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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**

**NOTIFICATION ON INITIATION OF A REVIEW PURSUANT TO
ARTICLE 7.2 REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF
A SAFEGUARD MEASURE**

THAILAND

(Non Alloy Hot Rolled Steel Flat Products in Coils and Not in Coils)

Supplement

The following communication, dated 16 January 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Thailand.

We enclose a notification on initiation of a review pursuant to Article 7.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards regarding the extension of the safeguard measure on imports of Non Alloy Hot Rolled Steel Flat Products in Coils and Not in Coils.

1 DATE OF INITIATION

The notice of the initiation of the review was published in the Royal Gazette on 9 January B.E. 2563 (2020).

2 PRODUCT CONCERNED

The product concerned is non alloy hot rolled steel flat products in coils and not in coils, of a thickness of 0.9 – 50.0 mm. and a width of 600.0 – 3,048.0 mm. The product concerned is currently classifiable under the Thai Customs Tariff Code at subheadings: 7208.36.00.031, 7208.36.00.032, 7208.36.00.033, 7208.36.00.090, 7208.37.00.041, 7208.37.00.042, 7208.37.00.043, 7208.37.00.090, 7208.38.00.041, 7208.38.00.042, 7208.38.00.043, 7208.38.00.090, 7208.39.90.041, 7208.39.90.042, 7208.39.90.043, 7208.39.90.090, 7208.51.00.090, 7208.52.00.090, 7208.53.00.011, 7208.53.00.012, 7208.53.00.013, 7208.53.00.090, 7208.54.90.011, 7208.54.90.012, 7208.54.90.013, 7208.54.90.090.

3 REFERENCE TO THE WTO DOCUMENT CONTAINING THE MOST RECENT ARTICLE 12.1(C)

The WTO document containing the most recent Article 12.1(c) is G/SG/N/8/THA/3/Suppl.2 - G/SG/N/10/THA/3/Suppl.2 dated 21 June 2017.

4 REASONS FOR THE INITIATION OF THE REVIEW

A petition for a review regarding the extension of a safeguard measure for three years was lodged by the domestic industry, consisting of Sahaviriya Steel Industries Public Company Limited, G Steel

Public Company Limited, G J Steel Public Company Limited and Sahaviriya Plate Mill Public Company Limited, pursuant to Section 13 and 36 of the Safeguard Measures on Increased in Imports Act B.E. 2550 (2007).

Upon an evaluation of the petition and on the basis of evidence and information contained therein, the Committee on Safeguard Measures of Thailand concluded that there is sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of the review.

- i. The domestic industry lodging the petition accounts for 88.71 percent of the production of the product concerned in Thailand.
- ii. The surge in imports continues to decline after the extension of the safeguard measure.
- iii. Considering the factors of serious injury including the rate and the amount of the imports, share of the domestic market taken by increased imports, change in level of sales, production, productivity, capacity utilization, profit and losses, and employment, it is found that the domestic industry is still operating at loss and still adjusting in order to improve its competitiveness.

5 DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

- i. Presentation of evidence, documents and views

Importers, exporters and any other interested parties who desire to present evidence, documents and views pertaining to the investigation shall submit their evidence, documents and views so stated in writing to the Department of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand within 15 days as of the date the notice of the initiation of the review has entered into force; i.e. before 24 January B.E. 2563 (2020). Except for the exporters and any interested parties situated out of Thailand, the deadline for presentation of evidence, documents and views would be on 6 February B.E. 2563 (2020).

- ii. Hearing

An oral hearing will be held at the premises of the DFT on 12 February B.E. 2563 (2020) from 9.30 hrs. onwards. The interested parties wishing to attend the hearing shall provide the Acceptance Form for Public Hearing before 6 February B.E. 2563 (2020).

6 REQUESTS AND CONTACT REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION

The non-confidential summary of the petition for a review regarding the extension of a safeguard measure (Thai version) is available in the web page www.thaitr.go.th.

Interested parties wishing to raise questions or request information related to the above proceedings should contact to the following address:

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