

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

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS BEFORE TAKING A PROVISIONAL
SAFEGUARD MEASURE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 6**

AND

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The following communication, dated 20 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of China.

Upon instructions from my Government, I am pleased to forward you three notifications from China under the Agreement on Safeguards. The first one is made pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, on initiation of a safeguard investigation on some of the steel products. The second one is made pursuant to Article 12.4 of the same Agreement, on a provisional safeguard measure to be taken on some of the steel products. The third one is made pursuant to Article 9 of the same Agreement, on non-application of the proposed provisional safeguard measure on some developing Members.

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

1. Date of initiation of the investigation

20 May 2002.

2. Products subject to the investigation

Certain steel products, specifically non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, other non alloy steel strips, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes, welded pipes, slabs.

Tariff lines of the products and their descriptions are listed in Annex 1 of this notification.

3. Reasons for initiation of the investigation

The investigation was initiated pursuant to the application from China Steel Industry Association, Shanghai Baoshan Steel and Iron Group Corporation, Anshan Steel and Iron Group Corporation, Wuhan Steel and Iron Corporation (Group), Capital Steel and Iron Corporation, and Handan Steel and Iron Company Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the Applicants), submitted on 19 April 2002.

Information provided by the Applicants indicated a recent dramatic increase in imports of the steel products under investigation, and that repressed sales, stagnant and declining utilization of capacity, market prices, profitability and market share of the like and directly competitive products are prevalent. Therefore, critical circumstances do exist, and delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair.

4. Further information

A copy of the Public Notice on Initiation of Safeguard Investigation will be submitted to the WTO Committee on Safeguards for reference.

ANNEX 1

Tariff lines and descriptions of the products
subject to the safeguard investigation

| No. | Product description | Tariff lines |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Non alloy plates | 72082500 72083700 72085200 72083600 72085100 |
| 2. | Non alloy sheets and coils | 72081000 72084000 72082600 72083800 72085300 72082700 72083900 72085400 72089000 72091500 72092500 72091600 72092600 72091700 72092700 72091800 72092800 72099000 72101100 72101200 72121000 72103000 72104100 72104900 72122000 72123000 72107000 72124000 |
| 3. | Electrical sheets | 72251100 72251900 72261100 72261900 |
| 4. | Stainless steel plates and sheets | 72191200 72191300 72192300 72201200 72191400 72192400 72193100 72193200 72193300 72193400 72193500 72202000 72199000 72209000 |
| 5. | Other non alloy steel strips | 72111300 72111400 72111900 72119000 |
| 6. | Non alloy wires | 72139100 72132000 |
| 7. | Non alloy bars and rebars | 72142000 72151000 72155000 72159000 |
| 8. | Non alloy sections | 72161010 72163100 72163300 72164010 72165090 72166100 72166900 72169100 72169900 |
| 9. | Seamless pipes | 73041000 73042100 73042900 |
| 10. | Welded pipes | 73051100 73051200 73051900 73061000 73052000 73062000 73063000 |
| 11. | Slabs | 72071200 72071100 72071900 72072000 |

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

1. Product subject to the proposed provisional safeguard measure

Certain steel products, specifically non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes, and slabs.

Tariff lines of the products and their descriptions are listed in Annex 1 of this notification.

2. The proposed provisional safeguard measure

Tariff quotas shall be applied as of 24 May 2002 to the above-mentioned 9 categories of steel products. The existing import tariff rates shall be applied to imports within the quotas, while an additional duty of 7 per cent-26 per cent over the current import tariff rate shall be levied on imports exceeding the quotas. The tariff quotas shall be established on a global basis. Detailed information of the measure is found in Annex 2 of this notification.

3. Proposed date of introduction of the provisional safeguard measure

24 May 2002.

4. Expected duration of the provisional safeguard measure, if any decision on the duration has been made

Duration of the provisional safeguard measure will be 180 days.

