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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**

UNITED KINGDOM

The following communication, dated and received on 20 August 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

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Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and in accordance with the agreed format for notifications,<sup>1</sup> the United Kingdom provides immediate notification to the Council for Trade in Goods of the proposed suspension of concessions or other obligations referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 8 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

Notwithstanding the reservation of rights in this notification, the United Kingdom remains committed to reaching a positive outcome through an ongoing dialogue with Türkiye.

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

The United Kingdom.

**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.**

On 22 June 2025, Türkiye introduced a global safeguard measure on imports of ethyl acetate in the form of a global tariff rate quota of 10,000 tonnes and an additional \$110 duty. The new safeguard measure applied from 22 June 2025 for a period of three years. Türkiye notified this measure to the WTO in document [G/SG/N/8/TUR/23 - G/SG/N/10/TUR/24 - G/SG/N/11/TUR/31](#) dated 27 May 2025.

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

The United Kingdom hereby reserves the right to suspend the application of substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

The United Kingdom does not consider that the safeguard measure concerned has been taken as a result of an absolute increase in imports, as provided for in Article 8.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards. Without prejudice to the effective exercise of its right to suspend substantially

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<sup>1</sup> [G/SG/1](#), 1 July 1996; amended on 19 October 2009, [G/SG/1/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/6/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/89](#).

equivalent obligations referred to in Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the United Kingdom hereby reserves the right to apply the proposed suspension in relation to the safeguard measure from 20 September 2025, accounting for the expiration of 30 days after this notification is received by the Council for Trade in Goods.

The proposed suspension of substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations would take the form of an increase in customs duty on selected products originating from Türkiye. This will be calculated based on the value of exports lost by the United Kingdom as a result of the safeguard measure. Based on the import values from 2018-2024, which the United Kingdom considers to be a representative period for calculating the value of its exports to Türkiye, the United Kingdom considers that the safeguard measure could result in approximately £11.2m of expected lost trade annually. The details of the suspension of concessions or other obligations will be provided to the Council for Trade in Goods before any application of future measures.

The United Kingdom reserves the right to withdraw, modify, supplement or replace this notification and/or make a further notification or notifications, should it deem that appropriate, including in light of any subsequent developments.

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