

**IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE
AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS TO THE COUNCIL FOR
TRADE IN GOODS CONCERNING UNITED STATES
ACTION IN RESPECT OF LINE PIPE**

Joint Communication from the United States and the European Communities

The following communication, dated 20 April 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission.

Documents G/SG/N/8/USA/7 (11 November 1999), G/SG/N/8/USA/7/Suppl.1 (25 January 2000), and G/SG/N/10/USA/5 (23 February 2000) contain communications from the United States concerning action under the Agreement on Safeguards in respect of certain line pipe.

The United States and the European Communities are pleased to notify the Council for Trade in Goods that they have agreed that their reciprocal rights and obligations in respect of the above-referenced action under the Agreement on Safeguards and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will be maintained, and for this purpose they have agreed that as between them the 90-day period set forth in Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XIX:3(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 shall be considered to expire on 1 March 2003.
