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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

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 7.2 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS UPON INITIATION OF A REVIEW OF A SAFEGUARD MEASURE

THAILAND

Non Alloy Hot Rolled Steel Flat Products in Coils and Not in Coils

Supplement

The following communication, dated 7 May 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Thailand.

With reference to Thailand's notification on the initiation of a review pursuant to Article 7.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards regarding the extension of the safeguard measure (WTO Document G/SG/N/6/THA/4/Suppl.2, G/SG/N/14/THA/3/Suppl.1) dated 16 January 2020, Thailand wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards that as a result of the investigation carried out by its competent authority, the safeguard measure on non-alloy hot rolled steel flat products in coils and not in coils is proposed to be terminated with no safeguard measure extended.

1 THE DATE WHEN THE MEASURE CEASED TO APPLY

The measure is proposed to terminate on 7 June 2020.

2 PRECISE DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT INVOLVED

The product concerned is non-alloy hot rolled steel flat products in coils and not in coils, of a thickness of 0.9 - 50.0 mm, and a width of 600.0 - 3.048.0 mm. The product concerned is currently classifiable under the Thai Customs Tariff Code at subheadings: 7208.36.00.031, 7208.36.00.032, 7208.36.00.033, 7208.36.00.090, 7208.37.00.041, 7208.37.00.042, 7208.37.00.043, 7208.38.00.041, 7208.38.00.090, 7208.37.00.090, 7208.38.00.042. 7208.38.00.043, 7208.39.90.041, 7208.39.90.042, 7208.39.90.043, 7208.39.90.090, 7208.51.00.090, 7208.52.00.090, 7208.53.00.012, 7208.53.00.011, 7208.53.00.013, 7208.53.00.090, 7208.54.90.011, 7208.54.90.012, 7208.54.90.013, 7208.54.90.090.

3 A REFERENCE TO THE WTO DOCUMENT CONTAINING THE ARTICLE 12.4 OR ARTICLE 12.1 (C) NOTIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL MEASURE, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE

Reference to the WTO document that notified the initial application of the measure

- Initiation of the original investigation G/SG/N/6/THA/4 (3 February 2014)
- Imposition of provisional measures G/SG/N/7/THA/3, G/SG/N/11/THA/3 (28 May 2014)
- Imposition of definitive measure G/SG/N/8/THA/3, G/SG/N/10/THA/3, G/SG/N/11/THA/4 (15 January 2015)
- Notification on the initiation of a review pursuant to Article 7.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards regarding the extension of the safeguard measure, G/SG/N/6/THA/4/Suppl.1, G/SG/N/14/THA/3 (21 October 2016)

4 REASON WHY THE MEASURE CEASED TO APPLY

As a result of the review, the Committee on Safeguard Measures of Thailand determined that the imports of the product concerned significantly declines both in volume and in value and that no serious injury or threat thereof has been found. Therefore, it is not necessary to continue the safeguard measure.

5 THE DEADLINES FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO COMMENT OR ANY OTHER PROCEDURES RELEVANT TO THE DECISION CEASED TO APPLY

As a result of the extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Foreign Trade (DFT), Ministry of Commerce of Thailand invites all interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed cessation of a safeguard measure to submit their views in writing and their requests in case they wish to receive a non-confidential version of views submitted by the other parties, to the DFT by email at kotchaphonw@moc.go.th latest on 13 May 2020 before 16:30 ICT (GMT+7). Subsequently, any interested parties having an opposing view may present the rebuttal argument in writing by 20 May 2020 before 16:30 ICT (GMT+7).

All information and the request form of the above-mentioned information related to the safeguard measure are available on http://www.thaitr.go.th/th/search/SG1004.