

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS
ON FINDING A SERIOUS INJURY OR THREAT THEREOF**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C)
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 2 March 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Egypt.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(b) of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt hereby submits this notification regarding its findings of serious injury or threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing certain flat steel products, namely Cold Rolled Coil (CRC), Galvanized Steel (HDG/GI), and Pre-painted Steel (PPGI) (hereinafter referred to as the "product concerned"), caused by increased imports.

This notification also contains information relating to the proposed definitive safeguard measure in accordance with Article 12.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, as well as an offer of consultations pursuant to Article 12.3 of the Agreement.

Initiation of Investigation

On 10 September 2025, the Investigating Authority initiated a safeguard investigation concerning imports of the product concerned. The initiation was published in the Official Gazette of Egypt on 11 September 2025.

The initiation of the investigation and the imposition of the provisional safeguard measure were duly notified to the WTO in document [G/SG/N/6/EGY/17](#) – [G/SG/N/7/EGY/13](#) – [G/SG/N/11/EGY/13](#), circulated on 10 September 2025.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation (POI) covered the years 2022, 2023, and 2024. The Investigating Authority examined developments in imports and the condition of the domestic industry over this period in order to assess the existence of serious injury and the causal link between increased imports and the injury suffered.

Major Proportion

The production share of the Applicants (the domestic industry) accounted for 69%, 100%, and 83% of the total domestic production of Cold Rolled Coil (CRC), Galvanized Steel (HDG/GI), and Pre-painted Steel (PPGI), respectively, in 2024. Therefore, the Applicants represent a major proportion of the total domestic production within the meaning of Article 4.1(c) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards.

Views and Comments of the Interested Parties

In accordance with Article 3.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Investigating Authority provided all interested parties with full opportunity to present evidence, views, and comments. A public hearing was held on 4 January 2026. Invitations were sent to all known interested parties on 23 December 2025.

1. Provide evidence, citing relevant data and the applicable period of investigation of serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports

To determine the existence of serious injury or threat of serious injury caused by increased imports within the meaning of Article 4.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Investigating Authority conducted an objective and quantifiable evaluation of all relevant factors having a bearing on the situation of the domestic industry, including developments in imports, market share, production, capacity utilization, sales, profits, employment, and productivity.

The following analyses are based on data provided by the Applicants (the domestic industry), which has been verified by the Investigating Authority.

A. Evidence of serious injury or threat of serious injury

The economic indicators related to the subject goods in the safeguard investigation are presented in the table below:

Table 1. National consumption, volume of imports, and market shares

Year	2022	2023	2024
Import volume (ton)	334214	505071	621471
Index of import volume	100%	151%	186%
Index of national market size	100%	106%	126%

Index of domestic industry share	100%	58%	56%
Index of other domestic producers share	100%	85%	64%
Index of import share	100%	143%	147%

Table 2. The applicants' (the domestic industry) indicators of serious injury

Year	2022	2023	2024
Index of sales volume of the domestic industry	100%	61%	70%
Index of production	100%	90%	102%
Index of utilized capacity	100%	90%	98%
Index of profits	100%	130%	(179) %
Index of employment	100%	104%	112%
Index of productivity	100%	86%	91%

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the performance of the Applicants (the domestic industry) can be seen as follows:

- a. Domestic sales volume declined steadily and significantly during the years 2023 and 2024 by 39% and 30%, respectively compared to 2022.
- b. The market share of the domestic industry declined steadily and significantly during the years 2023 and 2024 by 42% and 44%, respectively compared to 2022.
- c. Production decreased by 10% in 2023 compared to 2022, and increased by 2% in 2024 compared to 2022.
- d. Utilization capacity declined in 2023 by 10% compared to 2022 and 2% in 2024 compared to 2022.
- e. Profits increased by 30% in 2023 compared to 2022, while in 2024, profits turned into losses because of the continued flow of imports in substantial volumes during the same period, which indicates the serious injury suffered by the domestic industry.
- f. Employment increased by 4% and 12% during 2023 and 2024, respectively, compared to 2022.
- g. Productivity declined in 2023 by 14% compared to 2022 and 9% in 2024 compared to 2022.

In accordance with Article 4.2(b) of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Investigating Authority examined whether factors other than increased imports were causing injury to the domestic industry. The Authority determined that while other factors may have had some impact, the injury suffered by the domestic industry was primarily attributable to the

substantial increase in imports. Any injury caused by other factors was not attributed to increased imports.

