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Committee on Safeguards

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASON FOR IT

TURKEY

(Wallpaper and similar wallcoverings)

The following communication, dated 12 December 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Turkey.

We enclose a notification pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, on initiation of a safeguard investigation against imports of wallpaper and similar wallcoverings.

1. The date when the investigation was initiated

The Communiqué was published in the Official Gazette on 12 December 2014 with the number 29203.

2. The product subject to the investigation

The product under investigation is "wallpaper and similar wallcoverings" hereinafter referred to as "the product concerned."

The product concerned is currently classified in the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule under the customs tariff codes 4814.20.00.00.00, 4814.90.10.00.00 and 4814.90.70.10.00.

3. The reasons for the initiation of investigation

The investigation was initiated upon an evaluation of a safeguard petition from the domestic industry and on the basis of the evidence and the information contained therein.

The non-confidential summary of the application is available at the internet address below.

http://www.ekonomi.gov.tr/portal/faces/home/ithalat/ticaretPolitikasiSav/ithalat-KorunmaOnlemleri

4. Further information

Those who fill out and send "Application Form for the Interested Party" (application form) to the competent authority within the period of 20 days after the promulgation of the related Communiqué are accepted as interested parties in the investigation. The application form is available at the internet address cited in Article 3.

The investigating authority shall provide a username and a password to each interested party. The username shall be the e-mail address specified in the application form. The interested parties are required to fill out the "Online Questionnaire for the Interested Party" (online questionnaire) by

logging in to http://ithkorunma.ekonomi.gov.tr webpage with the username and password provided by the investigating authority, within the period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation. Interested parties may ask for technical assistance from the investigating authority while filling out the online questionnaire.

Interested parties may state, in the application form, their request to be heard by the investigating authority. The date and venue of the hearing and other information regarding the investigation will also be announced internet address cited in Article 3.

The address of the investigating authority for correspondence is:

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