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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

Hot Rolled Flat Steel (HRC and/or HRFS)

The following communication, dated 28 April 2025 and received on 29 April 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Egypt.

The Arab Republic of Egypt hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards of the initiation of a safeguard investigation concerning imports of Hot rolled flat steel (HRC and/or HRFS).

1. The date of the initiation of the investigation

The investigation was initiated on 22 April 2025. The notice of initiation was published in the official gazette of Egypt on 27 April 2025.¹

2. Product subject to investigation

The products subject to this investigation are Hot Rolled Flat Steel (HRC and/or HRFS) (the products concerned). They are classified under the following H.S. tariff item numbers in the Egyptian customs tariff schedule: 7208.10, 7208.25, 7208.26, 7208.27, 7208.36, 7208.37, 7208.38, 7208.39, 7208.40, 7208.51, 7208.52, 7208.53, 7208.54, 7208.90, 7211.14, 7211.19, 7225.30, 7225.40, 7226.91, 7226.99 within the Egyptian Customs Tariff Schedule. The H.S. tariff item numbers are provided for information purposes only.

3. Reasons for the initiation of the investigation

The investigation was initiated after examination of a properly documented safeguards application filed by the Egyptian industry, alleging that increased imports of the products concerned have caused serious injury to the domestic industry producing similar products.

The data currently available also indicates that there have been sudden, recent, significant and sharp increases in imports, which have caused a significant decrease in sales, a significant loss in market share, a significant increase in inventories, slight decrease in employment and steep decline in profits for the domestic industry, in conjunction with the surge in 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 the increased imports have caused serious injury to the domestic industry.

¹ Egyptian official gazette No. 93 supplementary (a) on 27/4/2025

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

4. Further information

Interested parties must make themselves known to the investigating authority within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice of the initiation in the official gazette. Any submissions, comments or information must be properly documented.

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