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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2,
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

MOROCCO

(Cold-Rolled Sheet and Plated or Coated Sheet)

Supplement

The following communication, dated 13 January 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Morocco.

This notification is made pursuant to Article 9.1, footnote 2 of the Agreement on Safeguards (under the format established in document G/SG/1/Rev.1 dated 5 November 2009).

On 28 December 2018, the Moroccan Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and the Digital Economy extended the safeguard measure applied to imports of cold-rolled sheet and plated or coated sheet.

1 SPECIFY THE MEASURE

The safeguard measure consists of an additional *ad valorem* duty of 16% applicable to imports of cold-rolled steel sheet and plated or coated sheet exceeding a fixed quota of 36,000 tonnes, in accordance with the following timetable:

Year	Additional <i>ad valorem</i> duty
From 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	16%
From 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020	15.5%
From 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021	15%
From 1 January 2022	0%

Further details on this measure are set out in the notification on the safeguard measure: G/SG/N/8/MAR/4/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/10/MAR/4/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/11/MAR/4/Suppl.3 dated 18 January 2019.

2 SPECIFY THE PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE MEASURE

The products subject to the safeguard measure are cold-rolled sheet, in coils or cut, not plated or coated, and plated or coated sheet, all of which belong to the family of flat steel products. These products are imported under the following headings of the Harmonized System (HS):

- Cold-rolled sheet: 7209 (with the exception of: 7209.16.00.20; 7209.17.00.20; 7209.18.00.20; 7209.26.00.20; 7209.27.00.20 and 7209.28.00.20); 7211 (with the exception of: 7211.13; 7211.14 and 7211.19; 7211.23.00.10; 7211.23.00.40; 7211.29.00.20 and 7211.29.00.50); 7225.50.10.00; 7225.50.90.00; and 7226 (with the exception of: 7226.11.00 and 7226.19.00);

- Plated or coated sheet: 7210 (with the exception of: 7210.11; 7210.12; 7210.30.00; 7210.50; 7210.90.21.00; 7210.90.22.00; 7210.90.23.00 and 7210.90.29.91); 7212 (with the exception of: 7212.10; 7212.20.00; 7212.40.20.00; 7212.40.39.10; 7212.50.20.00; 7212.50.63.00 and 7212.50.64.00); 7225 (with the exception of: 7225.11.00; 7225.19.00; 7225.30; 7225.40 and 7225.91) and 7226 (with the exception of: 7226.20.00.11; 7226.20.00.21; 7226.20.00.51; 7226.20.00.52; 7226.20.00.59; 7226.91.00 and 7226.99.10.00).

3 SPECIFY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE MEASURE IS NOT APPLIED UNDER ARTICLE 9.1 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS, AND THE IMPORT SHARES OF THESE COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY

See list of countries excluded from the investigation in document G/SG/N/8/MAR/4/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/10/MAR/4/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/11/MAR/4/Suppl.3 dated 18 January 2019.

4 SUBSEQUENTLY, IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE LIST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXEMPTED FROM THE SAFEGUARD MEASURE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9.1, PLEASE NOTIFY:

- (i) the reference to the WTO document that notified the Members about the initial action under footnote 2 to Article 9.1:

- Document G/SG/N/8/MAR/4/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/10/MAR/4/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/11/MAR/4/Suppl.3 dated 18 January 2019.

- (ii) if applicable, names of the countries which are dropped from the list of developing countries to which the safeguard measure does not apply pursuant to Article 9.1, the countries remaining on the list, the individual and collective import shares of the developing countries remaining on the list, and the date on which the safeguard measure applies to the countries dropped from the list:

- The Republic of Korea and Tunisia are dropped from the list of developing countries to which the safeguard measure does not apply pursuant to Article 9.1. According to recent data for the period January-October 2019, the Republic of Korea and Tunisia accounted for 4.13% and 6.77%, respectively, of imports of cold-rolled sheet and plated or coated sheet.

- (iii) the date on which the safeguard measure applies to the countries dropped from the list:

- The day immediately following the date of publication of the joint order in Morocco's Official Journal.
