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Committee on Safeguards

NOTIFICATION OF LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES RELATING TO SAFEGUARD MEASURES

1. Under Article 12.6 of the Agreement on Safeguards, Members shall notify promptly the Committee on Safeguards of their laws, regulations and administrative procedures relating to safeguard measures as well as any modifications made to them.
2. Members are therefore invited to submit, in a working language of the WTO, their laws, regulations and administrative procedures relating to safeguard measures. Members which have no such laws or regulations are invited to notify the Committee accordingly.
3. The laws and regulations received in response to the above request will be circulated in addenda to this document.
4. A format is suggested below for these notifications under Article 12.6 of the Agreement on Safeguards in order to assist Members to focus on the type of information to be submitted in the notifications and to obtain similar responses from different Members.

Suggested format for notifications under Article 12.6 of the Agreement on Safeguards

Prompt notification to the Committee on Safeguards of laws,
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Note: The format is suggested without prejudice to the interpretation of the relevant provisions in the Agreement on Safeguards by the competent bodies. Members are also reminded of the provision in Article 12.11 of the Agreement on Safeguards, which reads as follows: "The provisions on notification in this Agreement shall not require any Member to disclose confidential information the disclosure of which would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public interest or would prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of particular enterprises, public or private."

1. In the first notification under Article 12.6, please provide the full texts of the laws and regulations relating to safeguard measures, and notify the administrative procedures relating to safeguard measures.
2. Specify the authorities competent to initiate and conduct investigations.
3. Provide the text of any modifications made to the laws and regulations relating to safeguard measures, and notify any modifications to administrative procedures relating to safeguard measures.