations).

  b) Quantity

  - Weight – the measurement unit should be that as defined in the UK Global Tariff, or the unit used when submitting a customs declaration. (Weight is ordinarily declared in KG).
  - Supplementary unit (if applicable for the commodity code).

- **Q31:** Please provide us with your, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, annual importation of the product for the calendar years preceding this application. This should be total value in terms of GBP. Please confirm for each year listed. If you have not imported this product previously, please answer “N/A”.

  - 2024.
  - 2025.
  - 2026.
  - Average value of annual importation (2024 – 2026 inclusive).

- **Q32:** Please provide us with your, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, annual importation of the product for the calendar years preceding this application. This should be the quantity expressed in terms of the measurement unit defined in the UK Global Tariff, or as a supplementary unit

if appropriate. Please confirm for each year listed. If you have not imported this product previously, please answer “N/A”.

  - 2024.
    - Weight – the measurement unit should be that as defined in the UK Global Tariff, or the unit used when submitting a customs declaration. (Weight is ordinarily declared in KG).
    - Supplementary Unit (if applicable for the commodity code).
  - 2025.
    - Weight – the measurement unit should be that as defined in the UK Global Tariff, or the unit used when submitting a customs declaration. (Weight is ordinarily declared in KG).
    - Supplementary Unit (if applicable for the commodity code).
  - 2026.
    - Weight – the measurement unit should be that as defined in the UK Global Tariff, or the unit used when submitting a customs declaration. (Weight is ordinarily declared in KG).
    - Supplementary Unit (if applicable for the commodity code).
  - Average quantity of annual importation (2024 – 2026 inclusive).
    - Weight – the measurement unit should be that as defined in the UK Global Tariff, or the unit used when submitting a customs declaration. (Weight is ordinarily declared in KG).
    - Supplementary Unit (if applicable for the commodity code).

- **Q33:** Please list the countries you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, import the product from and the payable tariff rate, including any preferences (such as those arising under a Free Trade Agreement). You should provide a breakdown (%) of the amount of product imported per country. If you have not imported this product previously, please answer “N/A”.
  - Country A
  - Country A tariff rate
  - Country A % of imports
  - Country B
  - Country B tariff rate
  - Country B % of imports
  - Country C
  - Country C tariff rate
  - Country C % of imports
  - Additional space

- **Q34:** Do you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, plan to import the product from any other country in the next two years? Please select “yes” if you have not imported the product previously, but plan to do so in the next two years.
- **Q35 (pop up – diverted here if answer “yes” to Q34):** Please specify which country or countries you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, plan to import this product from. If you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, have a contract for future imports, it may assist your application to evidence it here. Projected values, volumes and duty savings will be particularly helpful if you have limited or no past imports of the product.
- **Q36:** Please indicate how much you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, would have saved in import duties had a full duty suspension been in place in the calendar year 2026. If you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, did not import this product in the calendar year 2026, please write “N/A” or provide the figure for another recent year.
- **Q37:** Please demonstrate how you have come to this conclusion by providing an outline of duties paid on imports of this product in 2026 (or other specified year). This should outline the total value of the product imported and the tariff on that product. The amount of duty paid will equal the amount of duty you would have saved if a suspension were in place. If you did not import this product in 2026, please write “N/A”.

Domestic production of the product

In line with the assessment criteria set out on pages 12-13 of the guidance pack, this section asks you to outline the efforts you have made to ascertain that there are no UK or Crown Dependency producers that are willing or able to supply the product, or a similar product, in sufficient quantities. Further information on what typically constitutes strong evidence about domestic production is set out on pages 13-14 of the guidance pack.

- **Q38:** Are you aware of any UK or Crown Dependency producers of the product to which this application relates (or a similar product)?
- **Q39:** Please explain the efforts you have made to establish that there are no UK or Crown Dependency producers that are willing or able to supply the product, or a similar product, in sufficient quantities. You should provide the date of approach, type of approach (e.g. internet search, e-mail enquiry, phone call), and result of approach.
- **Q40:** Please attach evidence of these enquiries, such as reports, emails, or research. Further information on types of evidence that will best support your application are outlined on pages 13-14 of the guidance pack on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

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Anti-dumping, countervailing, or safeguard measures

- **Q41:** Is the product on which you are applying for a suspension subject to an anti-dumping, countervailing or safeguard measure? A description of each of these measures can be found in the guidance pack on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

- **Q42 (pop up – diverted here if answer "yes" to Q41):** Please explain why a duty suspension is being sought on a product subject to an anti-dumping, countervailing or safeguard measure.

