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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 REASONS FOR IT

UKRAINE

Certain types of cheese

The following communication, dated and received on 6 January 2022, 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/Rev.1), Ukraine notifies on the initiation of a safeguard investigation, as follows:

1. Investigation initiation date

On December 24, 2021 the investigation process was initiated in accordance with the Decision of the Interdepartmental Commission on International Trade No. SP – 529/2021/4411-03 of December 22, 2021 "On initiation and conduction of safeguard investigation on imports to Ukraine of certain types of cheese regardless the country of origin and export".

2. Product subject to investigation

Certain types of cheese classified under UKTZED codes 0406 30 31 00, 0406 30 39 00, 0406 30 90 00, 0406 90 23 00, 0406 90 25 00, 0406 90 32 00, 0406 90 78 00, 0406 90 86 00, 0406 90 89 00, 0406 90 92 00, 0406 90 99 10.

3. Reasons for the initiation of investigation

- i) The investigation has been initiated pursuant to the petition of the Ukrainian Union of Dairy Enterprises filed on behalf of domestic industry.
- ii) The petition sets out sufficiently substantiated evidence on the basis of which it can be considered as having been submitted by the appropriate domestic industry.
- iii) The petition provides sufficient substantiated evidence on the basis of which, during $2018 1^{st}$ half of 2021 import to Ukraine of certain types of cheese regardless the country of origin and export increased.
- iv) The petition provides sufficient substantiated evidence on the basis of which, during $2018 1^{st}$ half of 2021 import to Ukraine of certain types of cheese regardless the country of origin and export were carried out to such an extent and on such conditions that it could cause serious injury to the domestic industry.

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 No. SP – 529/2021/4411-03 of December 22, 2021 was published in the official newspaper "Uryadoviy Courier" No. 248 of December 24, 2021 (https://bit.ly/3z25fp7).

Within 30 days from the notice publication the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine carries out registration of interested parties and considers the requirements for conducting of hearings. In investigation initiation enquiry it is necessary to indicate: name, juridical address, fax and telephone number, email 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 the notice publication the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine considers the written comments on the initiation of investigation. Information should 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.