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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION AND
THE REASONS FOR IT**

PHILIPPINES

(Float Glass)

The following notification, dated 13 March 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Philippines.¹

Pursuant to Article 12.1 (a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the WTO hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the initiation of a preliminary safeguard investigation on the importation of clear and tinted float glass from various countries.

1 DATE OF INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation was initiated on 19 February 2019.

2 PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE INVESTIGATION

Clear and tinted float glass classified under AHTN Codes 7005.29.90 (clear float glass), 7005.21.90 (tinted float glass), including 7005.10.90 (reflective glass).

3 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The investigation was initiated on the basis of the application from the Philippine float glass industry that increased imports of clear and tinted float glass from various countries are the substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry in terms of declining market share, production, sales, capacity utilization, incurred losses, price depression, and undercutting.

The investigation has been initiated to determine whether safeguard measures are warranted.

¹ A copy of the Notice of Initiation has been submitted electronically. To consult this document, please contact Ms Budd (hilary.budd@wto.org) or Ms Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.