

NOTICE OF THE INITIATION OF A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION ON THE APPLICATION FOR SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON THE IMPORTATION OF HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) AND LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LLDPE) PELLETS AND GRANULES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES (SG CASE NOS. SG05-2020 & SG06-2020)

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Trade and Industry has officially received properly documented applications from JG Summit Petrochemical Corporation (JGSPC) for the imposition of safeguard measures on the importation of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) pellets and granules from various countries. The applications allege that HDPE and LLDPE are being imported into the country in increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury to the local industry.


The Department acting under Section 6 of RA 8800, the Safeguard Measures Act, reviewed the evidence adduced in the application and has determined the existence of a prima facie case to justify the initiation of preliminary investigations. The products covered by the investigations are HDPE pellets and granules classified under AHTN Code 3901.20.00, and LLDPE pellets and granules classified under AHTN Codes 3901.10.12, 3901.10.92, 3901.40.00 and 3901.90.90. The period of investigation (POI) covers the years 2015 to 2019.

Rule 5.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 8800 provides that *“the Secretary when establishing that the application of a safeguard measure will be in the public interest shall take into consideration the following factors; among others: (i) whether the imposition of the provisional measure will result in political and economic crisis; and (ii) the extent to which such imposition will cause a shortage of a product under consideration in the domestic market”*.

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW THEREOF, interested parties are invited to submit their views on the matter, including on whether the imposition of a safeguard measure on the aforementioned products is in the public interest. Submissions may be made to the Bureau of Import Services (BIS), Department of Trade and Industry, 3rd Floor, Tara Building, #389 Senator Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, or through electronic submission to bis_irmd@dti.gov.ph within five (5) days from the date of publication of this notice.

The Non-Confidential Reports on the Initiation of a Preliminary Investigation can be accessed at the DTI web page: https://bit.ly/SGM_lldpe-hdpe

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