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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**

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Flat steel products with polymer coating

The following communication, dated and received on 9 September 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation.

1. Specify the date when the investigation was initiated

7 September 2026

Public notice of the initiation of a safeguard investigation on flat steel products with polymer coating imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union was published on 7 September 2026 on the official website of the Eurasian Economic Union (<https://docs.eaeunion.org/documents/166/10904/>) (hereinafter the Notice of Initiation).

ID number of investigation: SG-15.

2. Provide the precise description of the product involved

Flat steel products with polymer coating

The product under investigation is flat steel products with a metal substrate thickness of more than 0.2 mm but not more than 2 mm and a width of more than 50 mm, with polymer coating, hereinafter referred to as 'flat steel products with polymer coating'.

The product under investigation does not include: cold-rolled steel products coated with tin; hot-rolled steel products coated with tin; tinplate products; profiled coated steel products; corrugated coated steel products; ribbed (patterned) coated steel products; metal roofing tiles; profiled steel sheeting; enamelled or lacquered steel products.

Flat steel products with polymer coating is classified under the following codes within the Common Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union: 7210 70 800 0, 7210 90 800 0, 7212 40 800 0, 7225 99 000.

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3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of investigation, for example:
(i) Was the investigation initiated pursuant to a petition from the domestic industry?
(ii) Evidence on the basis of which the investigation was initiated.
(iii) Evidence, if any, of critical circumstances where delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair.

The investigation was initiated on the basis of results of consideration of the application filed by the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter the Union) producers of flat steel products with polymer coating.

The information in the application indicates that total imports of flat steel products with polymer coating into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union increased both in absolute and relative terms.

In absolute terms, over the period 2023–2025 total imports increased by 60%, in January–March 2026 the growth in imports amounted to 18% as compared with January–March 2025. In relation to the Union production, imports increased over the period 2023–2025 by 86%, and in January–March 2026 by 30%; in relation to the Union consumption, imports increased over the period 2023–2025 by 68%, and in January–March 2026 by 31%.

The application also provides sufficient evidence demonstrating that increased imports of flat steel products with polymer coating are threatening to cause serious injury to the Union industry.

In the period 2023–2025 and in January–March of 2026 the Union consumption volume decreased by 5% and 10% respectively. At the same time, as a result of the increased imports, economic indicators of the Union industry showed negative trends in the period 2023–2025 and in January–March of 2026 respectively: volume of production decreased by 18% and 20%, capacity utilization rate decreased by 12 % and 23 %, volume of sales decreased by 18% and 29%, market share declined by 13% and 21%.

In the period 2023–2025 and in January–March of 2026 the price of imports was lower than the Union industry's prices. The increased imports at prices lower than the Union industry's prices had a suppressing effect on the Union industry's prices. Consequently, in the period of 2023–2025 and in January–March of 2026 the financial state of the Union industry deteriorated respectively: profit fell by 49% and 53%, profitability of production decreased by 47 % and 26 %, profitability of sales decreased by 43% and 24% respectively.

The application indicates that the key countries exporting flat steel products with polymer coating to the Union have a substantial volume of unused production capacity and significant production and export potential. Given the context and increasing number of trade defense measures taken by third countries on flat steel products with polymer coating and the recent measures under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 and measures under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 adopted by the United States of America, there is a high likelihood of a further increase in imports of flat steel products with polymer coating to the Union, and, as a consequence, a further impairment of the industrial, commercial and financial position of the Union industry.

For more details on the reasons for the initiation of the investigation please refer to the Notice of Initiation.

4. Provide a point of contact for the investigation and identify the preferred means for corresponding.

The point of contact would be available to respond to enquiries relating to the procedures applicable to the investigation.

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5. Provide the deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence and their views, including:

(i) deadlines and procedures for Members and exporters to identify themselves as

interested parties, if so required, to participate in the investigation and (ii) the date of an intended public hearing as provided for in Article 3.1. Note: At the time of the initiation, if the authority has not decided whether or not to hold such a hearing, or if the date of the hearing is undetermined, Members should indicate under this item how such information would be publicized. Members are not obliged to submit another notification simply due to the fact that the proposed date has subsequently been changed.

In accordance with the Protocol on Application of Safeguard, Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures with respect to Third Countries (Annex No. 8 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014), interested parties may declare their intention to seek participant status not later than 25 days from the date of initiation of the investigation. Participants to the safeguard investigation have the right to request access to the non-confidential file and participate in public hearings.

The participants to the safeguard investigation may request for public hearings within 45 days from the date of initiation of the investigation.

Interested parties should submit comments within 60 days from the date of the initiation of the investigation in writing in the Russian language to the following address (for more details visit the following website: <https://remedies.eaeunion.org/dimd/ru/security/investigations/card/SG-15>):

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