Apply for further suspensions

- **Q43:** Do you wish to apply for further suspensions?

  Please note that if you select "yes", the progress you have made so far will be saved, and you will be re-directed to complete questions 14 to 42 for the additional product.

  You may repeat this process to apply for up to five products per application. If you wish to apply for more than five products, please submit your application form and begin a new application form for the further products.

Other remarks

- **Q44:** Please use this space to provide any other information regarding your application that you consider relevant. Where you, or any organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of, are not based in the UK or Crown Dependencies, or are applying for a good that is not used as an input into a production process, you can also use this space to provide further information to support your application.

Declaration

You have now completed all stages of your application.

Please provide e-signatures for all named applicants below to certify that you have read the privacy notice, and that the information provided in this application form and supporting attachments is complete and correct.

By providing e-signatures below, you are also confirming that your application does not relate to a product that is traded between persons who are related parties, in circumstances that would not enable other businesses to benefit from a duty suspension.

- **E-signature**

By clicking to the next page your application will be submitted. Please ensure you are content with your application before moving to the next page.

Annex B: example existing suspension extension form

Duty suspensions are temporary, complete or partial reductions in the UK Global Tariff (UKGT) rate for certain products. In most cases, suspensions effectively reduce the UKGT rate to 0%. All importers can benefit from the reduced duty rates, subject to any conditions that apply. Suspensions are not indefinite UKGT changes but last for a defined period. After this period expires, the applicable tariff rate reverts to the standard UKGT rate, unless a decision is taken to extend the suspension.

Approximately 90 suspensions are due to expire in 2027. A full list is available on the duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas GOV.UK page. The Government has committed to review these suspensions ahead of expiry. The measures were originally in place until 30 June 2027 but will be extended to 31 December 2027, providing continuity for businesses while the public review is completed and ahead of decisions on possible further extensions.

As part of the review process, the Government is inviting stakeholders to submit views on whether these suspensions should be extended. Views are invited in support of and in opposition to extending measures. The deadline for submitting views is **11:59pm on Wednesday 3 February 2027**.

Before completing this form, we recommend that you read the detailed guidance on the UK's duty suspension application process, which can be found on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

Please note that if you wish to apply for a new suspension, there is a separate form. This can also be found on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

Before starting the form to provide views on the extension of suspensions, please note:

- We recommend that you complete this form on a computer, rather than a mobile device.
- The form will automatically save your progress, meaning you will be able to come back to it at a later date.
- You can only complete one form at a time. You may submit views on up to five suspensions per form. To begin an additional form, please submit the one you are currently working on. At Annex B of the guidance pack, we have provided an example template of the form, which may be useful to plan for multiple forms.
- There is a progress bar, which features at the top of the application form. This indicates how far through the form you are.
- You may move between pages by using the "backward" and "forward" buttons at the bottom of the page. Please note that certain questions are mandatory to answer to progress.
- How you answer certain questions may affect the numerical ordering of subsequent questions. Please do not be concerned if certain question numbers appear to have been skipped.
- You are able to expand text-input answer fields by dragging with your mouse. You may prefer to do this if you are inserting high volumes of information.

If you have any technical issues or questions while completing this form, please don’t hesitate to contact us at: tariffsuspensions@businessandtrade.gov.uk.

Privacy notice

Please read the privacy notice before answering the privacy and confidentiality questions on the next page.

Privacy notice

This privacy notice explains how the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade (BIST), as a 'data controller', processes personal data for the duty suspensions application window.

This notice is supplemented by our main privacy notice which provides further information on how BIST processes personal data, and sets out your rights in respect of that personal data.

Personal data BIST collects

BIST collects information about:

- Individuals, businesses and organisations who are providing feedback on tariff suspensions that are due to expire in 2027

BIST collects the following categories of personal data:

- Name (first name and surname)
- Name of the organisation / business a respondent might be applying on behalf of
- Contact details (email address and contact number – personal and/or business)
- Signature

Why BIST asks for this information and what happens if it is not provided

BIST collects this information in order to help us identify any responses from bots or other fraudulent sources to maintain the integrity of the information received. We may also use your contact details to get in touch with you to discuss the information you have provided in your form, or any attachments you have provided. We may also use your contact details to remove your response if you instruct us to do so.

If this data is not provided, your application will not be accepted.

