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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**

CANADA

The following notification, dated 13 November 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and in accordance with the agreed format for notifications (G/SG/1, 1 July 1996; amended 19 October 2009, [G/SG/1/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/6/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/89](#)), Canada provides the immediate notification to the Council for Trade in Goods of the proposed suspension of concessions and other obligations referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 8.

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

Canada.

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 19 August 2020, Costa Rica imposed a definitive safeguard measure consisting of an additional 27.68% on the existing tariff level of 45% of the import customs duty, bringing the total to 72.68% on the CIF value of all imports of sugar in solid form, granulated, known as refined white sugar, for household and industrial consumption, including plantation, specialty and refined white sugars, of whatever origin, imported into Costa Rica under tariff subheading 1701.99.00.00.

The measure at issue was notified by Costa Rica in WTO documents [G/SG/N/8/CRI/2](#) - [G/SG/N/10/CRI/2](#) - [G/SG/N/11/CRI/2](#); and [G/SG/N/8/CRI/2/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/10/CRI/2/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/11/CRI/2/Rev.1](#).

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.

Canada provides this notification to reserve its rights to suspend the application of substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement on Safeguards. The details of the suspension of concessions or other obligations will be provided to the Council for Trade in Goods before its application.

Canada reserves its right to suspend substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations from 19 August 2023 provided that Costa Rica's safeguard measure has been taken as a result of an absolute increase in imports and conforms to the provisions of the Agreement on Safeguards.

Canada also reserves its right to suspend substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations upon the expiration of the 30 days from the day on which the written notice of such suspension is received by the Council for Trade in Goods to the extent that Costa Rica's safeguard measure has not been taken as a result of an absolute increase in imports or is not in conformity with the WTO Agreements. The suspension of concessions and other obligations will continue to apply until Costa Rica's safeguard measure is lifted or until an agreement on any adequate means of trade compensation for the adverse effects of the measure is reached between Costa Rica and Canada.
