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

Madagascar

Pasta

Supplement

The following communication, dated 22 February 2023 and received on 23 February 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

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Pursuant to Articles 7.2 and 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Committee on Safeguards is hereby notified of the initiation of a review investigation in respect of the extension of the safeguard measure in force on imports of pasta. Madagascar

# DATE OF INITIATION

The review investigation was initiated on 18 February 2023.

# PRODUCT UNDER INVESTIGATION

The product concerned and under investigation is pasta in the form of spaghetti, macaroni, noodles or in any other form.

The product concerned is imported under Madagascar customs tariff codes 1902 11 00, 1902 19 00, 1902 20 00 and 1902 30 00.

These are the products to which the safeguard measure in force is applied.

# WTO DOCUMENT REFERENCE OF NOTIFICATIONS

* Definitive safeguard measure: G/SG/N/8/MDG/4 - G/SG/N/10/MDG/4 - G/SG/N/11/MDG/4/Suppl.1; G/L/1362 - G/SG/247;
* Mid-term review investigation: G/L/1423 - G/SG/N/13/MDG/3.

# REASONS FOR INITIATION OF THE REVIEW INVESTIGATION

The review investigation in respect of the extension of the safeguard measure applied to imports of pasta was initiated by the National Authority for Trade Remedies (ANMCC) following the submission of a petition by the domestic industry for this product.

The review investigation was initiated for the following reasons:

* the injury caused to the domestic industry has not yet been fully remedied and the measure continues to be necessary to remedy and prevent such injury;
* the domestic industry is in the process of making adjustments so as to improve its competitiveness; and
* the fear of the domestic industry that increased imports will resume following the removal of the safeguard measure.

# OTHER INFORMATION

Parties wishing to participate in the investigation have a period of 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation to make themselves known to the ANMCC and express their interest.

Any information or comments, as well as requests for questionnaires, should be submitted in writing to the ANMCC at the address below within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Each party concerned is granted a period of 30 days, after the initiation of the investigation, to submit replies to the questionnaire to the ANMCC.

In case of non-response or late response, decisions will be made on the basis of the best information available.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

Parties are invited to send replies, comments and requests for further information to:

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