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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**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS
BEFORE TAKING A PROVISIONAL SAFEGUARD MEASURE
REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 6**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

EGYPT

Cold Rolled Coil (CRC), Galvanized Steel (HDG/GI), Pre-painted Steel (PPGI)

The following communication, dated and received on 10 September 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Egypt.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a), Article 12.4 and Article 6 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), Egypt hereby notifies that a safeguard investigation has been initiated as follows:

1. Date of initiation and application of provisional measures

The Trade Remedies Sector of Egypt (TRS), initiated the investigation on 10/9/2025.

The Notice of Initiation of the investigation was published in the *Official Gazette of Egypt* on 11 September 2025.

The TRS determined that the conditions to initiate and to impose provisional measures are met pursuant to Article 12.1(a), Article 12.4 and Article 6 of the of the Safeguards Agreement, as any delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair.

2. Product under investigation

The products subject to the investigation and proposed provisional safeguard measure are Cold Rolled Coil (CRC), Galvanized Steel (HDG/GI), Pre-painted Steel (PPGI), hereinafter called "the product concerned", classified under HS code 720915, 720916, 720917, 720918, 720925, 720926, 720927, 720928, 720990, 721123, 721129, 721190, 722692, 721041, 721049, 721230, 721250, 722592, 722699, 721070, 721090, 721240, 721260, 722599, of the Harmonized Customs Tariff. These HS codes are given for information purposes only.

3. The Reasons for the initiation of the investigation and for the proposed provisional safeguard measure

TRS has received a request to initiate a safeguard investigation. The analysis of the information shows that Imports surged by 195% and by 237 during 2023 and 2024 compared to 2022, These increases are recent, sudden, sharp, and significant in absolute term.

In particular, the evidence shows that imports of the product concerned have among other consequences, a negative impact on the domestic industry during the period of investigation including: declining sales volumes, declining of unutilized capacity, declining in the productivity, the profit returns to losses, declining of market share of the domestic industry. And significantly increase in the volume of inventory.

These factors demonstrate that the domestic industry has suffered serious injury within the meaning of Article 4 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

The increase in imports appears to be the result of unforeseen developments as following:

- (i) the persistent global oversupply of the product concerned, exacerbated by slowing consumption in major world markets, which created significant excess export capacity that was diverted to more open markets such as Egypt;
- (ii) The unprecedented wave of imposition of trade remedies and higher tariffs by many major steel-importing countries, which restricted traditional export destinations for the product;
- (iii) As a direct consequence, trade flows were diverted towards more open markets with lower tariff protection, including Egypt, which experienced a sudden and significant surge of imports.

4. Serious injury and causation

The preliminary determination indicated that the surge in imports coincided with, and was the cause of, the serious injury suffered by the domestic industry. Other possible factors, such as demand fluctuations, technological changes, and exports, were examined and found not to be the cause of injury.

5. Critical circumstances

Critical circumstances exist as a result of a preliminary determination that there is clear evidence that imports have caused serious injury to the domestic industry during the period of investigation, as follows:

- i. The surge of imports in 2024 is 237% compared to 2022,
- ii. Domestic industry has incurred losses significantly in 2024.
- iii. Moreover, the closure policies currently followed by many countries and the low Egyptian customs duties on the product concerned compared to other countries.

If no provisional measure is taken immediately, delay would cause damage to the domestic industry that would be difficult to repair.

6. Provisional safeguard measure

It is proposed to impose a provisional safeguard duty on the product concerned as shown in the following schedule:

Product name	HS Code	The duty rate % ad valorem	Minimum duty L.E/ton
Cold Rolled Coil "CRC"	720915, 720916, 720917, 720918, 720925, 720926, 720927, 720928, 720990, 721123, 721129, 721190, 722692,	11.11	4152
Galvanized Steel (HDG/GI)	721041, 721049, 721230, 721250, 722592, 722699,	12.16	4812
Pre-painted Steel (PPGI)	721070, 721090, 721240, 721260, 722599	4.94	2584

The following items are exempted from the proposed provisional safeguard measure:

- Cold-rolled steel coils prepared for enamelling on both sides.
- Galvanized steel coils and sheets with Anti-Bacteria protective coating.
- Galvanized steel coils and sheets coated with Plastisol layer of 200 microns thickness or more.
- Galvanized steel coated with PET or VCM laminates.
- Pre-painted galvanized steel with an Al-Zn alloy coating (e.g., 55% Al, 43.5% Zn, 1.6% Si).

This measure is considered necessary to prevent further injury to the domestic industry.

7. Proposed date of imposition and duration of Provisional Safeguard measure

The provisional safeguard measure is proposed to enter into force on 14 September upon the publication of the Ministerial decree in the Official Gazette, and will remain in force for a period of 200 days.

The choice of the maximum duration is justified by the urgent need to stabilize the domestic industry, and complete the investigation.

8. Offer of consultations

Egypt offers consultations under Article 12.4 with Members having a substantial interest as exporters of the product concerned.

9. Developing country Members exempted

In accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement on Safeguards, developing country Members are exempted as long as each accounts individually for less than 3% of Egypt's imports, and collectively not more than 9%.

10. Deadlines and procedures to present evidence and views by interested parties

All interested parties are invited to make themselves known, submit their views in writing, and provide supporting evidence. Representations should preferably be submitted by e-mail within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation in the Official Gazette. Submissions after the deadline may be disregarded.

11. Point of contact for the investigation

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