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

VIET NAM

*Certain semi-finished and finished products of alloy and non-alloy steel*

*Supplement*

The following communication, dated 3 February 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Viet Nam.

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On 22 August 2019, the Ministry of Industry and Trade issued Decision No 2605 /QD-BCT on an investigation on the extension of Safeguard Measure on certain semi-finished and finished products of alloy and non-alloy steel under HS code of 7207.11.00; 7207.19.00; 7207.20.29; 7207.20.99; 7224.90.00; 7213.10.00; 7213.91.20; 7214.20.31; 7214.20.41; 7229.90.00; 7228.30.10; 9811.00.00.

**1 THE DATE OF INITIATION**

The investigation regarding the extension of the safeguards measure was initiated on 22 August 2019.

**2 SPECIFY THE PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE MEASURE**

Certain semi-finished and finished products of alloy and non-alloy steel imported into Viet Nam.

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

Further details regarding the measure are set out in the notifications on definitive measures G/SG/N/8/VNM/3 – G/SG/N/10/VNM/2 – G/SG/N/11/VNM/4, dated 2 August 2016, and notification of the results of a mid-term review of the measure G/L/1287 – G/SG/N/13/VNM/3, dated 4 December 2018.

**4 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE**

The investigation was initiated following an evaluation of *prima facie* evidence provided in the application for the extension of safeguard measure by the Applicant. The Applicant also stated that should the safeguard measure is to be revoked, the imports would increase significantly, thus the threat of serious injury to the domestic industry will return to occur.

## **5 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information and comments should be sent to:

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