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Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Committee on Safeguards

NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 18.5, 32.6 AND 12.6 OF THE AGREEMENTS

JAPAN

Supplement

The following communication, dated and received on 10 June 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Japan.

Pursuant to Article 32.6 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Article 18.5 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (Anti-dumping Agreement), and Article 12.6 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Government of Japan wishes to notify the relevant Articles in the Act on the Promotion of Ensuring National Security through Integrated Implementation of Economic Measures (Act No.43 of 2022, which was promulgated on 18 May 2022) and the Order for Enforcement of the Act on the Promotion of Ensuring National Security through Integrated Implementation of Economic Measures (Cabinet Order No. 394 of 2022, which was promulgated on 23 December 2022).

This notification contains the Act.

[Provisional Translation]

Act on the Promotion of Ensuring National Security through Integrated Implementation of Economic Measures

(Relationship with the Customs Tariff Act Pertaining to Specified Critical Products, etc.)

Article 30

- 1. In the case where the competent minister considers that, with respect to industries under its administrative jurisdiction that are related to specified critical products, etc., there is sufficient evidence with regard to the fact of the importation of product to which subsidies (which means, in this paragraph, the subsidies prescribed in Article 7, paragraph (2) of the Customs Tariff Act (Act No. 54 of 1910)) are granted, directly or indirectly, to production or export in any foreign country and the fact that such importation causes or threatens to cause material injury to the domestic industry (hereinafter in this paragraph interpreted as referring to an industry which produces like products of such imported product to which the said subsidies are granted) or materially retards the establishment of domestic industry, if it is found necessary to prevent a situation in which the security of the nation and its citizens is undermined due to actions taken from outside Japan, the competent minister may, as may be prescribed by Cabinet Order, request the minister with jurisdiction over affairs concerning investigation prescribed in paragraph (6) of that Article to initiate such investigation.
- 2. In the case where the competent minister considers that, with respect to industries under its administrative jurisdiction that are related to specified critical products, etc., there is sufficient evidence with regard to the fact of the importation of dumped product (dumping means, in this paragraph, the dumping prescribed in Article 8, paragraph (1) of the Customs Tariff Act) and the fact that such importation causes or threatens to cause material injury to the domestic industry (that produces the like products of the dumped product, hereinafter in this paragraph referred to as the same) or materially retards the establishment of domestic industry, if it is found necessary to prevent a situation in which the security of the nation and its citizens is undermined due to actions taken from outside Japan, the competent minister may, as may be prescribed by Cabinet Order, request the minister with jurisdiction over affairs concerning investigation prescribed in paragraph (5) of that Article to initiate such investigation.
- 3. In the case where the competent minister considers that, with respect to industries under its administrative jurisdiction that are related to specified critical products, etc., there is sufficient evidence with regard to the fact of an increase in imports of these products (including an increase in the share of such imports in the total domestic production) as a result of unforeseen developments of circumstances including a decline in the price in a foreign country and the fact that importation of such a product causes or threatens to cause serious injury to the domestic industry which produces the like or directly competitive products, if it is found necessary to prevent a situation in which the security of the nation and its citizens is undermined due to actions taken from outside Japan, the competent minister may, as may be prescribed by Cabinet Order, request the minister with jurisdiction over affairs concerning investigation prescribed in Article 9, paragraph (6) of the Customs Tariff Act to initiate such investigation.
- 4. In the case where the competent minister has made a request for investigation under the provisions of the preceding three paragraphs, when a decision to initiate the investigation has been made, the competent minister is to publicize the outline of the fact that the request has been made and the facts pertaining to such request.

(Request for Reports; On-Site Inspections)

Article 48 (excerpt)

2. The competent minister may, to the extent necessary for the enforcement of Article 30, paragraphs (1) through (3), request the individuals, corporations, or other organizations engaged in the business of producing, importing or selling the specified critical products, etc. pertaining to

businesses under its administrative jurisdiction to report or submit materials on matters necessary to request for investigation under these provisions.

3. A person that is requested to report or submit materials pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs shall endeavor to comply with the request.