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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**

MALAYSIA

(Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar)

The following communication, dated 1 June 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Malaysia.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, Malaysia wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards that its competent authority has initiated a safeguard investigation on the imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar.

An application for a safeguard measure was received by the Authority from the Malaysia Steel Association and after examining the application, the Authority concluded that there was sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of a safeguard investigation.

1. The date of initiation

The investigation was initiated on 28 May 2016.

2. The product subject to the investigation

The products under investigation are steel concrete reinforcing bars that are hot-rolled steel bars containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformation.

The products subject to the investigation are classified under the Harmonised System Code (H.S. Code) Number H.S. Codes: 7214.10 210, 7214.10 290, 7214.10 910, 7214.10 990, 7214.20 210, 7214.20 290, 7214.20 910, 7214.20 990, 7214.30 100, 7214.30 900, 7214.99 210, 7214.99 290, 7214.99 910, 7214.99 990, 7228.10 100, 7228.10 900, 7228.20 100, 7228.20 900, 7228.30 100, 7228.30 900, 7228.40 100, 7228.40 900, 7228.50 100, 7228.50 900, 7228.60 100, 7228.60 900, 7228.80 100, 7228.80 910, 7228.80 990 and ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 7214.10.11 00, 7214.10.19 00, 7214.10.21 00, 7214.10.29 00, 7214.20.31 00, 7214.20.39 00, 7214.20.41 00, 7214.20.49 00, 7214.20.51 00, 7214.20.59 00, 7214.20.61 00, 7214.20.69 00, 7214.30.00 10, 7214.30.00 90, 7214.99.90 31, 7214.99.90 39, 7214.99.90 90, 7214.99.10 00, 7228.10.10 00, 7228.10.90 00, 7228.20.11 00, 7228.20.19 00, 7228.20.91 00, 7228.20.99 00, 7228.30.10 00, 7228.30.90 00, 7228.40.10 00, 7228.40.90 00, 7228.50.10 00, 7228.50.90 00, 7228.60.10 00, 7228.60.90 00, 7228.80.90 00, 7228.80.11 00, 7228.80.19 00.

3. The reasons for the initiation of investigation

The investigation was initiated following an evaluation of a safeguard petition from the domestic industry.

Based on preliminary assessment of the data submitted by the Petitioner and all relevant factors, it showed that:

- (a) the volume of imports of product under investigation has increased by 104% from 259,331MT in Year 1 to 529,011MT in Year 2 and continued to increase by 155% to 1,347,593MT in Year 3. (Year 1: October 2012 – September 2013; Year 2: October 2013 – September 2014; Year 3: October 2014 – September 2015); and
- (b) the domestic industry has suffered serious injury in terms of market share, sales, profitability, cash flow, employment and wages.

4. Further information

Any interested party shall identify themselves within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice provided in the *Government Gazette* of Malaysia. Any importer requesting for a questionnaire shall do so within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice in the *Government Gazette* of Malaysia.

All interested parties are invited to present their views in writing and submit questionnaire responses within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the *Government Gazette* of Malaysia if such views and submissions are to be taken into consideration during the investigation, unless otherwise specified.

Any participating interested party may, within 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation, file a written application for a public hearing to the competent authority.

All submissions, questionnaire responses, correspondences and requests must be made officially in writing and sent by e-mail, post or facsimile and with clear indication of the name, address, e-mail address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the interested parties to:

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