

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

EGYPT

Supplement

The following communication, dated 6 February 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Egypt.

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With reference to Egypt's notification concerning the imposition of a definitive safeguard measure on imports of common fluorescent lamps at an additional duty of 30 per cent for one year starting on 27 February 2000 (G/SG/N/8/EGY/2-G/SG/N/10/EGY/2 of 1 March 2000), the Mission hereby attaches a further notification submitted under Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards on the initiation of an investigatory process relating to serious injury or threat thereof and the reasons for it (extension of an existing measure).

**Introduction**

On 19 September 1999, the Arab Republic of Egypt decided to proceed to initiate an investigation process relating to the importation of common fluorescent lamps, and the initiation was notified to the Committee on Safeguards on 23 September 1999 (G/SG/N/6/EGY/2).

On 25 February 2000, the Arab Republic of Egypt notified the Committee on Safeguards of its intention to impose safeguard measures at an additional duty of 30 per cent for one year starting on 27 February 2000 (G/SG/N/8/EGY/2-G/SG/N/10/EGY/2).

**Initiation of the Review**

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, Egypt hereby notifies the initiation of the review of the safeguard measure applied to Egyptian imports of common fluorescent lamps as follows:

1. Date of initiation of the review

6 February 2001.

2. Product subject to review

Common fluorescent lamps from 18 to 40 watts under tariff heading 85 39 31 10.

3. Reasons justifying the initiation of the review

The review was initiated by the Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade on the basis of an application submitted by the domestic industry, and on the information and evidence contained therein.

There was an increase in the volume of imports in absolute and relative terms, along with a slight improvement in production, sales in the domestic market, sales revenue and capacity utilization. Moreover, there was a fall in imports in value terms.

An assessment of the adjustment undertaken indicated that the plan submitted by the domestic industry is being as yet partially applied.

The purpose of the review is to determine whether the safeguard measure is still needed in order to remedy the serious injury caused by the imports and whether the industry is adjusting so as to compete with imports by the end of the period specified.

The initiation of the review for the purpose of extending the safeguard measure will enable the investigating authority to assess the needs of the domestic industry and allow it to complete its restructuring process bearing in mind the existence of scheduled plans not yet made and/or new possible plans, so that the industry will again be able to compete with imports at the rate established by Customs duties.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade decided to initiate the review.

The review was published in the Official Journal, which also indicated the following:

- (a) That the public hearing would be held on 18 February 2001, at 10.00 a.m. at the Anti-Dumping, Subsidy and Safeguards Department premises;
- (b) That any party to the review wishing to be considered as an interested party, should submit its presentation in writing and make its views known by 14 February 2001;
- (c) That any party to the review wishing to attend the hearing should register its interest at the Department by 14 February 2001;
- (d) That the Department address for contact was given as:

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