



**IMPOSITION OF A SAFEGUARD MEASURE BY THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS**

REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12.3 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The following communication, dated 8 June 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation.

Pursuant to paragraph 1(c) of Article 12 of the Agreement on Safeguards, on 29 May 2020 the European Union submitted to the WTO Committee on Safeguards a notification of proposed adjustments to safeguard measures following a Review investigation (G/SG/N/10/EU/1/Suppl.7).

Having a substantial interest as exporter of the product concerned, the Russian Federation requests consultations with the European Union under paragraph 3 of Article 12 of the Agreement on Safeguards and paragraph 2 of Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994. Consultations are requested with a view to, inter alia, reviewing the information provided in the notification of the European Union which is required by paragraph 2 of Article 12 of the Agreement on Safeguards, exchanging views on the measures, and reaching an understanding on ways to achieve the objective set out in paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

This request is without prejudice to the position of the Russian Federation on any issue relating to the notification of the European Union and the proposed adjustments to the safeguard measures.

The Russian Federation proposes to hold consultations on 11 June 2020 via videoconference and looks forward to an early reply from the European Union to this request.

The Russian Federation reserves all its rights under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and its Annexes, including the Agreement on Safeguards and the GATT 1994.
