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Committee on Safeguards

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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**

PANAMA

(Pork)

The following communication, dated 14 May 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Panama.

1 DATE WHEN THE INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED

The investigation was initiated on 3 May 2019.

The public notice concerning the initiation of a safeguards investigation into imports of meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen; carcasses and half-carcasses, with bone in or boneless, fit for human consumption, was published on 3 May 2019 in Official Journal of the Republic of Panama No. 28766-C.

File No. SV-001-2018.

2 PRODUCT INVOLVED

The product under investigation is meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen; carcasses and half-carcasses, with bone in or boneless, fit for human consumption, classified, according to the tariff nomenclature of the Republic of Panama, under the following subheadings of tariff heading 0203: 0203.11.00.00, 0203.12.00.00, 0203.19.00.00, 0203.21.00.00, 0203.22.00.00, and 0203.29.00.00.

3 REASONS FOR THE INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation was initiated following the examination of a safeguards petition from the domestic pork industry.

The examination of the information submitted by the petitioner showed that the formalities required by the law had been respected and that there were sufficient grounds for initiating the investigation to determine whether the safeguard was warranted.

4 CONTACT POINT

Further information with respect to the investigation may be submitted to or obtained from the competent authority at the following address:

Dirección Nacional de Administración de Tratados Comerciales Internacionales y de Defensa Comercial (Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias).
Edison Plaza, 2do nivel, Avenida Ricardo J. Alfaro
Apartado Postal 0815-01119, Zona 4 Panamá, República de Panamá
Tel.: 560-0610
Opening hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Email: defensacomercial@mici.gob.pa

5 DEADLINES FOR PRESENTING EVIDENCE AND VIEWS

Pursuant to the relevant legislation, any exporter and/or producer of the investigated product that is interested in participating in the investigation shall have 30 calendar days, beginning seven days after the date of publication, to provide any information, argument or evidence relating to the determination of the existence of increased imports and injury, and the causal link between both factors.