5. Reasons for taking the provisional safeguard measure

Basis for making preliminary determination that increased imports have caused or are threatening to cause serious injury

- (i) Unforeseen developments

The US ITC initiated a safeguard investigation on steel products in July 2001, and the US proclaimed on 5 March 2002 the imposition of safeguard measure against steel imports which was to be applied as of 20 March 2002. The US measure further impeded the steel imports into the US market. The recent years witness that the US has been repeatedly taking trade measures against steel imports resulting in a 33 per cent decrease of steel imports during the period from 1998-2001.

The European Union (EU) proclaimed, on 27 March 2002, that provisional safeguard measures be imposed against steel imports as of 29 March 2002.

(ii) Import increase

Statistics submitted by the Applicants indicate that the import volume of the steel products subject to investigation has kept increasing in absolute terms in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Statistics submitted by the applicants also indicate that import of the 9 categories of steel products increased dramatically recently. The 9 categories of products are non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes and slabs (hereinafter referred as the "9 investigated products").

The increase of import volume of the 9 investigated products is demonstrated in the table below.

| Year | Total import of the nine investigated products (in 10,000 tons) |
|-------------|--|
| 1997 | 1,072.6 |
| 1998 | 1,072.32 |
| 1999 | 1,504.93 |
| 2000 | 1,876.37 |
| 2001 | 2,320.7 |

The total import volume of the 9 investigated steel products in 2000 grew by 24.68 per cent compared with 1999, and it grew by 24.16 per cent in 2001 compared with 2000. The import volume of each of the 9 categories of products has been increased in absolute terms.

(iii) Serious injury or threat thereof

Evidence provided by the Applicants shows that the increase of steel imports causes serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry.

According to the relevant document submitted by the Applicants, all relevant factors of an objective and quantifiable nature from 1997 to 2001 are evaluated, in particular, the import trend of each product, the share of the domestic market taken by increased imports, changes in the level of sales, production, productivity, capacity utilization, profit and losses, and employment. The evaluation shows:

1. During the period from 2000 to 2001, imports of the 9 investigated products showed an increase in absolute terms. Import increases of the investigated products vary from 10 thousand tons

to 3.49 million tons, with an increase rate of 0.24 per cent-89.36 per cent. In comparison to the increasing imports, the production of domestic like products grew slowly.

2. In terms of the capacity utilization, the non alloy bars and rebars sector showed a downturn in the period from 2000 to 2001, and the other products remain roughly unchanged

3. Growth of the sales of the domestic like products was seriously suppressed by the dramatic increase of the imports of the investigated products. Sales of the domestic like products should have been growing given the continuous increase of consumption of the products. However, the fact is that the growth rates of sales of the domestic like products have fallen below those of consumption (except slabs).

4. Domestic demand for steel products has been on the rise. However, the market share of domestic like products remains unchanged or even decreases slightly. Market share for domestic produced slabs experienced a most rapid decrease, from 81.49 per cent in 1998 to 51.67 per cent in 2001. In addition, market share of domestically produced stainless steel plates and sheets declined from 26.02 per cent in 2000 to 22.57 per cent in 2001.

5. During the period from 2000 to 2001, import prices for 7 out of the 9 investigated products recorded a rapid decline with the only exception of electrical sheets and seamless pipes, which led to the downward price movement of the domestic like products during the same period. The prices of the domestic like products should have grown with the growth of consumption. However, the surge of low-price steel imports suppressed the prices of domestic like products and even led to the decrease.

6. During the period from 2000 to 2001, except for seamless pipes (with a slight increase of 0.9 per cent), Chinese domestic industries producing the like products suffered from a substantial drop of profitability rate. In particular, the profitability rate of non alloy wires industry decreased from 4.18 per cent to 1.3 per cent, that of slabs from 6.1 per cent to 3.3 per cent. More seriously was the stainless steel plates and sheets industry where the profitability rate plummeted from 2.8 per cent in 2000 to -8.8 per cent in 2001, representing a negative growth rate of 11.6 per cent. Prior to the period (between 1997 and 1999), the profitability rates of domestic industries were extremely modest. Some had already suffered from losses. For example, the profitability rate of electrical sheets plunged from 25.5 per cent in 1997 to -14.99 per cent in 1999.

