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**IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
OF THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12.3
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

CANADA AND COSTA RICA

The following communication, dated and received on 8 September 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegations of Canada and Costa Rica.

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 12 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and in accordance with the agreed format for notifications (G/SG/1/Rev.3 – G/SG/N/6/Rev.3 – G/SG/89/Rev.2), Canada and Costa Rica hereby provide the immediate notification to the Council for Trade in Goods of the results of the consultations under paragraph 3 of Article 12.

1. Specify the provision under which consultations were held (i.e. Article 12.3 or Article 12.4).

Consultations were held under Article 12.3.

2. Provide reference to the WTO document that notified the safeguard action regarding which consultations were held under Article 12.3 or 12.4.

Documents [G/SG/N/8/CRI/2 – G/SG/N/10/CRI/2 – G/SG/N/11/CRI/2](#) and [G/SG/N/8/CRI/2/Rev.1 – G/SG/N/10/CRI/2/Rev.1 – G/SG/N/11/CRI/2/Rev.1](#) contain notifications from Costa Rica concerning the safeguard measure on refined sugar.

3. Specify the Members involved in the consultations, and provide the time period during which consultations were held.

Costa Rica and Canada conducted consultations between August 2020 and June 2021.

4. Describe the results of the consultations.

Costa Rica and Canada conducted consultations with a view to discuss the information provided in the above-mentioned documents related to the safeguard measure on refined sugar, reviewed the relevant information, exchanged views on the safeguard measure, and reached an understanding on ways to achieve the objective set out in paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

On 7 June 2021, Canada and Costa Rica reached an understanding to exempt a certain annual volume of imports of Canadian refined sugar from the application of the aforementioned safeguard measure. According to this understanding, for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023, Costa Rica will not apply its safeguard measure to imports within the TRQ provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Note to Chapter 17 in the Tariff Schedule of Costa Rica of Annex III.3.1 of the Regional Trade Agreement in force between both countries.
