

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(a) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

MEXICO

The following communication, dated 22 August 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mexico.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, and in the light of the format for notifications under the Agreement on Safeguards adopted by the Committee on Safeguards, Mexico notifies that its competent authorities have initiated a safeguards proceeding as follows:

1. Date when the investigation was initiated

15 August 2002, by a resolution published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Official Journal of the Federation).¹

2. Product subject to the investigation

Plywood panels, three-ply. Goods currently classified under tariff headings 4412.13.01, 4412.13.99, 4412.14.99, 4412.19.01, 4412.19.99, 4412.22.01, 4412.23.99, 4412.29.99, 4412.92.01, 4412.93.99 and 4412.99.99 of the Schedule of the General Import and Export Tax Law.

3. Reasons for the initiation of the investigation

- (a) The investigation was initiated at the request of the *Asociación Nacional de Fabricantes de Tableros de Madera, A.C.*, (National Plywood Manufacturers Association – ANAFATA) on behalf of the domestic industry and on the basis of the information and evidence submitted by the applicant.

¹ A copy of "RESOLUCION por la que se acepta la solicitud de parte interesada y se declara el inicio de la investigación por salvaguardas a las importaciones de madera contrachapada (triplay), mercancía actualmente clasificada en las fracciones arancelarias 4412.13.01, 4412.13.99, 4412.14.99, 4412.19.01, 4412.19.99, 4412.22.01, 4412.23.99, 4412.29.99, 4412.92.01, 4412.93.99, y 4412.99.99 de la Tarifa de la Ley de los Impuestos Generales de Importación y de Exportación" (Spanish version only) is available for consultation in Room 1028 at the Centre William Rappard – please telephone Miss Susan Aspinall on 022 739 5109.

- (b) The competent Mexican authority concluded from the information and evidence supplied by the applicant that there were sufficient grounds for presuming that plywood panels were being imported in such increased quantities, absolute or relative to domestic production and domestic consumption, and under such conditions as to cause serious injury to the domestic industry that produces like or directly competitive products. Attached hereto is a copy of the resolution of initiation published in the Official Journal of the Federation.
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