The legal basis for processing your personal data

The table below sets out the primary legal bases we rely on for processing the personal data we collect about you. BIST will process personal data supplied for this purposed in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The information you provide will be processed on the lawful basis of public task. If you are providing a response on behalf of a third party, you must ensure you get their consent prior to submission.

Legal basis for processing

Personal Data (Article 6(1) UK GDPR)	
(i)	Consent
(ii)	Processing is necessary for a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

How BIST processes personal data it receives

Once received your data will be:

- Stored within BIST's internal database which is managed by the tariff suspensions policy team and will be independently assessed and reviewed against the published assessment criteria.

- Your information will be processed and shared within the department and with selected third parties for purposes connected with BIST performing a task in the public interest, or to fulfil an official function, and the task or function has a clear basis in law, including to:
    - ensure that the UK's suspensions regime is tailored to the UK economy
    - identify international and UK-based opportunities
    - better understand the domestic and international business landscape with respect to the UK's international trade
    - ensure that trade opportunities are inclusive
    - enable BIST to follow up on the points raised in the suspension form
- Once your personal data is no longer needed as part of the assessment any identifiers will be removed and a de-identified dataset will remain for audit purposes.

We will only process your personal data for purposes which are compatible with those specified in this privacy notice. This may include archiving in the public interest, or scientific, historical or statistical research, in accordance with Article 89 UK GDPR. Where your data is further used for research purposes, appropriate safeguards (including anonymisation, pseudonymisation and data minimisation techniques) will be used to ensure that your personal data is only processed where it is necessary for us to do so, and that it is processed lawfully and securely.

Compatible research purposes may include analysis to further BIST policy development, or to analyse public consultation responses or similar requests for information from the public.

We are trialling Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions to support the delivery of our functions. Unless made expressly clear to you, we will not use AI to either make or inform decisions about you. We will apply effective data minimisation techniques to all such uses of your data.

Third Party Processors

We use a third-party provider Qualtrics who are contracted by BIST to provide an online platform for surveys. A link to the Qualtrics Security and Privacy notice is available here. We have a contract with Qualtrics which means that they are required to meet appropriate security standards and which also means that they cannot use your data without instruction from BIST.

Information sharing

We may share personal data you provide:

- With other Government departments, public authorities, law enforcement agencies and regulators
- With other third parties where we consider it necessary in order to further our functions as a Government department
- In response to information requests, for example, under Freedom of Information (FOI) law or the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)
- To a court, tribunal or party where the disclosure is necessary in order to exercise, establish or defend a legal claim
- Where we are ordered to do so or where we are otherwise required to do so by law
- With third party data processors as governed by contract

- Should there be a requirement to share your personal data with other third parties not included in this list, you will be notified beforehand via a revised privacy notice

BIST may use your data to inform UK tariff and trade policy. In particular, your data might be considered as part of the Tariff Implementation Monitoring (TIM) Exercise, which assesses evidence on the impact of the UKGT. Information may also be used to inform any future reviews of the UKGT. We will seek your consent before considering the data you have provided via these other processes.

You can find out more detailed information about how we share data and further processing in the main privacy notice.

How long will BIST hold your data for

BIST will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. We will only retain your personal information for as long as:

- it is needed for the purposes set out in this document
- the law requires us to

Subject to the paragraph above, we will retain your personal information for up to 3 years from the date on which it is provided or subsequently updated, and your overall response for up to 10 years, however we conduct regular reviews to ensure we only keep information required for the purpose of which it was collected. Should there be any indication that there will be a business need to extend this retention period, this will be robustly reviewed, and any changes will be clearly outlined and recorded in a revised notice.

If we decide that we need to process your personal data for a reason which is incompatible with the purposes for which we collected it, we will contact you to explain why we are doing this and why it is lawful to do so.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

Your rights

You have a number of rights available to you under UK data protection legislation, including:

- the right to request copies of the personal data we hold about you
- the right to request that we rectify information about you which you think is inaccurate or incomplete
- the right to request that we restrict your data from further processing (in certain circumstances)
- the right to object to the processing of your data (in certain circumstances)
- the right to data portability (in certain circumstances)
- the right to request that we erase your data (in certain circumstances)
- the right not to be subject to a decision based on solely automated data processing

You can contact BIST's Data Protection Officer for further information about how your data has been processed by the department or to make a complaint about how your data has been used. Please contact: data.protection@businessandtrade.gov.uk

You can also submit a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

W: https://ico.org.uk/

Tel: 0303 123 1113

You can find out more about your rights as a data subject, and details of how to contact our Data Protection Officer and the ICO in our main privacy notice.

