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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

(Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel and Steel rebar (bars, rods and coils) for construction purposes)

The following communication, dated 2 April 2019, 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 Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel and Steel rebar (bars, rods and coils) for construction purposes.

1 SPECIFY THE DATE WHEN THE INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED

The investigation was initiated further to a decision of the Minister of Trade and Industry, the notice of initiation published in the official gazette number 75 (supplementary) dated 31 March 2019.

2 SPECIFY THE PRODUCT SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION

The products subject to this investigation are semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel and steel rebar (bars, rods and coils) for construction purposes (the products concerned). The products are classified under the following H.S. tariff item numbers 7207, 7213 and 7214 within the Egyptian Customs Tariff Schedule. The H.S. tariff item numbers are given for information purposes only.

3 PROVIDE THE REASONS FOR THE INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation was initiated after examination of a properly documented safeguards application filed by the Egyptian industry, in which it alleged that increased imports of the subject products caused serious injury to the domestic industry producing similar products.

The data currently available also shows that there have been sudden, recent, significant and sharp increases in imports. The data currently available also shows that the increased imports of the subject products caused decreasing of sales, declining of market share, huge increasing of inventories, and losses for the domestic industry, 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.

In case of critical circumstances, where delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair, provisional measures may be imposed pursuant to Article 6 of the Safeguards Agreement.

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 in writing and any request for a hearing before the investigating authority that they may wish to put forward should be submitted within 30 days following the initiation of this investigation.

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