2. Provide information on whether there is an absolute increase in imports or an increase in imports relative to domestic production (please see also Article 2.1 for the context)

A. Increase in imports in absolute terms

Table 3. Volume of Imports

Year	2022	2023	2024
Volume of Imports (ton)	334214	505071	621471
Index (%)	100%	151%	186%

B. Relative increase in imports to total domestic production

Table 4. Volume of imports, national production, and relative to total domestic production

Year	2022	2023	2024
Imports as % of Domestic Production (Index%)	100%	168%	184%

3. Provide the precise description of the product involved

Provide a short name for the product:

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

Please provide the nomenclature codes under which the product is classified. You can provide HS-codes by searching the products in the database (up to 6 digits) and/or provide national nomenclature codes (more than 6 digits) by manually entering them or importing from an existing file.) Please note that these codes are provided only for information purposes:

HS code(s) : 720915, 720916, 720917, 720918, 720925, 720926, 720927, 720928, 720990, 721123, 721129, 721190, 722692, 721041, 721049, 721230, 721250, 722592, 722699, 721070, 721090, 721240, 721260, 722599

4. If the final measure replaces a provisional measure, or if a final measure is extended, a Member is encouraged to provide a written description of any part of the imported product that will no longer be subject to the measure and the Harmonized System numbers under which it enters at least at a 6-digit level, and at a sub-national level (e.g., 8-digit, 9-digit or 10-digit level) if practicable.

The definitive safeguard measure will replace the provisional safeguard measure. While the structure of the measure remains the same, the level of duty and minimum amounts differ from those applied under the provisional measure.

5. Provide precise description of the proposed measure

Measure type:

Tariff Increase - *Ad valorem*

Precise description of the proposed measure:

The proposed measure takes the form of an *ad valorem* tariff increase combined with a minimum specific duty.

The measure is considered necessary and proportionate within the meaning of Article 5.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards, as it is limited to the extent required to prevent and remedy serious injury and to facilitate the adjustment of the domestic industry.

The measure will be applied on a non-discriminatory basis to imports of the product concerned from all sources.

The proposed definitive safeguard measure will be applied as follows:

Product Name	HS Code	From 2.4.2026 To 13.9.2026	From 14.9.2026 To 13.9.2027	From 14.9.2027 To 13.9.2028
Cold Rolled Coil (CRC)	720915	13.7% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 4,160/ton)	13% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 4,118/ton)	12.5% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 3,912 /ton)
	720916			
	720917			
	720918			
	720925			
	720926			
Galvanized Steel (HDG/GI)	720927	14% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 4,647/ton)	13.5% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 4,020/ton)	13% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 3,819/ton)
	720928			
	720990			
	721123			
	721129			
	721190			
Pre-painted Steel (PPGI)	722692	14.5% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 5,134/ton)	14% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 4,877/ton)	13.5% of CIF value (minimum amount EGP 4,633 /ton)
	721041			
	721049			
	721230			
	721250			
	722592			
	722699			

In accordance with Article 7.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the period of application of the provisional safeguard measure shall be counted towards the total duration of the definitive safeguard measure.

The following products are excluded from the scope of the definitive safeguard measure, as they are not produced by the domestic industry:

- Galvanized steel coils and sheets with Anti-Bacteria protective coating.

- Galvanized steel coated with PET or VCM laminates.
- Galvanized steel coils and sheets coated with a Plastisol layer of 200 microns thickness and more.
- Aluminized Steel (Coated with a mixture of 90% Aluminum and 10% Silicon)
- Sheets coated with a silicon–aluminum–magnesium alloy, where the total aluminum and magnesium content ranges from 1.5% to 8%, magnesium is not less than 0.2%, and the remainder is zinc, with a minimum galvanizing coating weight of 180 g/m² on both sides.
- Full Hard Cold-Rolled Coil (CRC): cold-rolled steel coils with a minimum tensile strength of 490 MPa and a minimum hardness of 85 HRB.
- Cold-rolled sheet plates with special dimensions: 1750 × 1750 × 0.7 mm and 1810×1020 × 0.9 mm.

Pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards, developing country Members whose individual share of imports of the subject goods does not exceed 3 per cent, provided that developing country Members with less than 3 per cent import share collectively account for not more than 9% of total imports, shall be excluded from the application of the safeguard measure.

6. Provide proposed date of introduction of the measure

Upon the ministerial decree.

7. Provide expected duration of the measure

13 September 2028.

8. For a measure with a duration of more than three years, provide the proposed date for the review (under Article 7.4) to be held not later than the mid-term of the measure, if such a date for the review has already been scheduled

N/A.

9. If the expected duration is over one year, provide expected timetable for progressive liberalization of the measure

Please refer to section 5.

10. Provide the deadlines for interested parties to comment or any other procedures relevant to the decision to apply the measures. Provide information regarding procedures for prior consultation with those Members having a substantial interest as exporters of the product concerned

Pursuant to Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Investigating Authority has provided and continues to provide adequate opportunities for consultations with Members having a substantial interest as exporters of the subject goods. Consultations were initiated promptly following the initiation and imposition of the provisional safeguard measure and will continue to be made available upon request. Consultations may be held in person or virtually, upon request.

Members having a substantial interest as exporters of the subject goods shall submit a written request for consultations within seven (7) days from the date of circulation of this notification.

All requests for consultations must be submitted in writing, and must include the name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the requesting Member.

Additional information

Members are encouraged to attach, in an electronic form, publicly available document(s) containing the relevant decision(s) made by the competent authority. This document may be in the original language of the Member, even when the language is not one of the official languages of the WTO. The document will neither be translated nor circulated to the Committee, but will be made available by the Secretariat to Members requesting it.

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