



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

**REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS BY SWITZERLAND
UNDER ARTICLE 12.3 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

The following communication, dated and received on 6 June 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Switzerland.

On 2 June 2023, the notification of the European Union, submitted to the WTO Committee on Safeguards pursuant to Article 9, footnote 2 of the Agreement on Safeguards on proposed adjustments to safeguard measures on certain steel products¹, was circulated to the WTO members.

Having a substantial interest as exporter of the products concerned, Switzerland requests consultations with the European Union under Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards, with a view to, inter alia, reviewing the information provided under Article 12.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, exchanging views on the measures and reaching an understanding on ways to achieve the objective set out in Article 8.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

Switzerland would like to propose that the consultations mentioned above take place via videoconference on one of the following dates: Wednesday, 14 June 2023 (after 2 pm) or Friday, 16 June 2023 (after 11 am) and looks forward to receiving the European Union's response to this request.

Switzerland reserves all its rights under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and its Annexes, including the Agreement on Safeguards.

¹ G/SG/N/10/EU/1/Suppl.15 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.10