7. Regarding the profits or losses per unit (RMB yuan/ton) of the 9 investigated products, profits dropped sharply in recent years. Particularly, the unit profit of stainless steel plates and sheets plummeted from 338.27 yuan per ton in 2000 to -845 yuan per ton in 2001. The decrease margin reached 349.8 per cent.

8. In terms of the change in employment of the domestic industries of the like product, during the period from 2000 to 2001, except for electrical sheets, employment of all the other 8 investigated

products experienced dramatic decrease. For example, the number of employees for non alloy sheets and coils industry decreased by 189,114, that of non alloy bars and rebars by 414,466, that of non alloy plates by 8,097 and that of non alloy wires by 64,521.

9. Based on the above evaluation and analyses, it is preliminarily determined that Chinese domestic industries manufacturing the 9 investigated products suffered from serious injury or threat thereof, and that the threat is clearly imminent.

(iv) Causal link

Based on the information available, there is a reason to believe that there is a linkage between the decrease of the US steel imports and the increase of the steel imports to China.

The import increase of the investigated products resulted in stagnant sales and lingering or even shrinking market share of domestic like products. Since imported products and domestic like products have basically same physical characteristics, end-use and are interchangeable, they were mainly competing by prices. Import surge suppressed the domestic like products in terms of the increase of their sales level and market share.

With suppressed increase of the sales level and market share of the domestic like products, sales income of the domestic industries decreased. Low capacity utilization with added unit production cost brought down profitability.

As a result, the import surge of the 9 investigated products has already caused and is still leading to the decrease in sales volume, prices and sales income of the like products in China, which in turn caused rapid decrease of profitability. Import surge has already caused serious injury to domestic industries and is still threatening to cause serious injury.

(v) Other relevant factors

In order to find whether there are any factor(s) other than import increase causing serious injury or threat thereof to domestic industries, preliminary evaluation was conducted on other factors that may cause serious injury or threat thereof. The factors include the general downturn of the world economy, the short-term economic slowdown resulted from the 9-11 Event, and the reduced exports of the domestic producers to the US market.

The preliminary analyses find that the import increase has been the substantial cause of the serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry.

Basis for determining that there are critical circumstances where delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair

Critical circumstances

The critical circumstances refer to circumstances where delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair. As analyzed above, the serious injury is clearly imminent. As a result of import increase of the 9 investigated products, the domestic industry is undergoing a very hard time.

The imposition of safeguard measure against steel imports by the US hampers the steel products from entering the US market. The EU followed suit in adopting provisional safeguard measures against steel imports. With a preliminary evaluation on the possible destinations of the large volume of steel trade diverted from the US market, it is determined that no other market can absorb such a large volume of trade diversion. As the world third largest steel market after the US and the EU, the open Chinese market might become the main destination which the steel product kept away from the US market may choose.

As a result, there are critical circumstances in domestic steel industries where delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair.

6. Other Information

A copy of the Public Notice on Provisional Safeguard Measures on Certain Steel Products will be submitted to the Committee on Safeguards for reference.

ANNEX 1

Tariff lines and descriptions of the products
subject to the proposed provisional safeguard measure

| No. | Product description | Tariff lines |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Non alloy plates | 72082500 72083700 72085200 72083600 72085100 |
| 2. | Non alloy sheets and coils | 72081000 72084000 72082600 72083800 72085300 72082700 72083900 72085400 72089000 72091500 72092500 72091600 72092600 72091700 72092700 72091800 72092800 72099000 72101100 72101200 72121000 72103000 72104100 72104900 72122000 72123000 72107000 72124000 |
| 3. | Electrical sheets | 72251100 72251900 72261100 72261900 |
| 4. | Stainless steel plates and sheets | 72191200 72191300 72192300 72201200 72191400 72192400 72193100 72193200 72193300 72193400 72193500 72202000 72199000 72209000 |
| 5. | Non alloy wires | 72139100 72132000 |
| 6. | Non alloy bars and rebars | 72142000 72151000 72155000 72159000 |
| 7. | Non alloy sections | 72161010 72163100 72163300 72164010 72165090 72166100 72166900 72169100 72169900 |
| 8. | Seamless pipes | 73041000 73042100 73042900 |
| 9. | Slabs | 72071200 72071100 72071900 72072000 |

