



Investigator (SEO grade)

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) will be one of the most important parts of the UK's trade policy landscape. It will provide the safety net to protect domestic industries against injury caused by unfair trading practices. A wide variety of sectors and jobs will depend on your ability to defend the UK's interests and keep international trade competitive and fair.

A UK approach to Trade Remedies

Trade remedies protect economies from unfair trading practices – like dumping and subsidies – and unexpected surges in imports. These measures usually take the form of import duties. The Government is creating an arm's-length body, the TRA, to handle investigations on behalf of the UK and recommend new remedies to the Secretary of State for International Trade.

Reporting to the Lead Investigator, you will research and assess complaints and undertake investigations on anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguards. Taking control of cases from start to finish, you will review respondents' evidence, plan site visits and speak to stakeholders. If the evidence is irrefutable, you will then help deliver detailed reports to the Head of Investigations outlining which remedies should be applied.

This will involve close work with a range of colleagues including economists and lawyers. As a line manager to a number of Junior Investigators, your experience and eye for detail will be crucial in honing the performance of the TRA as a whole.

An intriguing, analytical role

It is a position that will evolve over time. You will bring a strong background in law, accounting, auditing, economics, business, engineering, international trade or commercial investigations.

There will be the occasional travel around the UK and further afield. We are looking for someone with an ability to effectively communicate, collaborate and influence. You will need a brilliant data analysis, report drafting and project management – and a clear head in complex, high-profile situations – to succeed in this role.

Role reports to	Lead Investigator
Role Purpose <i>Use this space to outline what the person is responsible for delivering and how this contributes to the success of the department. More detail on this will be added in the next section.</i>	As an Investigator in this high profile and fast-moving role, you will be responsible for conducting thorough investigations into allegations of dumping, subsidies, or unforeseen surges in imports, which underpins the TRA's evidence-based investigations and policies.

	<p>The investigations team will undertake a range of activities including reviewing accounting information and assessing evidence from companies to produce reports and recommend measures.</p> <p>An Investigator supports the Lead Investigator and is responsible for delivering elements of the investigation. They coach the Junior Analysts and may performance manage them. The Investigator will work alongside Economists and Lawyers at various stages of the investigation, showcasing analysis and reviews of the work undertaken.</p> <p>You will develop key partnerships with other teams such as Legal, Policy and Appeals. You will also have the opportunity to shape your role as the organisation grows.</p>
<p>Key Accountabilities</p> <p><i>Outline what the individual needs to do in order to achieve to deliverables outlined above.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting discrete parts of analysis in trade remedy investigations and supporting your team in the broader case; • Assessing the validity of the investigation by analysing questionnaire responses, analysing further submitted evidence and drawing conclusions from complex evidence drafting preliminary / final determinations; • Planning, undertaking and reporting on verification site visits and evaluating economic interest tests; • Drafting sections of preliminary / final determinations; • Working closely with the Policy, Economists and Legal teams to conduct quality investigations; • Where appropriate, line manage, support and mentor staff resources to deliver high quality results and appropriate career

	<p>development opportunities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and proactively share best practice across the organisation; • Advising and/or guiding others on complex cases or parts of cases; • Identifying potential issues and proposing solutions ahead of problems. <p>Travel:</p> <p>As part of the remit, the post holder may be required on occasion to travel both domestically and internationally for activities such as engaging with colleagues in other Departments, collaborating with other teams within the TRA, international conferences, conducting analysis of investigations, consultation with stakeholders and partners.</p>
<p>Essential and Preferred Experience</p> <p><i>You must ensure the successful candidate meets your specification entirely, so do not put expectations that are not vital.</i></p> <p><i>The diversity of applicants you receive to roles increases when shorter lists of personal and experience requirements are listed, which creates a better pool of candidates to select from at interview.</i></p>	<p>Essential:</p> <p>Experience, in one of the following disciplines: law, accounting, audit, economics, business, engineering, international trade or commercial investigations.</p> <p>Some previous trade remedies experience or trade remedies knowledge is desirable but not essential.</p> <p>Experience of line management</p>
<p>Personal Attributes & Skills</p> <p><i>Insert information about what the ideal candidate would be like in their character and what they'd bring to your team. This will enhance our search ability and interview quality.</i></p>	<p>The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate success in the following areas:</p> <p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications and influencing skills, with the ability to establish collaborative relationships;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proficient in data analysis and cost accounting;• Ability to develop robust analysis in line with legislative requirements and then have the insight to defend it against scrutiny;• Excellent drafting and written communication skills;• Project management skills, including excellent planning and prioritisation skills; <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and experience of trade policy and operating in an international context. Understanding the economic and commercial context of operating in the international trade sector;• Experience with trade remedies investigations;• Experience of trade remedies and / or one or more sectors governed by economic regulation would be beneficial.
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