



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

CHILE

(Powdered Milk and Gouda Cheese)

The following communication, dated 8 March 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.

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 8 March 2018.¹

2. Product subject to the investigation

The products subject to the investigation are powdered milk, classified under tariff subheadings 0402.1000, 0402.2111, 0402.2112, 0402.2113, 0402.2114, 0402.2115, 0402.2116, 0402.2117, 0402.2118, 0402.2911, 0402.2912, 0402.2913, 0402.2914, 0402.2915, 0402.2916, 0402.2917 and 0402.2918 of Chile's customs tariff, and Gouda cheese, classified under tariff subheading 0406.9010 of Chile's customs tariff.

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, on the one hand, by a sharp drop in import prices, which had had a major impact on the domestic industry's selling price and, consequently, its margins, and, on the other hand, by the dramatic increase in imports in recent years, which had led to a loss of sales volume and market share for domestic production.

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.

4. Further information

Time-limits and procedures are governed by the anti-distortion regulations notified to the World Trade Organization on 13 May 2013 in document G/SG/N/1/CHL/2/Suppl.2.

¹ A copy of the decision, as published in the Official Journal, was submitted (in original language only) in electronic form. To consult this document, please contact Ms Budd (hilary.budd@wto.org) or Ms Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.

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