

**INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY CHINA IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE TRANSITIONAL REVIEW MECHANISM**

The following communication, dated 17 October 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China.

IV. POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS

6. Safeguards

(a) Implementation of China's Legislation on Safeguards

China's legislation on safeguards

On 13 December 2002, the former Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (MOFTEC) issued the Provisional Rules on Procedures for Readjusting the Scope of Products Subject to Safeguard Measures in its Decree No.(2002)38, which came into effect 30 days after. Also on 13 December 2002, the former State Economic and Trade Commission (SETC) issued the Rules on Investigation and Determination of Industry Injury in Safeguards Measures in its Decree No.(2002)47 which came into effect on 15 January 2003.

Implementation of China's legislation on safeguards

No new safeguard investigation has been initiated by China since last year's Transitional Review. So far, China has initiated one safeguard investigation in total. Upon application by the domestic steel industry, MOFTEC decided on 20 May 2002 to initiate a safeguard investigation into certain imported steel products. On 21 May 2002, it further decided in its Notice No.30 to apply provisional safeguard measures on 17 categories of imported steel products, effective as of 24 May 2002. China already notified the progress of the investigation in the Transitional Review of 2002.

Subsequently, the investigating authority of China continued the investigation according to law and issued a Notice on 19 November 2002 announcing the decision to apply safeguard measures with a duration of three years (including the implementation period of the provisional safeguard measure) on imported non alloy hot rolled sheets and coils, non alloy cold rolled sheets (strips), organic coated sheets, non grain-oriented electrical sheets and cold rolled stainless steel sheets (strips).

China has notified the final determination of the investigation on the steel safeguard measures and the details of the measures to the WTO Committee on Safeguards (see G/SG/N/10/CHN/1 and G/SG/N/8/CHN/1).
