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**IMPOSITION BY THAILAND OF A PROVISIONAL SAFEGUARD MEASURE ON
IMPORTS OF NON ALLOY HOT ROLLED STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS
IN COILS AND NOT IN COILS**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
THAILAND AND JAPAN UNDER ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

The following communication, dated 12 December 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Thailand and Japan.

We enclose a notification pursuant to Article 12.5 of the Agreement on Safeguards, of the results of consultations under Article 12.4 of that Agreement which took place between Thailand and Japan in relation to the imposition of a provisional safeguard measure by Thailand on imports of non alloy hot rolled steel flat products in coils and not in coils. The measure was notified to the WTO Committee on Safeguards on 27 May 2014.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and in light of the agreed format for notifications (G/SG/1/Rev.1, 5 November 2009), Thailand and Japan provide the following notification to the Council for Trade in Goods.

1. Specify the provision under which consultations were held

Article 12.4 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

2. Provide reference to the WTO document that notified the safeguard action regarding which consultations were held

WTO document G/SG/N/7/THA/3–G/SG/N/11/THA/3, dated 28 May 2014 and G/SG/N/7/THA/3/Suppl.1–G/SG/N/11/THA/3/Suppl.1, dated 25 September 2014.

3. Specify the Members involved in the consultations and provide the time period during which consultations were held

The Members involved in the consultations were Thailand and Japan. The consultations took place on 11 September 2014.

4. Describe the results of the consultations

Japan expressed its concern on the negative effects towards Japanese exporters and user industries in Thailand under the provisional safeguard measure by Thailand.

The main purpose of the consultations was for Thailand to explain the background and reasoning behind the imposition of a provisional safeguard measure. Japan made comments related to steel products imported from Japan by user industries in Thailand. Japan also pointed out the issue of exemption of certain Japanese steel products from the imposition of safeguard measure which, in Japan's view, believes that their imports did not harm or negatively impact the performance of the domestic industry.

Thailand noted Japan's position and stated that it was pleased to explain the provisional safeguard measure, and to hear the views of Japan thereon.
