

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

The following communication, dated 19 October 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation 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 31 March 2004, the People's Republic of China issued the Decree of the State Council No.(2004)403, which came into effect on 1 June 2004. This Decree amended *The Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Safeguard* issued on 26 Oct. 2003. On 17 Oct. 2003, the Ministry of Commerce issued the *Provisions on Investigation of Industry Injury in Safeguard Measures* in its Decree No.(2003)5, which came into effect 30 days after its issuance. Meanwhile, the *Rules on Investigations and Determinations of Industry Injury for Safeguards Measures* of Decree No.(2002)47, issued by the former State Economic and Trade Commission (SETC), was abolished.

*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. The investigating authority of China 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 already notified the progress of the investigation in the Transitional Reviews of 2002 and 2003.

On 26 December 2003, Ministry of Commerce issued its Decree No.(2003) 76, deciding to terminate the definitive safeguard measures and stop levying additional duty on the above steel products as of 26 December 2003.

China has notified the details of the measures of the above-mentioned steel safeguard to the WTO Committee on Safeguards (see G/SG/N/10/CHN/1/Suppl.1).

---