ANNEX 2

Tariff Quotas and Additional Duty Rates

| No. | Tariff Items | Product Descriptions | Volume of tariff quotas (kg) | Additional duty (%) |
|-----|--------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Non alloy plates | 46,055,414 | 20 |
| 1 | 72083700 | 1. Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: of a thickness of 4.75mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm | 28,776,712 | |
| 2 | 72085200 | 2. Of a thickness of 4.75mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm | 17,278,701 | |
| | | Non alloy sheets and coils | 3,728,066,028 | |
| | | 1. Non alloy hot rolled sheets and coils | 853,492,238 | 26 |
| 3 | 72081000 | 1.1 In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief | 4,487,654 | |
| 4 | 72084000 | 1.2 Not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief | 516,490 | |
| 5 | 72082600 | 1.3 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, pickled: of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm | 94,634,495 | |
| 6 | 72083800 | 1.4 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: Of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm | 117,946,831 | |
| 7 | 72085300 | 1.5 Other, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: Of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm | 20,400,808 | |
| 8 | 72082700 | 1.6 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, pickled: of a thickness of less than 3mm | 87,665,019 | |
| 9 | 72083900 | 1.7 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: of a thickness of less than 3mm | 494,583,774 | |
| 10 | 72085400 | 1.8 Other, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: of a thickness of less than 3mm | 33,257,168 | |
| | | 2. Non alloy cold rolled sheets and coils | 1,535,414,825 | 26 |
| 11 | 72091500 | 2.1 In coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced):of a thickness of 3mm or more | 29,262,596 | |
| 12 | 72092600 | 2.2 Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced): of a thickness exceeding 1mm but less than 3mm | 62,636,221 | |
| 13 | 72091700 | 2.3 In coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced):of a thickness of 0.5mm or more but not exceeding 1mm | 625,903,789 | |
| 14 | 72092700 | 2.4 Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced): of a thickness of 0.5mm or more but not exceeding 1mm | 137,088,334 | |
| 15 | 72091800 | 2.5 In coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced): of a thickness of less than 0.5mm | 675,365,321 | |

| No. | Tariff Items | Product Descriptions | Volume of tariff quotas (kg) | Additional duty (%) |
|-----|--------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 16 | 72092800 | 2.5 Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled(cold-reduced): of a thickness of less than 0.5mm | 5,158,563 | |
| | | 3. Tin mill products | 145,064,624 | 25 |
| 17 | 72101200 | 3.1 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated with tin: of a thickness of less than 0.5mm | 137,320,411 | |
| 18 | 72121000 | 3.2 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600mm, plated or coated with tin | 7,744,213 | |
| | | 4. Galvanized sheets | 922,381,157 | 23 |
| 19 | 72103000 | 4.1 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated: electrolytically plated or coated with zinc | 576,369,537 | |
| 20 | 72104100 | 4.2 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm of more, clad, plated or coated: otherwise plated or coated with zinc: corrugated | 1,789,306 | |
| 21 | 72104900 | 4.3 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm of more, clad, plated or coated: otherwise plated or coated with zinc: other | 321,671,039 | |
| 22 | 72123000 | 4.4 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600mm,clad, plated or coated: otherwise plated or coated with zinc: otherwise plated or coated with zinc | 22,551,275 | |
| | | 5. Organic coated sheets | 271,713,185 | 18 |
| 23 | 72107000 | 5.1 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated: painted, varnished or coated with plastics | 271,713,185 | |
| | | Silicon-electrical steel | 373,111,327 | 9 |
| | | 1. Grain-oriented Silicon-electrical steel | 76,545,275 | |
| 24 | 72251100 | 1.1 Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more | 76,545,275 | |
| | | 2. Other Silicon-electrical steel | 296,566,053 | |
| 25 | 72251900 | 2.1 Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more: other | 296,566,053 | |
| | | Stainless steel plates and sheets | 356,770,754 | |
| | | 1. Stainless plates | 52,874,571 | 17 |
| 26 | 72191200 | 1.1 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than hot-rolled, in coils:--Of a thickness of 4,75mm or more but not exceeding 10mm | 52,874,571 | |
| | | 2. Stainless hot rolled sheets and coils | 179,562,120 | 18 |
| 27 | 72191300 | 2.1 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than hot-rolled, in coils: of a thickness of 3mm or more but not exceeding 4.75mm | 179,562,120 | |
| | | 3. Stainless cold rolled sheets and coils | 124,334,063 | 18 |

