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

EGYPT

*Raw Aluminium (Ingots, Billets & Wire Rod)*

The following communication, dated 22 April 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Egypt.

The Arab Republic of Egypt hereby wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards of the initiation of a safeguard investigation on the imports of Raw Aluminium (Ingots, Billets & Wire Rod).

**1 SPECIFY THE DATE WHEN THE INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED**

The investigation was initiated further to a decision of the Minister of Trade and Industry, the notice of initiation published in the official gazette number 90 (supplementary-B) dated 16 April 2020.

**2 SPECIFY THE PRODUCT SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION**

The products subject to this investigation are Raw Aluminium (Ingots, Billets & Wire Rod) (the products concerned). The products are classified under the following H.S. tariff item numbers 760110, 760120 and 760511 within the Egyptian Customs Tariff Schedule. The H.S. tariff item numbers are given for information purposes only.

**3 PROVIDE THE REASONS FOR THE INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

The investigation was initiated after examination of a properly documented safeguards application filed by the Egyptian industry, in which it alleged that increased imports of the subject products caused serious injury to the domestic industry producing similar products.

The data currently available also shows that there have been sudden, recent, significant and sharp increases in imports. The data currently available also shows that the increased imports of the subject products caused decreasing of sales, declining of market share, huge increasing of inventories, decreasing of production and capacity utilization, decreasing of employment and steep declining of profits for the domestic industry, in conjunction with the increase of imports.

Accordingly, it was established that there was sufficient evidence in the application to justify the initiation of the investigation in order to determine whether or not the increase of imports caused serious injury to the domestic industry.

In case of critical circumstances, where delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair, provisional measures may be imposed pursuant to Article 6 of the Safeguards Agreement.

#### **4 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Interested parties must make themselves known to the investigating authority within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Any information which the interested parties may wish to submit in writing and any request for a hearing before the investigating authority that they may wish to put forward should be submitted within 30 days following the initiation of this investigation.

**The address of the competent authority for correspondence is:**

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