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

**JOINT COMMUNICATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

*Certain steel products*

The following communication, dated 30 April 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of the European Union and the United Arab Emirates.

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Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), the European Union and the United Arab Emirates are notifying the results of the consultations conducted under Article 12.3 of the Safeguards Agreement. Documents G/SG/N/6/EU/1 (dated 27 March 2018), G/SG/N/6/EU/1/Suppl.1 (dated 29 June 2018), G/SG/N/7/EU/1 and G/SG/N/11/EU/1 (dated 18 July 2018), G/SG/N/8/EU/1 - G/SG/N/10/EU/1 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.1 (dated 4 January 2019) G/SG/N/8/EU/1/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/10/EU/1/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.2 (dated 7 February 2019) contain notifications from the European Union concerning measures taken under the Safeguards Agreement concerning certain steel products.

On 10 January 2019, the European Union and the United Arab Emirates conducted consultations with a view to discuss the information provided in the above-mentioned documents, dated 4 January 2019, related to the safeguard measure on certain steel products. The European Union and the United Arab Emirates discussed the relevant information and exchanged views on the measure. United Arab Emirates reserved its right to request compensation pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 1 of the Agreement on Safeguards. The European Union took note of this point.

In particular, the United Arab Emirates contested the legality of the measures, and considered that the measures would have a negative impact on their exports into the European Union.

The European Union disagreed with the United Arab Emirates' views concerning the legality of the measures.

The European Union and the United Arab Emirates discussed the relevant information and exchanged views on the measure and they have agreed to continue these discussions and that their reciprocal rights and obligations under the Safeguards Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will be maintained. Upon further discussions, both parties agreed that the 90-day period set forth in Article 8.2 of the Safeguards Agreement and Article XIX:3(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 shall be considered to expire on 30 June 2021.

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