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

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

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

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*Hot-Rolled Sheets**Supplement*

The following communication, dated 20 November 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Morocco.

On 19 June 2020, the Ministry of Industry, Trade and the Green and Digital Economy of Morocco applied a safeguard measure to imports of hot-rolled sheets.

1 SPECIFY THE MEASURE

The safeguard measure consists of an additional *ad valorem* duty of 25% applicable for a period of 3 years.

In order to satisfy the requirement for progressive liberalization, the additional duty will be reduced by 1 percentage point each year.

2 SPECIFY THE PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE MEASURE

The products subject to the safeguard measure are hot-rolled steel sheets, whether or not in coils. These products are imported under the following Harmonized System (HS) tariff headings: 7208, 7211.13, 7211.14, 7211.19, 7225.30, 7225.40, 7226.20.00.11, 7226.20.00.21, 7226.20.00.30, 7226.20.00.40, 7226.20.00.51, 7226.20.00.52, 7226.20.00.59, 7226.91, 7226.99.90.91 and 7226.99.90.99.

**3 SPECIFY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE MEASURE IS NOT APPLIED
UNDER ARTICLE 9.1 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS, AND THE IMPORT SHARES OF
THESE COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY**

See the list of countries excluded from the measure in document G/SG/N/8/MAR/7 - G/SG/N/10/MAR/7 - G/SG/N/11/MAR/7/Suppl.1 dated 13 May 2020.

4 SUBSEQUENTLY, IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE LIST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXEMPTED FROM THE SAFEGUARD MEASURE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9.1, PLEASE NOTIFY:

- (i) the reference to the WTO document that notified the Members about the initial action under footnote 2 to Article 9.1:
 - Document G/SG/N/8/MAR/7 - G/SG/N/10/MAR/7 - G/SG/N/11/MAR/7/Suppl.1 dated 13 May 2020.
- (ii) if applicable, names of the countries which are dropped from the list of developing countries to which the safeguard measure does not apply pursuant to Article 9.1, the list of the countries remaining on the list, the individual and collective import shares of the developing countries remaining on the list, and the date on which the safeguard measure applies to the countries dropped from the list:
 - Thailand has been dropped from the list of developing countries to which the safeguard measure does not apply pursuant to Article 9.1. According to recent data for the period January-July 2020, Thailand accounted for 10.39% of imports of hot-rolled sheets.
- (iii) the date on which the safeguard measure applies to the countries dropped from the list:
 - The day immediately following the date of publication of the joint order in Morocco's Official Journal.
