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

TURKEY

(Porcelain and Ceramic Tableware, Kitchenware)

The following communication, dated 28 April 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Turkey.

We enclose a notification pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, on initiation of a safeguard investigation against imports of porcelain and ceramic tableware and kitchenware.

1. The date when the investigation was initiated

The Communiqué regarding the investigation was published in the Official Gazette dated 25/4/2015 and numbered 29337.

2. The products subject to the investigation

The products under investigation are "porcelain tableware and kitchenware" and "ceramic tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles, other than of porcelain" hereinafter referred to as "the product concerned".

The products concerned are currently classified in the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule under the customs tariff codes 6911.10 and 6912.00.

3. The reasons for the initiation of investigation

The investigation was initiated upon an evaluation of a safeguard petition from the domestic industry and on the basis of the evidence and the information contained therein.

The non-confidential summary of the application can be found at the internet address below, following the link "Ongoing Investigations/Porcelain and Ceramic Tableware, Kitchenware".

<http://www.ekonomi.gov.tr/portal/faces/home/ithalat/ticaretPolitikasiSav/ithalat-KorunmaOnlemleri>

4. Further information

Those who fill out the "İlgili Taraf Basvuru Formu" (application form) in Turkish and send to the investigating authority within the period of 20 days after the promulgation of the related Communiqué are accepted as interested parties in the investigation. The application form is available at the internet address cited in Article 3.

Interested parties may state, in the application form, their request to be heard by the investigating authority. The date and venue of the hearing and other information regarding the investigation will also be announced at the internet address cited in Article 3.

The interested parties are also required to fill out the "İlgili Taraf Soru Formu" (questionnaire) in Turkish that can be downloaded from the internet address cited in Article 3, and send to the investigating authority within the period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation. The non-confidential section of replies to the questionnaire will be published at the internet address cited in Article 3 for other interested parties' examination. Interested parties may ask for technical assistance from the investigating authority while filling out both the application form and the questionnaire.

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