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**Council for Trade in Goods
Committee on Safeguards**

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**IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS OF PROPOSED
SUSPENSION OF CONCESSIONS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS
REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 8 OF
THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

CHINA

The following communication, dated 4 April 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of China.

1. Which Member is proposing suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in Article 8.2?

China.

2. Specify the measure, the product subject to the measure, the WTO document that notified the safeguard measure, and the Member imposing the measure in relation to which the Member is proposing suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in Article 8.2.

The applied measure imposed by the United States on imports of Large Residential Washers is for three years plus one day starting from 7 February 2018 until 7 February 2021.

The applied measure has been notified in G/SG/N/8/USA/10/Suppl.3-G/SG/N/10/USA/8-G/SG/N/11/USA/7 (dated 26 January 2018).

3. Describe the proposed suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in Article 8.2 and the proposed date from which it will come into effect.

China hereby notifies the Council for Trade in Goods of its decision to suspend concessions or other obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) that are substantially equivalent to the amount of trade affected by the US measure. China may apply the proposed suspension from either three years and one day after 7 February 2018 — in the event that the United States extends the measure — or from the date of a decision by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body that the safeguard measure imposed by the US is incompatible with the WTO Agreements, whichever is the earlier date.

However, this notification is without prejudice to China's right to immediately suspend substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations pursuant to relevant provisions of the WTO agreements.
