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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**

PHILIPPINES

*(Newsprint)*

The following communication, dated 28 September 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Philippines.<sup>1</sup>

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Pursuant to Article 12.1 (a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the WTO hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the initiation of a safeguards investigation on the imports of newsprint from various countries.

**1. Date investigation was initiated**

The investigation was initiated on 20 September 2013.

**2. Product subject to the investigation**

Newsprint classified under HS Codes classified under AHTN Codes 4801.00.10 and 4801.00.90.

**3. Reasons for initiation of investigation procedure**

(i) The investigation was initiated following an evaluation of the petition filed by the domestic newsprint industry, represented by Trust International Paper Corporation (TIPCO), which accounted for about 100 per cent of the total Philippine production.

(ii) The documents submitted by the petitioner showed that increased imports have caused serious injury to the local newsprint industry as indicated in their declining market share, production, sales, capacity utilization, productivity, profitability, price suppression, depression and undercutting.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the official document (Notice of Initiation) has been submitted electronically. To consult this document please contact Ms. Budd ([hilary.budd@wto.org](mailto:hilary.budd@wto.org)) or Ms. Naville ([delphine.naville@wto.org](mailto:delphine.naville@wto.org)) of the Rules Division.