Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China Notice No.23 (2015)

On 27 May 2015, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China received an antidumping petition filed by Wuhan Steel (Group) Company, Bao Steel Co.Ltd on behalf of the domestic GOES (Grain Oriented Flat-rolled Electrical Steel) industry. The petitioner requests MOFCOM to conduct an anti-dumping investigation against the imported GOES from Japan, Korea and EU. Pursuant to the <u>Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's</u> <u>Republic of China</u>, the Ministry of Commerce examined the standing of the petitioner, the relevant information of the subject merchandise, the information of the domestic like products in China, the impact of the subject merchandise on the Chinese domestic industry, and relevant situation of the alleged country and region, etc.

The prima facie evidences provided by the petitioner show that the output of GOES of the petitioner, that support this anti-dumping investigation petition, satisfies the requirements defined by Article 11, 13 and 17 of the <u>Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China</u>. Also, the petition includes the content and evidence required in Article 14 and 15 of the <u>Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China</u> regarding the initiation of anti-dumping investigation.

In view of the above results of the review and Article 16 of the <u>Anti-Dumping Regulation of</u> <u>the People's Republic of China</u>, the Ministry of Commerce decided to initiate an antidumping investigation against imported GOES from Japan, Korea and EU since 23 July 2015.

The relevant details are hereby made public as follows:

I. Initiation and Period of Investigation

From the date when this notice is published, MOFCOM will conduct an antidumping investigation on the GOES from Japan, Korea and EU. The period of the dumping investigation is from 1 January 2014 to 31 December, 2014. The period of the injury investigation is from 1 January 2011 to 31 December, 2014.

II. The Subject Merchandise and Investigation Scope

Investigation scope: GOES from Japan, Korea and EU

Subject merchandise: Grain Oriented Flat-rolled Electrical Steel, 'GOES'

It is listed under HS codes of 72251100, 72261100 in the *Customs Import and Export Tariff* of the People's Republic of China.

III. Respondent Registration

For the dumping investigation, any interested party can register to the investigation to the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of MOFCOM within 20 days from the date of initiation. Interested parties should provide information according to the reference of

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registration form, such as quantity and value of the product, capacity during the injury investigation, output, inventory, construction and expansion plan. The reference registration form can be downloaded at relevant webpage (the website is as follows).

The Interested parties in the Notice refer to individuals and organisations as in the Article 19 of the <u>Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China.</u>

IV. Access to Public Information

The interested parties can download from relevant website or go to the Trade Remedy Public Information Office (phone number: 0086-10-65197878) to search, read and copy non-confidential documents of the case.

V. Comments on Initiation of the case

The interested parties can submit their comments to MOFCOM in written form within the above-mentioned time period if they have different opinions on the product scope of the investigation, the standing of the petitioners, the alleged countries and regions and other relevant issues.

VI. Investigation Approaches

The investigation authority can investigate by means of questionnaires, sampling, public hearing, on-the-spot verification etc.

In order to obtain the required information, MOFCOM will normally issue investigation questionnaire to involved foreign exporters or producers, domestic producers or importers within 10 business days since the expiration of the above-mentioned responding time period. The responding interested parties can download the questionnaire from the relevant website.

<Questionnaire to Foreign Exporters and Producers of the Anti-Dumping Investigation of GOES > includes following contents – corporate structure and operation, the subject merchandise, export sales to China, domestic (regional) sales, export sales, operation and financial information, cost and relevant expenses, estimated dumping margin, and checklist etc. < Questionnaire to Domestic Producers of the Anti-Dumping Investigation of GOES > includes following contents – corporate information, domestic alike product information, operation and relevant information, financial and relevant information and other information need clarification. <Questionnaire to Domestic Importers of the Anti-Dumping Investigation of GOES > includes contents of corporate information, trade and relevant information of the merchandise.

Non-registered other interested parties can download the questionnaire from relevant website or ask the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau for the questionnaire, and submit information according to the questionnaire.

Companies shall provide complete and accurate questionnaire responses to MOFCOM in specified time limit. The response shall include all information required by the questionnaire.

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VII. Submission and processing of Confidential Information

For confidential information, interested parties can submit request and reason to MOFCOM for confidential processing of the information. If MOFCOM agrees the request, the interested party should submit the non-confidential outline summary of the confidential information. The outline should include sufficient meaningful information of its rationality. If the interested party cannot provide the outline, it should clarify the reasons. If the interested party does not indicate confidential requests when submit information, MOFCOM will conduct the information as non-confidential.

VIII. Result of Non-cooperation

According to the Article 21 of the <u>Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of</u> <u>China</u>, the interested parties shall provide authentic information and relevant documentation to the Ministry of Commerce in the process of the investigation. In the event that any interested party does not provide authentic information and relevant documentation, or does not provide necessary information within a reasonable time limit, or significantly impedes the investigation in other ways, the Ministry of Commerce may make determinations on the basis of the facts already known and the best information available.

IX. The investigation Period

The investigation starts from 23 July 2015 and shall normally end before 23 July 2016. The period can be extended to 23 January 2017 under special circumstances.

X. Contact Method of MOFCOM:

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Relevant websites: 1. Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau under MOFCOM (<u>http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn</u>); 2. China Trade Remedy Information (http:// <u>www.cacs.gov.cn</u>)

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Annex:

Registration form Petition Annex of the petition

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