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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON FINDING SERIOUS INJURY OR THREAT
THEREOF CAUSED BY INCREASED IMPORTS**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C)
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2,
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

COLOMBIA

(Steel Wire Rod)

Supplement

The following communication, dated 6 May 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Colombia.

Colombia hereby informs the Committee on Safeguards that the definitive safeguard measure on imports of steel wire rod, notified on 23 April in document G/SG/N/8/COL/1/Suppl.1-G/SG/N/10/COL/1-G/SG/N/11/COL/1/Suppl.3 was adopted by Decree No. 846 of 30 April 2014¹, published in Official Journal No. 49.138 of 30 April 2014.

Articles 1, 2, and 4 of Decree No. 846 of 30 April 2014 provide for the adoption of a definitive safeguard measure on imports of bars and rods, hot-rolled, of iron or non-alloy steel and other bars and rods, hot-rolled, of alloy steel containing by weight less than 0.45% of carbon, classified under subheadings 7213.91.10.10, 7213.91.90.10 and 7227.90.00.11 and originating in Member countries of the World Trade Organization. The measure consists of the following:

- The safeguard measure is in the form of an annual quota of 174,452 tonnes. In-quota imports will be subject to the customs duty applicable in the country of origin, having regard to the international trade agreements in force. Over-quota imports will be subject to a customs duty of 21.29%.
- Eighty per cent of the quota will be distributed among traditional importers, according to their respective share of imports over the past three years under each of the tariff subheadings subject to the measure, and 20% will go to new importers.
- Traditional importers are understood to mean those with import performance in any of the years 2011, 2012 or 2013. New importers are those with no import performance in any of these years.

¹ A copy of Decree No. 846 of 30 April 2014 (in Spanish only) has been submitted electronically. To consult this document, please contact Mrs Budd (hilary.budd@wto.org) or Mrs Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.

- Three-twelfth (3/12) parts of the quota will be distributed for the first three (3) months. The remaining nine twelfths of the quota will be distributed as of the fourth month.
- The safeguard measure will remain in place for one (1) year as of the entry into force of the aforementioned Decree (the Decree entered into effect upon its publication in Official Journal No. 49.138 of 30 April 2014²).

² The Decree was published in Official Journal No. 49.138 of 30 April 2014 and can be viewed at:
http://www.imprenta.gov.co/diariop/diario2.pdf?v_numero=49.138&v_opcion=consult.