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## NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON THE RESULTS OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS

THAILAND

*(Non Alloy Hot Rolled Steel Flat Products in Coils and Not in Coils)*

The following communication, dated 6 February 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegations of Thailand and the Republic of Turkey.

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### 1 PROVISION UNDER WHICH CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD

Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

### 2 WTO DOCUMENTS 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 MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE CONSULTATIONS, AND TIME-PERIOD DURING WHICH CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD

The Members involved in the consultations were Thailand and Turkey. The consultations took place on 2 December 2014.

### 4 THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS

Turkey expressed its concerns on Thailand's proposed definitive safeguard measure on Non Alloy Hot Rolled Steel Flat Products in Coils and Not in Coils. In Turkey's view, the imposition of safeguard measure was inappropriate due to, first, impropriety of using safeguards in order to deal with allegations of evasion or circumvention of duties of other investigations, and second, the difference between the injury period stated in the Notification on provisional measure (2010-2013) and the injury period stated in the Complaint (2008-2013).

Turkey requested for an exclusion from the imposition of safeguard measure as provided for developing country members under Article 9.1 of Agreement on Safeguards (AoS). Turkey also requested for an equivalent level of concessions/trade compensation under Article 8.1 of AoS, and emphasized the possibility of suspending under Article 8.2 of AoS.

Thailand noted Turkey's concerns and requests, and clarified that Thailand has conducted an investigation cautiously before making a decision.

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