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NOTIFICATION OF THE INITIATION OF A REVIEW PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7.2 REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF A SAFEGUARD MEASURE

TURKEY

(Polyethylene terephthalate)

The following communication, dated 14 July 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Turkey.

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Enclosed is a notification of the initiation of a review pursuant to Article 7.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards regarding the extension of the safeguard measure in imports of Polyethylene terephthalate.

1. The date of the initiation of the investigation

The Communiqué on the initiation of an investigation was published in the Official Gazette on 8 July 2014.

2. Precise description of the product involved

The product under investigation is "Polyethylene terephthalate, having a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher" hereinafter referred to as "the product concerned".

The product concerned is currently classified as 3907.60.20 within the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule.

3. Reference to the WTO document containing the most recent Article 12.1(c) notification

The WTO Document containing the most recent Article 12.1 (c) notification is "G/SG/N/8/TUR/13, G/SG/N/10/TUR/13, G/SG/N/11/TUR/16" dated 24 June 2011.

4. The reasons for the initiation of the review

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 is available in the web page below.

http://www.tpsa.gov.tr/index.cfm?sayfa=D0D70EF8-0AFC-1B22-4248444EAF546EF1

5. Deadlines for exporters and other interested parties to submit comments in writing or in a hearing

Those who fill out and send "Application Form for the Interested Party" to the competent authority within the period of 20 days after the initiation of the investigation are accepted as interested parties in the investigation.

The competent authority shall provide with a username and a password to each interested party. The username of the interested party shall be the e-mail address specified in the "Application Form for the Interested Party". Logging in with the username and password, the interested parties are required to fill out "Online Questionnaire for the Interested Party", available at http://www.ekonomi.gov.tr/ithgozetim/index.cfm, within the period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation. Interested parties may ask for the technical assistance of the competent authority during filling out "Online Questionnaire for the Interested Party".

Interested parties may state, in the "Application Form for the Interested Party", their request to be heard by the competent authority.

"Application Form for the Interested Party" and "Online Questionnaire for the Interested Party" are available on the web page cited in Article 4. The date and venue of the hearing and other announcements regarding the investigation will also be accessible on the same web page.

The address of the competent authority for correspondence is:

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