| No. | Tariff Items | Product Descriptions | Volume of tariff quotas (kg) | Additional duty (%) |
|-----|--------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 28 | 72193200 | 3.1 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced)--of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm | 5,732,525 | |
| 29 | 72193300 | 3.2 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than cold-rolled(cold-reduced)--of a thickness exceeding 1mm but less than 3mm | 62,337,286 | |
| 30 | 72193500 | 3.3 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than cold-rolled(cold-reduced)--of a thickness of less than 0.5mm | 29,997,702 | |
| 31 | 72202000 | 3.4 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of less than 600mm:-Not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced) | 26,266,550 | |
| | | Non alloy wire | 102,887,042 | 15 |
| 32 | 72139100 | Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel: of circular cross-section measuring less than 14mm in diameter | 102,887,042 | |
| | | Non alloy bars and rebars | 155,035,438 | |
| | | 1. Non alloy hot rolled bars and rebars | 105,285,118 | 15 |
| 33 | 72142000 | 1.1 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling: Containing indentations, ribs, groves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling | 105,285,118 | |
| | | 2. Non alloy cold rolled bars and rebars | 49,750,320 | 7 |
| 34 | 72151000 | 2.1 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel: of free-cutting steel, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished | 12,337,989 | |
| 35 | 72155000 | 2.2 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel: other, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished | 6,989,061 | |
| 36 | 72159000 | 2.3 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel: other | 30,423,270 | |
| | | Non alloy sections | 64,077,421 | |
| | | 1. Non alloy hot rolled sections | 53,195,551 | 18 |
| 37 | 72163100 | 1.1 U,I or H sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn, or extruded of a height of 80mm or more: U sections | 4,422,098 | |
| 38 | 72163300 | 1.2 U,I or H sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn, or extruded of a height of 80mm or more: H sections | 23,999,414 | |

| No. | Tariff Items | Product Descriptions | Volume of tariff quotas (kg) | Additional duty (%) |
|-----|--------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 39 | 72164010 | 1.3 L or T sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height of 80mm or more: L sections | 11,008,696 | |
| 40 | 72165090 | 1.4 Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded: Other | 13,765,343 | |
| | | 2. Non alloy cold rolled sections | 10,881,870 | 7 |
| 41 | 72166100 | 2.1 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: obtained from flat-rolled products | 1,243,085 | |
| 42 | 72166900 | 2.2 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: other | 1,162,952 | |
| 43 | 72169100 | 2.3 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: cold-formed or cold-finished from flat-rolled products | 473,841 | |
| 44 | 72169900 | 2.4 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: other | 8,001,991 | |
| | | Seamless pipes | 156,834,395 | 8 |
| 45 | 73041000 | 1. Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron (other than cast iron) or steel: -Line pipe of a kind used for oil or gas pipelines | 6,504,743 | |
| | | 2. Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron (other than cast iron) or steel:-Casing, tubing and drill pipe, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas | 150,329,652 | |
| 46 | 73042100 | 2.1 Casing, tubing and drill pipe, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas: drill pipe | 12,671,420 | |
| 47 | 73042900 | 2.2 Casing, tubing and drill pipe, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas: other | 137,658,233 | |
| | | Slabs | 317,087,953 | 13 |
| 48 | 72071200 | 1. Slabs | 317,087,953 | |
| | | Total | 5,299,925,774 | |

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

1. The safeguard measure concerned

The provisional safeguard measure introduced on 24 May 2002.

2. Product subject to the safeguard measure

Certain steel products, specifically non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes and slabs.

