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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

CHILE

(Steel Wire)

The following communication, dated 1 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.

A. NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT

1. Date when the investigation was initiated

The National Commission responsible for investigating the existence of distortions in the price of imported goods decided to initiate the investigation, and this decision was published in the Official Journal on 1 December 2015.

2. Product subject to the investigation

The product subject to the investigation is steel wire. The product is classified under tariff subheadings 7210.3000, 7217.1000, 7217.2000, 7217.3000, 7217.9000, 7229.9000, 7312.1010 and 7313.0000 of Chile's customs tariff.

The domestic industry consists of Inchalam S.A, which is the sole producer of steel wire, inasmuch as it is observed from the preliminary information available that the steel wire produced in Chile is like or in direct competition with imported steel wire, since both products have the same physical and technical characteristics, are of the same quality and have the same end-use.

3. Reasons for initiation of the investigation

With the information available, it was determined that the serious injury sustained by the domestic industry had been caused by a dramatic increase in imports and a sharp drop in import prices, which had had a major impact on the domestic industry's selling price.

Accordingly, it was established that there was sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of the investigation in order to determine whether or not a safeguard measure should be applied.

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