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**Council for Trade in Goods
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**

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The following communication, dated 18 May 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Russian Federation.

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), the Russian Federation provides the immediate notification 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.

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

The Russian Federation.

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.

The measures imposed by the United States of America ("United States") consist of an increase in tariff on imports of certain steel and aluminium products. The measures are effective from 23 March 2018 with unlimited duration.

Although the United States did not provide notifications of the measures under paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c) of Article 12 and pursuant to Article 9 (Footnote 2) of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Russian Federation is of the view that the measures are in essence safeguard measures, and the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994) are applicable to them.

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.

The proposed suspension of substantially equivalent concessions and other obligations under the GATT 1994 to the trade with the United States takes the form of an increase in duty on selected products originating in the United States.

The details of the calculation of the effects of the US measures are provided in the table below.¹ Further details of the suspension of concessions will be provided to the Council for Trade in Goods before the concessions are suspension of concessions is applied.

Without prejudice to the effective exercise of its right to suspend substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations referred to in Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Russian Federation hereby reserves its right to apply the proposed suspension upon the expiration of 30 days from the day on which Council on Trade in Goods has been notified thereof.

The suspension of concessions and other obligations will continue to apply until the United States' safeguard measures are lifted.

	Exports from the Russian Federation to the United States	The US increase in tariff	Duty collected
Steel Products	1512,2 million USD	25%	378,1 million USD
Aluminium Products	1645,9 million USD	10%	159,5 million USD
Total	3158,1 million USD		537,6 million USD

¹ The calculations of the effects of the US measures provided in this notification may be amended subject to subsequent developments, including the ones regarding the measures of the United States.