

eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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Subject	Steel quotas – deposits and blocking periods
Who should read	All those involved in lodging electronic customs declarations
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1. Introduction

Further to [eCustoms Helpdesk Notification 17/2026](#) regarding steel quotas and evidence of the country of melt and pour, importers are advised that deposits covering potential out-of-quota duty rates of 50% are required, blocking periods may apply and claims for quota for EU origin goods must be made under the correct quota order reference number for the country from which the goods are returning.

2. Deposits

- (a) To secure potential duty the AIS system will take deposits to cover potential duty liabilities of 50% that may apply if quota requests are not successful.
- (b) Sufficient funds must be available to cover any required deposit. If upon submission of the customs declaration, there is an issue with the deposit request, including insufficient funds, the quota request will not be sent to the European Commission. This may result in the quota request not being allocated.

3. Blocking Periods

Blocking periods may apply. A blocking period is used in a quota management to temporarily halt allocation of quota while customs authorities collect, process, and evaluate all incoming claims fairly. It is used to ensure equity, prevent sudden quota exhaustion, and handle "first-come, first-served" volume claims without unfair bias.

4. Claiming Quota for EU Origin Steel

- (c) EU origin steel returning from certain countries can obtain quota and the [TARIC](#) shows different available quota order numbers under the relevant qualifying TARIC codes for EU origin. Importers are advised that the correct quota order number must be used, and for example the quota order number for EU origin steel returning from South Korea cannot be used for EU origin steel returning from the United Kingdom.

5. For queries on this notification please contact:

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