Tariff lines of the products and their descriptions are listed in Annex 1 of this notification.

3. Developing countries and regions to which the measure is not applied under Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and the import shares of these countries and regions individually and collectively

Developing countries and regions to which the proposed provisional measure is not applied under Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards are listed in Annex 2 of this notification.

ANNEX 1

Tariff lines and descriptions of the products
subject to the proposed provisional safeguard measure

| No. | Product description | Tariff lines |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Non alloy plates | 72082500 72083700 72085200 72083600 72085100 |
| 2. | Non alloy sheets and coils | 72081000 72084000 72082600 72083800 72085300 72082700 72083900 72085400 72089000 72091500 72092500 72091600 72092600 72091700 72092700 72091800 72092800 72099000 72101100 72101200 72121000 72103000 72104100 72104900 72122000 72123000 72107000 72124000 |
| 3. | Electrical sheets | 72251100 72251900 72261100 72261900 |
| 4. | Stainless steel plates and sheets | 72191200 72191300 72192300 72201200 72191400 72192400 72193100 72193200 72193300 72193400 72193500 72202000 72199000 72209000 |
| 5. | Non alloy wires | 72139100 72132000 |
| 6. | Non alloy bars and rebars | 72142000 72151000 72155000 72159000 |
| 7. | Non alloy sections | 72161010 72163100 72163300 72164010 72165090 72166100 72166900 72169100 72169900 |
| 8. | Seamless pipes | 73041000 73042100 73042900 |
| 9. | Slabs | 72071200 72071100 72071900 72072000 |

ANNEX 2

List of products originating in developing countries and regions to which the provisional safeguard measures apply

| Countries & regions | Non-alloy plates | Non-alloy sheets and coils | Electrical sheets | Stainless steel plates | Non-alloy wires | Non-alloy bars and rebars | Non-alloy sections | Seamless pipes | Slabs |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------|
| Republic of Korea | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | |
| D.P.R. of Korea | | | | | | | | | |
| Mongolia | | | | | | | | | |
| Malaysia | | | | | | | | | |
| Singapore | | | | | | | | | |
| Thailand | | | | | | | | | |
| Indonesia | | | | | | | | | |
| Philippines | | | | | | | | | |
| Vietnam | | | | | | | | | |
| Myanmar | | | | | | | | | |
| Cambodia | | | | | | | | | |
| Brunei | | | | | | | | | |
| Laos | | | | | | | | | |
| India | * | | | | | | | | |
| Pakistan | | | | | | | | | |
| Bengal | | | | | | | | | |
| Sri Lanka | | | | | | | | | |
| Nepal | | | | | | | | | |
| Maldives | | | | | | | | | |
| Bhutan | | | | | | | | | |
| Iran | | | | | | | | | * |
| Turkey | | | | | | | | | |
| Cyprus | | | | | | | | | |
| Afghanistan | | | | | | | | | |
| Saudi Arabia | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuwait | | | | | | | | | |
| The United Arab Emirates | | | | | | | | | |
| Oman | | | | | | | | | |
| Qatar | | | | | | | | | |

| Countries & regions | Non-alloy plates | Non-alloy sheets and coils | Electrical sheets | Stainless steel plates | Non-alloy wires | Non-alloy bars and rebars | Non-alloy sections | Seamless pipes | Slabs |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------|
| Bahrain | | | | | | | | | |
| Iraq | | | | | | | | | |
| Jordan | | | | | | | | | |
| Syria | | | | | | | | | |
| Tunisia | | | | | | | | | |
| Sudan | | | | | | | | | |
| Morocco | | | | | | | | | |
| Algeria | | | | | | | | | |
| Burkina Faso | | | | | | | | | |
| Chad | | | | | | | | | |
| Sao Tome and Principe | | | | | | | | | |
| Senegal | | | | | | | | | |
| Liberia | | | | | | | | | |
| Gambia | | | | | | | | | |
| Central Africa | | | | | | | | | |
| Cameroon | | | | | | | | | |
| Equatorial Guinea | | | | | | | | | |
| Nigeria | | | | | | | | | |
| Ghana | | | | | | | | | |
| Sierra Leone | | | | | | | | | |
| Guinea-Bissau | | | | | | | | | |
| Congo (Kinshasa) | | | | | | | | | |
| Congo (Brazzaville) | | | | | | | | | |
| Benin | | | | | | | | | |
| Mauritania | | | | | | | | | |
| Togo | | | | | | | | | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | | | | | | | | | |
| Niger | | | | | | | | | |
| Mali | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Verde | | | | | | | | | |
| Kenya | | | | | | | | | |
| Uganda | | | | | | | | | |
| Madagascar | | | | | | | | | |

