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**IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS  
OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 12.3**

**JOINT COMMUNICATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

*Certain steel products*

The following communication, dated 30 April 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of the European Union and the Republic of Moldova.

Pursuant to Article 12.5 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), the European Union and the Republic of Moldova are notifying the results of the consultations conducted under Article 12.3 of the Safeguards Agreement. Documents G/SG/N/6/EU/1 (dated 27 March 2018), G/SG/N/6/EU/1/Suppl.1 (dated 29 June 2018), G/SG/N/7/EU/1 and G/SG/N/11/EU/1 (dated 18 July 2018), G/SG/N/8/EU/1 - G/SG/N/10/EU/1 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.1 (dated 4 January 2019) G/SG/N/8/EU/1/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/10/EU/1/Suppl.1 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.2 (dated 7 February 2019) contain notifications from the European Union concerning measures taken under the Safeguards Agreement concerning certain steel products.

On 14 January 2019, the European Union and the Republic of Moldova conducted consultations with a view to discuss the information provided in the above-mentioned documents dated 4 January 2019, related to the safeguard measure on certain steel products. The European Union and the Republic of Moldova discussed the relevant information and exchanged views on the measure.

In particular, pursuant to the SG Agreement Article 5.2. a), the Republic of Moldova underlined that the year 2018 is more representative and should have been taken into account for the calculation of the tariff-rate quotas (TRQs). The Republic of Moldova also requested an increase in the TRQ allocated to it in two product categories, noting the special factors, which may have affected or may be affecting the trade of the products. Lastly, Moldova pointed at some discrepancies in statistics.

The European Union explained to the Republic of Moldova the reasons why it disagreed with its views regarding the time periods for the calculation of the TRQ, as well as with the proposed increased TRQ.

The Republic of Moldova reserved its right to request compensation pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 1 of the Agreement on Safeguards. The European Union took note of this point.