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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**

UKRAINE

Tricone Drilling Bits

The following communication, dated and received on 21 October 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ukraine.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards and using the format adopted by the Committee on Safeguards (G/SG/N/6), Ukraine notifies the initiation of a safeguard investigation, as follows:

1. Investigation initiation date

On 13 October 2021, the investigation process was initiated in accordance with the Decision of the Interdepartmental Commission on International Trade of 11 October 2021 No SP-511/2021/4411-03 "On initiation and conducting of safeguard investigation on imports to Ukraine of tricone drilling bits regardless of the country of origin and export".

2. Product subject to investigation

Tricone drilling bits with working parts other than natural or artificial diamond, classified in accordance with UKTZED (Ukrainian classification of foreign economics goods) under codes ex8207 13 00 00 and ex8207 19 90 00.

The mark "ex" prior to classification code means that a safeguard investigation is conducted exclusively on the goods, the description of which is defined in the decision.

3. Reasons for the initiation of investigation

- i) The investigation has been initiated pursuant to the petition of the domestic industry, in particular by LLC "Universal Drilling Technique".
- ii) The petition sets out sufficiently substantiated evidence based on which can be considered as submitted by the appropriate national producer.
- iii) The petition provides sufficient substantial evidence based on which can be considered that during 2017 – 1st half of 2021, imports to Ukraine of tricone drilling bits regardless of country of origin and export increased.
- iv) The petition provides sufficient substantial evidence based on which can be considered that during 2017 – 1st half of 2021, imports to Ukraine of tricone drilling bits regardless of country of origin and export were carried out to such an extent and on such conditions that it could cause serious injury to the national producer.

4. The contact point for the investigation and the preferred means for corresponding

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5. Deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence

Notice of the Decision of the Interdepartmental Commission on International Trade of 11 October 2021 No SP-511/2021/4411-03 is published in the official newspaper "Uryadoviy Courier" No 199-198 on 13 October 2021 (<https://goo.su/8H7L>).

Within 30 days from the publication notice, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine carries out registration of interested parties and considers the requirements for conducting of hearings. In investigation initiation enquiry is necessary to indicate: name, juridical address, fax and telephone number, e-mail and name of contact person, type of activity (producer, importer, exporter, etc.). The recommended form of request for registration as an interested party of an investigation is provided in the annex to the notice.

Within 45 days from publication of the notice, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine considers the written comments on the initiation of investigation. Information shall be provided in Ukrainian or in original language, accompanied by the Ukrainian translation. In case the information is confidential, it is necessary to prepare and submit to the Ministry both confidential and non-confidential versions.
