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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 (INITIATION OF  
A REVIEW REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE SAFEGUARD MEASURE)**

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*Welded tubes and pipes, of iron or steel*

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The following communication, dated and received on 19 June 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Morocco.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to Article 7.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, Morocco hereby notifies the initiation of a review investigation regarding the extension of the safeguard measure currently applied to imports of tubes and pipes of iron or steel.

**1. The date when the review was initiated**

17 June 2026.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade (hereinafter "the Ministry") has decided to initiate a review investigation on the extension of the safeguard measure applied to imports of tubes and pipes of iron or steel, starting on 17 June 2026.

The public notice concerning the initiation of the investigation has been made available to the public through the Ministry's website (<https://www.mcinet.gov.ma/fr/avis-et-annonces>) and two newspapers authorized to publish legal announcements, namely: L'OPINION (Issue No. 20,691) published on 19 June 2026 and LE MATIN (Issue No. 18,505) published on 19 June 2026.

**2. Precise description of the product involved**

Welded tubes and pipes, of iron or steel.

The products under investigation are welded tubes and pipes, of iron or steel, cone- or pyramid-shaped, with a circular, square or rectangular cross-section.

<sup>1</sup> The related reference documents have been transmitted electronically and are available to government representatives. To consult these documents please contact Ms Richards ([anne.richards@wto.org](mailto:anne.richards@wto.org)) of the Rules Division.

Under the initial investigation, the products in question were classified under the following HS tariff headings: 7306191090; 7306199900; 7306301099; 7306309900; 7306501090; 7306509900; 7306611000; 7306619000; 7306691000; 7306699900; 7306901090; 7306909900.

In the edition of the customs tariffs dated 1 January 2022, the products concerned are now classified under the following tariff headings: 7306191090; 7306199900; 7306301099; 7306309900; 7306501090; 7306509900; 7306611010; 7306611090; 7306619000; 7306691000; 7306699900; 7306902012; 7306902019; 7306902022; 7306902029; 7306902039; 7306909019; 7306909099.

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**3. If the review does not involve all the products subject to the existing measure, describe any differences**

The review concerns all the products subject to the existing measure.

**4. Reference to the WTO document containing the most recent Article 12.1(c) notification**

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**5. Reason for the initiation of the review**

The review investigation on the extension of the safeguard measure applied to imports of tubes and pipes, of iron or steel, was initiated by the Ministry following a petition submitted by the Association de Fabricants de Tubes et de Profilés en Acier du Maroc (Moroccan Association of Manufacturers of Steel Tubes and Profiles) on behalf of the domestic industry for these products.

The review investigation was initiated for the following reasons:

- The injury caused to the domestic industry has not yet been fully remedied and the measure continues to be necessary to remedy and prevent such injury;
- The domestic industry is in the process of making adjustments to improve its competitiveness; and
- Without a safeguard measure, import pressure could rise due to the increase in global production capacity for steel products, and the introduction of trade defence measures by several countries to protect their domestic producers.

**6. Provide the deadline(s) for exporters and other interested parties to submit comments in writing or in a hearing, if any**

Interested parties have a period of 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation to make themselves known as such, and to comment on the investigation, by contacting the Ministry using the fax number or email address provided below.

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