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

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND A MEASURE

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

JORDAN

(Aluminium Bars, Rods and Profiles)

Supplement

The following communication, dated 13 September 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Jordan.

In accordance with Article 12.1(b) of the Agreement on Safeguards, Jordan hereby submits its notification of a proposal to extend of the safeguard measure on imports of Aluminium bars, rods and profiles.

1. Provide a precise description of the product involved

Products involved are those under the following Jordanian tariff headings: (7604) except which is imported as a production inputs under subheadings (7604.211, 7604.101, 7604.212, 7604.291).

2. Provide a precise description of the final measure

Imposing in addition to the applied tariff duty, a specific surcharge of JD 290 per Ton, subject to annual liberalization of JD 10 per Ton.

3. Provide date of introduction of the measure

In accordance with Article 25 of the "Regulation on Safeguards of National Production No.55 for the year 2000", the date of introduction of the measure is the date of publishing the decision of the Council of Ministers to impose the safeguard measure in two daily local newspapers.

The date of introduction of the measure shall be notified to the committee on safeguards once the decision is published in the two daily local newspapers

4. Provide the expected duration of the measure

NPPD plans to extend the safeguard measure for an additional three years.

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

The measure is proposed to be liberalized as stated in the point related to the **precise** description of the final measure.

6. If the measure is being extended, also provide:**(i) Evidence that the industry concerned is adjusting and that the safeguard measure continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury;**

The Aluminum bars, rods and profiles domestic industry has provided evidence showing that it has instituted a structural adjustment plan aimed at increasing its competitiveness, and carried out portions of its adjustment plan.

In light of the above-mentioned evidence, NPPD concludes that the extension of the safeguard measure continues to be necessary to remedy or prevent serious injury to the Aluminium bars, rods and profiles domestic industry, which is making adjustments to improve its competitiveness.

In order to determine whether the safeguard measure continues to be necessary to remedy Serious injury, the NPPD examined the imports which shows increase in 2018 compared with 2017 also the domestic industry's economic indicators, namely production, domestic sales, capacity utilization, Stocks, employment, Gross Profit, productivity, Market share. , on which it has revealed a decline in economic indicators.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Volume imports (in ton)	7,891	7,345	5,477	6,165
Change in domestic production (%) (base year)	-	-11%	-13%	-22%
Change in domestic sales (%) (base year)	-	-7%	0.2%	10%
Change in capacity utilization (%) (base year)	-	-11%	-13%	-22%
Change in stock (%) (base year)	-	-11%	-15%	-14%
Employment (%) (base year)	-	1%	-4%	-6%
Change in Gross Profit (%) (base year)	-	-2%	-14%	-80%
Change in Productivity (%) (base year)	-	-7%	5%	-1%

(ii) reference to the WTO document that notified the initial application of the measure;

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(iii) duration of the measure from initial application till the date at which it will be extended;

Six years.

(iv) Precise description of the measure in place prior to the date of extension.

Imposing in addition to the applied tariff duty, a specific surcharge of JD 300 per Ton.

7. Offer of consultations

Consistent with Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards, Jordan is prepared to consult on the proposed safeguard measure with those members having a substantial interest of the subject product.

Members intending to consult shall inform the NPPD within 5 days from the date of publication of the notification on the WTO website.

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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 9.1 FOOTNOTE 2 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS
ON NON-APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARD MEASURE TAKEN BY JORDAN TO THE IMPORTS
ORIGINATING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

1. Specify the measure

The Safeguard measure is described in Jordan's notification under Article 12.1(B) of the Safeguard Agreement.

2. Specify the product subject to the measure

Product subject to the measure is described in Jordan's notification under Article 12.1(B) of the Safeguard Agreement.

3. Specify the developing countries to which the measure is not applied under Article 9.1 of the agreement on Safeguard

The developing countries concerned are the following:

List of Developing Countries			
Angola	Fiji	Mauritania	Sri Lanka
Antigua and Barbuda	Gabon	Mauritius	Suriname
Argentina	The Gambia	Mexico	Swaziland
Armenia	Georgia	Moldova, Republic of	Chinese Taipei
Bangladesh	Ghana	Mongolia	Tajikistan
Barbados	Grenada	Montenegro	Tanzania
Belize	Guatemala	Morocco	Thailand
Benin	Guinea	Mozambique	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Guinea-Bissau	Myanmar	Togo
Botswana	Guyana	Namibia	Tonga
Brazil	Haiti	Nepal	Trinidad and Tobago
Brunei Darussalam	Honduras	Nicaragua	Turkey
Burkina Faso	Hong Kong, China	Niger	Tunisia
Burundi	India	Nigeria	Uganda
Cabo Verde	Indonesia	Pakistan	Ukraine
Cambodia	Israel	Panama	Uruguay
Cameroon	Jamaica	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Central African Republic	Kazakhstan	Paraguay	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
Chad	Kenya	Peru	Viet Nam
Chile	Korea, Republic of	Philippines	Yemen
Colombia	Kyrgyz Republic	Rwanda	Zambia
Congo	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Lesotho	Saint Lucia	
Côte d'Ivoire	Liberia	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	
Cuba	Lebanon	Samoa	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Macao, China	Senegal	
Djibouti	Madagascar	Seychelles	
Dominica	Malawi	Sierra Leone	
Dominican Republic	Malaysia	Singapore	
Ecuador	Maldives	Solomon Islands	
El Salvador	Mali	South Africa	