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

PHILIPPINES

Prepainted Galvanized Iron and Prepainted Aluminum Zinc

The following communication dated 19 June 2020 is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.*

Further to Article 12.1 (a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the WTO hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the initiation of a preliminary safeguard investigation on the importation of Prepainted Galvanized Iron (PPGI) and Prepainted Aluminum Zinc (PPGL) from various countries.

1 DATE OF INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION

Notice of initiation of preliminary safeguard investigation was published on 17 June 2020.

2 PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE INVESTIGATION

PPGI and PPGL under ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) Codes 7210.70.11, 7210.70.19, 7210.70.90, 7210.70.91, 7210.70.99 including other coated products falling under AHTN Codes 7210.90.10, 7210.90.90 and painted strips falling under AHTN Codes 7212.40.11, 7212.40.12, 7212.40.19, 7212.40.91, 7212.40.92, 7212.40.99.

3 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The investigation was initiated on the basis of the petition submitted by the steel industry represented by Puyat Steel Corporation (Puyat Steel) and Sonic Steel Industries Inc (Sonic Steel) that increased imports of Prepainted Galvanized Iron (PPGI) and Prepainted Aluminum Zinc (PPGL) cause serious injury to the domestic industry in terms of declining market share, sales, profitability, employment, price depression, price undercutting and increasing inventory.

The investigation has been initiated to determine whether safeguard measures are warranted.

* A copy of the Notice of the Initiation has been submitted electronically. To consult this document please contact Ms. Richards (anne.richards@wto.org) or Ms. Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.