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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**

JORDAN

Safety and protective footwear

The following communication, dated 4 December 2024 and received on 5 December 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Jordan.

In accordance with Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, Jordan hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards that the National Production Protection Directorate (NPPD) in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply has initiated its safeguards investigation as follows:

1. Specify the date when the investigation was initiated

In accordance with Article 12(c) of the "Jordanian Regulation on Safeguard No. (55) of the year 2000", the date of initiation of the safeguards investigation is 1 December 2024.

2. Specify the product subject to investigation

Safety and protective footwear fitted with toe caps designed to give protection against impact and compression of heavy objects. This footwear incorporated safety features to protect the wearer from injuries that could arise through accidents in the work place. The footwear comes in different kinds, protection requirements, specification and protection groups, and in different shapes; ankle footwear, low cut footwear and high leg footwear and clog footwear.

All entries of safety footwear under customs codes (6402, 6403, 6404, 6405), regardless of the materials used for the sole, uppers, or toe cap, or the design shape.

3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of investigation

(i) Was the investigation initiated pursuant to a petition from the domestic industry?

And

(ii) Evidence on the basis of which the investigation was initiated.

The National Production Protection Directorate (NPPD) in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply initiated the investigation based on a petition filed by the domestic industry for safety and protective footwear, in which it alleged that the increase of imports had caused serious injury to the domestic industry producing like and directly competitive products. The application has been examined and it was concluded that there was sufficient evidence on increasing imports of the subject product, sufficient evidence of injury on the industry, and evidence of causality between the increased imports and the injury.

National Production Protection Directorate (NPPD) analysed imports data submitted in the application for the period of investigation from 2020-2023 and the first half of 2024.

It has been found that the increase, both in absolute terms and relative to production in imports, was recent, sudden, sharp and significant.

Regarding injury factors, NPPD found that there is a decline in the economic indicators of the domestic industry, in conjunction with the increase in imports.

The Competent Authority (NPPD) is satisfied that the information it has examined discloses a reasonable indication that the subject products are being imported in such increased quantities and under such conditions as to cause injury to domestic producers of like or directly competitive products.

4. Point of contact for the investigation

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5. Deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence and their view

- (i) Deadlines and procedures for members and exporters to identify themselves as interested parties, if so required, to participate in the investigation:
 - Deadline for the identification of the interested parties: 22 December 2024.
 - Deadline for providing written statements, information, etc. to NPPD: 14 January 2025.
- (ii) The date of an intended public hearing as provided for in Article 3.1.

According to the Jordanian legislation, public hearing will be held upon the request of any of the interested parties and all the parties will be informed and invited to participate.
