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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**

UKRAINE

Ceramic tiles

The following communication, dated and received on 4 June 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ukraine.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards and using the format adopted by the Committee on Safeguards (G/SG/N/6), Ukraine notifies on the initiation of a safeguard investigation, as follows:

1 INVESTIGATION INITIATION DATE

On June 1, 2021 the investigation process was initiated in accordance with the Decision of the Interdepartmental Commission on International Trade No. SP – 494/2021/4411-03 of 24.05.2021 "On initiation and conduction of safeguard investigation on imports to Ukraine of ceramic tiles regardless of country of origin and export".

2 PRODUCT SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION

Ceramic tile is classified under UKTZED code 6907.

3 REASONS FOR THE INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION

- i) The investigation has been initiated pursuant to the petition of the domestic industry in particular by LLC "INTERKERAMA", PJSC "KHARKIV TILE PLANT", PJSC "ZEUS CERAMICS".
- ii) The statement sets out sufficiently substantiated evidence on the basis of which it can be considered as having been submitted by the appropriate national producer.
- iii) The statement provides sufficient substantiated evidence on the basis of which, during 2017 - 2020, imports in Ukraine ceramic tiles regardless of country of origin and export was carried out to such an extent and on such conditions that it could cause significant injury to the national producer.

4 THE CONTACT POINT FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND THE PREFERRED MEANS FOR CORRESPONDING

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5 DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO PRESENT EVIDENCE

Notice of the Decision of the Interdepartmental Commission on International Trade No. SP - 494/2021/4411-03 of 24.05.2021 is published in the official newspaper "Uryadoviy Courier" No. 103 of June 1, 2021 (<https://cutt.ly/rngKiAn>).

Within 30 days from the notice publication the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine carries out registration of interested parties and considers the requirements for conducting of hearings. In investigation initiation enquiry it is necessary to indicate: name, juridical address, fax and telephone number, e-mail and name of contact person, type of activity (producer, importer, exporter, etc.). The recommended form of request for registration as an interested party of an investigation is provided in the annex to the notice.

Within 45 days from the notice publication the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine considers the written comments on the initiation of investigation. Information should be provided in Ukrainian or in original language, accompanied by the Ukrainian translation. In case the information is confidential, it is necessary to prepare and submit to the Ministry both confidential and non-confidential versions.
