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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

Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)

The following communication, dated 14 December 2015, 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 of the initiation of a safeguard investigation on the imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET).

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INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

1. The date when the investigation was initiated

The investigation was initiated further to a decision of the Minister of Trade and Industry dated 8 December 2015. The notice of initiation by the investigating authority is published in the Official Gazette on 10 December 2015.

2. The product subject to investigation

Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET). The product is classified under HS tariff item numbers: 39 07 60.

3. The reasons for the initiation of investigation

The investigation was initiated after examination of a documented safeguards petition filed by Egyptian Indian Polyester Company, in which it alleged that increased imports of the concerned product had caused serious injury to the domestic industry producing similar products.

The data currently available shows a situation of decreasing domestic sales, sharply decline in market share of the domestic industry, decreasing domestic production, decreasing in the workers productivity, and increasing losses, in conjunction with the increase of imports.

Accordingly, it was established that there was sufficient evidence in the application to justify the initiation of the investigation in order to determine whether or not the increase of imports 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 publication of the notice of the initiation of the investigation.

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

The address of the competent authority for correspondence is:

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