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IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS CONCERNING UNITED STATES ACTION IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN STEEL WIRE ROD

Joint Communication from the United States and Japan

The following communication, dated 26 May 2000, has been received from the Permanent Missions of the United States and Japan.

Documents G/SG/N/6/USA/6 (18 February 1999), G/SG/N/6/USA/6/Corr.1 (19 February 1999), G/SG/N/8/USA/4 (26 May 1999), G/SG/N/8/USA/4/Suppl.1 (23 July 1999), G/SG/N/8/USA/4/Suppl.2 (6 August 1999), G/SG/N/8/USA/4/Suppl.3 (17 September 1999), G/SG/N/10/USA/4 (18 February 2000) and G/SG/N/10/USA/4/Corr.1 (28 March 2000) contain communications from the United States concerning action under the Agreement on Safeguards in respect of certain steel wire rod.

The United States and Japan are pleased to notify the Council for Trade in Goods that they have agreed that their reciprocal rights and obligations in respect of the above-referenced action under the Agreement on Safeguards and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will be maintained, and for this purpose they have agreed that as between them the 90-day period set forth in Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XIX:3(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 shall be considered to expire on 1 March 2003.