Privacy and confidentiality

- **Q1:** If you are including any personal information of third parties in the application, have you received their permission to do so?
    - Yes.
    - No.
    - Not Applicable.
- **Q2:** Please use the space under this question to let us know if you want the information you provide to be treated confidentially. Please be aware that, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, public authorities are required to comply with a statutory code of practice which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. If we receive a request for disclosure of information that has been provided, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. If you select "yes", please use the text entry box to be as specific as possible.

Respondent information

Please provide contact details for all participants below. If you are submitting this form on behalf of UK or Crown Dependency business(es), please also provide their details below.

- **Q3:** Please provide full name(s).
- **Q4:** Please provide name of organisation(s).
- **Q5:** Please provide email address(es).
- **Q6:** Please provide telephone number(s).

Product details

Please answer questions 7 to 19 for one suspension only. At question 20, you will be asked if you wish to provide views on further suspensions. If you select “yes”, the progress you have made so far will be saved, and you will be re-directed to complete questions 7 to 19 for the additional suspension.

You may repeat this process to provide views on up to five suspensions per form. If you wish to provide views on more than five suspensions, please submit your current form once completed and begin a new form for the further suspensions.

In this section, you should provide us with details about the suspension on which you would like to submit your views, as well as the related product. Please refer to the list of expiring suspensions published on the suspensions GOV.UK page to find this information.

- **Q7:** Please provide the suspension ID. This will be in the form "SUS_X". This can be found in Column A of the list of expiring suspensions published on the suspensions GOV.UK page.
- **Q8:** Please provide the commodity code. This can be found in Column B of the list of expiring suspensions published on the suspensions GOV.UK page.
- **Q9:** Please provide the product description. This can be found in Column D of the list of expiring suspensions published on the suspensions GOV.UK page.

Views on extension of suspension

- **Q10:** Are you in favour of the suspension being extended?
- **Q11:** Please justify your answer to question 10 and set out what impact extending the suspension might have for your organisation. This could include impacts an extension might have on costs, sourcing and supply chains, international competitiveness, UK manufacturing and consumers. Please make reference to the assessment criteria listed on pages 12-13 of the guidance pack on the suspensions GOV.UK page where relevant. Please provide as much detail as possible.
- **Q12:** Please attach any supporting evidence you may wish to provide about the impact that extending the suspension might have.

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Domestic production of the product

- **Q13:** Are you aware of any producer based in the UK or a Crown Dependency that produces the same product (falling under the same commodity code) or similar product? Please also select "yes" if you are aware of plans for future production.

If "yes" is selected in response to Q13, the following questions will appear:

- **Q14:** Please provide names of organisation(s) based in the UK or a Crown Dependency that produce(s) the same or similar product.
- **Q15:** Please describe the product that this organisation produces which is relevant to this feedback form.
- **Q16:** Please explain why you consider this product to be the same as, or similar to, the product on which you are providing views.
- **Q17:** Please provide supporting literature, such as a product datasheet or brochure that includes a product specification, when submitting your form.

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- **Q18:** If known, please provide production capacity of the product available for the market (e.g. not bound in-house or by contracts) in the calendar year 2026.

  Figures should be reported in the same format as would be required on customs declarations, or as defined in the UK Global Tariff. Weight is ordinarily declared in KG.

  If you are listing multiple organisations, please start a new line to provide separate figures for each.

- **Q19:** If known, please provide anticipated production capacity of the product available for the market for the calendar year 2027.

  Figures should be reported in the same format as would be required on customs declarations, or as defined in the UK Global Tariff. Weight is ordinarily declared in KG.

  If you are listing multiple organisations, please start a new line to provide separate figures for each.

Submit views on further suspensions

- **Q20:** Do you wish to provide views on further suspensions?

  Please note that if you select “yes”, the progress you have made so far will be saved, and you will be re-directed to complete questions 7 to 19 for the additional suspension.

  You may repeat this process to provide views on up to five suspensions per form. If you wish to provide views on more than five suspensions, please submit your current form once completed and begin a new form for the further suspensions.

Other remarks

- **Q21:** Please use this space to provide any other information that you consider relevant to your response.

Declaration

You have now completed all stages of the form.

Please provide e-signatures for all named respondents below to certify that you have read the privacy notice, and that the information provided in this form and supporting attachments is complete and correct.

- **E-signature**

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