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NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

(EXTENSION OF AN INVESTIGATION)

ZIMBABWE

Toothpaste

Supplement

The following communication, dated and received on 7 May 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Zimbabwe.

In accordance with Article 12.1 (a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, Zimbabwe hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the extension of the investigation period in respect of imports of toothpaste.

1 INTRODUCTION

Zimbabwe Notified the Committee of Safeguards that it had initiated an investigation for remedial action in the form of a safeguard measure against the increased imports of toothpaste into Zimbabwe on 11 October 2024. The Committee was informed that such investigation shall be completed within six months from the date of initiation, which may be extended to 8 months in accordance with section 14(2) of the Safeguards Regulations. Accordingly, Zimbabwe hereby notifies the Committee that the investigation has been extended by a maximum period of two months.

2 DATE OF EXTENSION

The investigation period was extended by a Notice that was published in the *Government Gazette General Notice* 1773 of 2024, Vol. CII No. 81 of 02 May 2025, for a further period of two months.

3 DURATION OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation will now last for a period of 8 months.

4 FURTHER INFORMATION

Requests for further information and correspondence regarding the investigation must be sent to:

The Director Competition and Tariff Commission 23 Broadlands Road, Emerald Hill Harare Zimbabwe

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