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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 7.2 AND 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND
THE REASON FOR IT**

TURKEY

Wallpaper and similar wallcoverings

Supplement

The following communication, dated 18 January 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Turkey.

Republic of Turkey hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards, pursuant to Article 7.2 and 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, the initiation of a safeguard investigation on imports of wallpapers and similar wallcoverings.

1. The date when the investigation was initiated

The investigation was initiated on 16 January 2021. The related Communiqué was published in the Official Gazette on the same date.

2. The product subject to the investigation

The product under investigation is "wallpapers 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. Reference to the WTO document containing the most recent Article 12.1(c) notification

The WTO Document containing the most recent Article 12.(b), 12.1(c) and 9 notifications are G/SG/N/10/TUR/15 - G/SG/N/11/TUR/20 dated 5 July 2018 and G/SG/N/10/TUR/15/Suppl.1/Corr.1 - G/SG/N/11/TUR/20/Suppl.1/Corr.1 dated 25 July 2018.

4. 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 information currently available indicates that the domestic industry is still in the process of adjustment. Taking into account certain economic indicators with regard to imports and the domestic industry, an investigation has been initiated in order to further analyse the level of adjustment and the necessity of extending the measure.

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

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/ithalat/ticaret-politikasi-savunma-araclari/korunma-onlemleri/sorusturmalar/devam-eden-sorusturmalar-ongoing-investigations>

5. Further information

The interested parties can download the investigation questionnaires from the investigation page:

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/ithalat/ticaret-politikasi-savunma-araclari/korunma-onlemleri/sorusturmalar/devam-eden-sorusturmalar-ongoing-investigations>

The interested parties are required to fill in the questionnaires within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of the Communiqué and forward it to the General Directorate. Interested parties may ask for technical assistance from the investigating authority while filling out the questionnaires.

The companies and institutions established in Turkey shall send the questionnaires and their official views from their official registered electronic mail-KEP address to the registered electronic mail-KEP address of the Ministry.

The address for electronic mail: ticaretbakanligi@hs01.kep.tr

Those who want to be interested parties as companies, institutions and establishments abroad shall send their answers to the questionnaires and their official views to the Ministry's e-mail address below.

Directorate General E-mail address: korunma@ticaret.gov.tr

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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