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| Djibouti | | | | | | | | | |
| The Comoros | | | | | | | | | |
| Burundi | | | | | | | | | |
| Rwanda | | | | | | | | | |
| Seychelles | | | | | | | | | |
| Mauritius | | | | | | | | | |
| Mozambique | | | | | | | | | |
| Angola | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | | | |
| Namibia | | | | | | | | | |
| Ethiopia | | | | | | | | | |
| Eritrea | | | | | | | | | |
| Somalia | | | | | | | | | |
| Malawi | | | | | | | | | |
| Swaziland | | | | | | | | | |
| Papua New Guinea | | | | | | | | | |
| Fiji | | | | | | | | | |
| Vanuatu | | | | | | | | | |
| Micronesia | | | | | | | | | |
| Tonga | | | | | | | | | |
| Samoa | | | | | | | | | |
| Kribati | | | | | | | | | |
| the Cook Islands | | | | | | | | | |
| Solomon Islands | | | | | | | | | |
| Belau | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuvalu | | | | | | | | | |
| Nauru | | | | | | | | | |
| The Republic of the Marshall Islands | | | | | | | | | |
| Antigua is with Barbuda | | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | | | | | * | |
| Aruba | | | | | | | | | |
| Bahamas | | | | | | | | | |

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| Barbados | | | | | | | | | |
| Belize | | | | | | | | | |
| Bolivia | | | | | | | | | |
| Bonaire | | | | | | | | | |
| Brazil | | | | | | | | | |
| Cayman Islands | | | | | | | | | |
| Chile | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbia | | | | | | | | | |
| Dominica | | | | | | | | | |
| Costa Rica | | | | | | | | | |
| Cuba | | | | | | | | | |
| Curacao | | | | | | | | | |
| Dominican Republic | | | | | | | | | |
| Ecuador | | | | | | | | | |
| French Guiana | | | | | | | | | |
| Grenada | | | | | | | | | |
| Guadeloupe | | | | | | | | | |
| Guatemala | | | | | | | | | |
| Guyana | | | | | | | | | |
| Haiti | | | | | | | | | |
| Honduras | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica | | | | | | | | | |
| Martinique | | | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | | | | | * | |
| Montserrat | | | | | | | | | |
| Nicaragua | | | | | | | | | |
| Panama | | | | | | | | | |
| Paraguay | | | | | | | | | |
| Peru | | | | | | | | | |
| Puerto Rico | | | | | | | | | |
| Saba | | | | | | | | | |
| Saint Lucia | | | | | | | | | |
| San Marino | | | | | | | | | |

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| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | | | | | | | | | |
| El Salvador | | | | | | | | | |
| Surinam | | | | | | | | | |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | | | | | | | | |
| Turks and Caicos Islands | | | | | | | | | |
| Uruguay | | | | | | | | | |
| Venezuela | | | | | | | | | |
| British Virgin Islands | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Kitts and Nevis | | | | | | | | | |
| Moldova | | | | | | | | | |
| Uzbekistan | | | | | | | | | |
| Kyrgyz | | | | | | | | | |
| Turkmenistan | | | | | | | | | |
| Tajikistan | | | | | | | | | |
| Azerbaijan | | | | | | | | | |
| Armenia | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia | | | | | | | | | |
| Romania | | | | | | | | | |
| Bulgaria | | | | | | | | | |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | | | | | | | | | |
| Albania | | | | | | | | | |
| Yugoslavia | | | | | | | | | |
| Ukraine | | | | | * | * | | | |

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