IN THE MATTER OF THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION ON THE IMPOSITION OF DEFINITIVE SAFEGUARD MEASURES AGAINST IMPORTATIONS OF ORDINARY PORTLAND CEMENT AND BLENDED CEMENT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(AHTN 2022 Subheading Nos. 2523.29.90 and 2523.90.00)

FOR: SAFEGUARD MEASURE
TCI (SG) No. SG-2025-OC-Cement

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF FORMAL INVESTIGATION AND CONDUCT OF PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 8800 (Safeguard Measures Act), as adopted by Section 712 of RA No. 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act), notice is hereby given that the Tariff Commission (TC) commenced on 04 March 2025 its Formal Investigation on the merits of imposing a definitive safeguard duty against importations of Ordinary Portland Cement (AHTN 2022 Subheading No. 2523.29.90) and Blended Cement (AHTN 2022 Subheading No. 2523.90.00) from various countries, following receipt of the request from the Secretary of Trade and Industry and the complete case records.

Relative thereto, a **Preliminary Conference** *(via Videoconferencing through the Microsoft Teams Platform) is* hereby scheduled on **13 March 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** (GMT +8). Matters for discussion include the timelines, nature of investigation, appearance of counsel and parties, number of witnesses, notification, accessibility of documents and public file, confidentiality of information/documents, submission of position paper/s and memoranda, conduct of onsite inspection and data verification, schedules of public hearing and other activities, and other topics that may aid in the prompt disposition of the case.

PCV Registration Form

All interested parties, including those on record in the preliminary investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry are required to attend the Preliminary Conference. Interested parties are likewise required to register their participation thereto **on or before 3:00 p.m. (GMT +8) of 12 March 2025** using the registration link posted on the Commission's website *https://tariffcommission.gov.ph/* or by scanning the QR Code provided.

For inquiries, please contact Director Maria Lourdes M. Saluta, Head of the TC Task Force for this case, at email addresses *TC.Assist@mail.tariffcommission.gov.ph* and *Records@tariffcommission.gov.ph*.

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Dear **Representative Minn-Gan Chow:**

The Tariff Commission respectfully gives notice of the commencement of its Formal Investigation on the merits of imposing a definitive safeguard duty against importations of Ordinary Portland Cement (AHTN 2022 Subheading No. 2523.29.90) and Blended Cement (AHTN 2022 Subheading No. 2523.90.00) from various countries, pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 8800 (*Safeguard Measures Act*), as adopted by Section 712 of RA No. 10863 (*Customs Modernization and Tariff Act*).

Attached is the Commission's *Notice of Commencement of Formal Investigation and Conduct of Preliminary Conference* His Excellency's information.

For any inquiries, Director Ma. Lourdes M. Saluta, Head of the TC Task Force created for this case, may be reached by the Embassy's representatives at these email addresses: *TC.Assist@mail.tariffcommission.gov.ph* and/or *Records@tariffcommission.gov.ph*.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Digitally signed

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Attachment: as stated

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