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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

Corrugating Medium

The following communication, dated and received on 13 February 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.*

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 corrugating medium from various countries.

1 DATE OF INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION

Notice of initiation of preliminary safeguard investigation was published on 13 February 2025 in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

2 PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE INVESTIGATION

Corrugating medium classified under ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 4805.19.10, 4805.19.90 and 4805.12.00.

3 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The investigation was initiated on the basis of import data obtained from official sources and information submitted by members of the Pulp and Paper Manufacturers Association of the Philippines (PULPAPEL) that increased imports of corrugating medium are a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry.

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

* A copy of the application of cement industry and the notice of the initiation of a preliminary safeguard investigation have been submitted electronically. To consult this document, please contact Ms Anne Richards of the Rules Division (anne.richards@wto.org).