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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

*High-Density Polyethylene and Linear Low-Density Polyethylene pellets and granules*

The following notification, dated 4 September 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.\*

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Further 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 High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) pellets and granules from various countries.

**1 DATE OF INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

Notice of initiation of preliminary safeguard investigation was published on 4 September 2020.

**2 PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE INVESTIGATION**

HDPE pellets and granules classified under ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (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.

**3 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE**

The investigation was initiated on the basis of the petition submitted by the petrochemical industry represented by JG Summit Petrochemical Corporation (JGSPC) that increased imports of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) pellets and granules cause serious injury to the domestic industry in terms of declining domestic sales, production, utilization rate, reduction in labor productivity, incurred losses, suppression, depression and increase inventory.

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

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\* A copy of the Notice of Initiation has been submitted electronically. To consult this document, please contact Ms Richards ([anne.richards@wto.org](mailto:anne.richards@wto.org)) or Ms Naville ([delphine.naville@wto.org](mailto:delphine.naville@wto.org)) of the Rules Division.