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**Council for Trade in Goods
Committee on Safeguards**

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**IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS OF
PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF CONCESSIONS AND OTHER
OBLIGATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2
OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS**

BRAZIL

The following communication, dated 15 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Brazil.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the Agreement on Safeguards (hereinafter AS), and in accordance with the agreed format for notifications (G/SG/1, 1 July 1996; amended 19 October 2009, G/SG/1/Rev.1 - G/SG/N/6/Rev.1 - G/SG/89), Brazil provides the immediate notification to the Council for Trade in Goods of the proposed suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 8 of the AS.

1. Which Member is proposing suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in Article 8.2.

Brazil.

2. Specify the measure, the product subject to the measure, the WTO document that notified the safeguard measure, and the Member imposing the measure in relation to which the Member is proposing suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in Article 8.2.

On 19 August 2020, Costa Rica imposed a definitive safeguard measure consisting of an additional 27.68% on the existing tariff level of 45% of the import customs duty (DAI), bringing the total to 72.68% on the CIF value of all imports of sugar in solid form, granulated, known as refined white sugar, for household and industrial consumption, including plantation, specialty and refined white sugars, of whatever origin, imported into Costa Rica under tariff subheading 1701.99.00.00.

The measure at issue was notified in WTO documents G/SG/N/8/CRI/2 - G/SG/N/10/CRI/2 - G/SG/N/11/CRI/2; and G/SG/N/8/CRI/2/Rev.1 - G/SG/N/10/CRI/2/Rev.1 - G/SG/N/11/CRI/2/Rev.1.

3. Describe the proposed suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in Article 8.2, and the proposed date from which it will come into effect.

Brazil hereby reserves its right to suspend the application of substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations under GATT 1994 to the trade of Costa Rica, pursuant to Article 8 of the AS.

The proposed suspension will take the form of an increase in duties on selected industrial and/or agricultural products originating in Costa Rica. The details of the suspension of concessions or other obligations under GATT 1994 will be provided to the Council for Trade in Goods before its application.

The proposed suspension will come into effect within the timeframes foreseen in Article 8 of the AS, and it will continue to apply until Costa Rica's safeguard measure is lifted, or until an agreement on any adequate means of trade compensation, pursuant to article 8.1 of the AS, for the adverse effects of the measure is reached.
