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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 Wire Rod and Deformed Bar-In-Coil)

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 Wire Rod and Deformed Bar-In-Coil.

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 29 May 2016.

2. The product subject to the investigation

The products under investigation are hot-rolled alloyed or non-alloy wire rods and Deformed-Bar-In-Coil (DBIC), in regularly or in irregularly wound coils (excluding carbon content $\geq 0.60\%$ and diameter greater than 16.0 mm). (Herein after referred to as "Wire Rod"). Steel Wire Rod (SWR) products can be used as Wire mesh, Galvanized wires, Common nails, Caging, Welding wires, Welding Electrodes, Steel fencing, Concrete nails, Springs, Free-cutting parts, PC wires, Pre-stressed bar, Screen mesh, Hard drawn wires, Free-cutting hard drawn wires, Precision shafting, Submerged arc welding wires, Screws, bolts and nuts, High Tensile bolts and nuts while DBIC is used as reinforcement of concrete.

The products subject to the investigation are classified under the Harmonised System Code (H.S. Code) Number 7213.10 000, 7213.91 000, 7213.99 000, 7227.90 000 and ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 7213.10.00 00, 7213.91.10 00, 7213.91.20 00, 7213.91.90 00, 7213.99.10 00, 7213.99.20 00, 7213.99.90 00, 7227.90.00 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 the product under investigation has increased significantly by 35.98% from 786,608MT in 2013 to 1,069,630MT in 2014 and continued to increase by 23.07% in 2015 to 1,316,350MT; and
- (b) the domestic industry has suffered serious injury in terms of market share, sales, capacity utilization, profitability, cash flow and 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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