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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
OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 8
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The following communication, dated and received on 27 April 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation.

On 2 April 2019, the Russian Federation notified the Council for Trade in Goods of its decision to suspend the application of 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 definitive safeguard measures imposed by the European Union on imports of certain steel products.¹

The Russian Federation hereby submits a supplement to its notification in light of the following developments.

Since 1 January 2021, the United Kingdom is no longer a part of the customs territory of the European Union. However, the United Kingdom continues to apply on its territory the aforementioned safeguard measures imposed by the European Union.

According to the document G/SG/N/6/GBR/1 of 8 October 2020, on 1 October 2020 the United Kingdom initiated a review of those measures to "conclude whether the safeguard measure applied by the European Union, which is also applied by the United Kingdom... should be varied, extended or revoked". The review is expected to be concluded by 30 June 2021.

Given that the safeguard measures of the European Union have been applied, continue to be applied, and may be further applied on the territory of the United Kingdom after 30 June 2021, the Russian Federation submits that the aforementioned suspension of concessions or other obligations under the GATT 1994 is applicable to the safeguard measures in force in the United Kingdom.

Further details of such suspension will be provided to the Council for Trade in Goods before its application.

¹ The notification of the Russian Federation is contained in document G/SG/N/12/RUS/3 - G/L/1304.