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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**

EGYPT

(Automotive Batteries)

The following communication, dated 17 December 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Egypt.

The Arab Republic of Egypt hereby wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards concerning the initiation of a safeguard investigation on the imports of automotive batteries.

1. Date of Initiation of the Investigation

The investigation was initiated further to an approval of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Small & Medium Enterprises dated 15 December 2014.

2. The Product subject to the Investigation

Electric lead-acid accumulators of capacity of 36 up to 90 Amp-hour, whether or not rectangular (including square) of a kind used for starting piston engines (Automotive Batteries).

The product concerned is classified under HS Code: 85 07 10 00 90 within the Egyptian Customs Tariff.

3. The Reasons for Initiation of Investigation

The investigation was initiated following an evaluation of a safeguard petition from the domestic industry and on the basis of the evidence and the information contained therein.

The investigation was initiated after examination of a properly documented safeguard petition filed by Chloride Egypt Company on behalf of "the Domestic Industry". The Domestic Industry alleged that the significant increase in imports of the product concerned has caused serious injury to the domestic industry producing the like product. There has been a recent sharp increase in imports of the product concerned either in absolute terms or relative to domestic production.

Accordingly, the IA established that there was sufficient evidence in the petition to justify the initiation of the investigation in order to determine whether or not the increase of imports has caused serious injury to the domestic industry.

4. Further Information

Interested parties must make themselves known to the Investigating Authority within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Any information, which the interested parties may wish to submit to the Investigating Authority, should be submitted in writing; and any request for a hearing should be submitted within 30 days following the initiation of the investigation.

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