**Notice on Initiation of Enforcement of WTO Dispute Settlement on Anti-Dumping Measures on Stainless Steel**

Ministry of Commerce Notice No. 46 of 2023

On 22 July 2019, the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) issued Notice No. 31 of 2019, deciding to impose anti-dumping duties on imports of stainless steel billets and stainless steel hot-rolled sheets/coils originating from the European Union (EU), Japan, Korea and Indonesia.

On 28 July 2023, the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) adopted the Panel Report in the dispute case "China - Anti-Dumping Measures on Stainless Steel Products Originating in Japan".

According to the "Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Anti-Dumping" and the Ministry of Commerce's "Provisional Rules for the Implementation of the World Trade Organisation's Trade Remedy Dispute Decisions", the Ministry of Commerce has decided to conduct a reinvestigation of the original anti-dumping case since the date of the release of the notice, and implement the decisions and recommendations of the said WTO Panel Report, and the relevant matters are announced as follows:

I. Content of Investigation

According to the WTO Panel Report decisions and recommendations, the original anti-dumping case will be investigated in order to make the measures consistent with the WTO Agreement.

II. Methods of Investigation

The Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) may use questionnaires, sampling, on-site verification, etc. to obtain information from relevant interested parties and conduct the investigation.

In order to obtain the information for the investigation of this case, MOFCOM will issue questionnaires to the interested parties. Interested parties can download the questionnaire from the sub-site of the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau on the website of the Ministry of Commerce (<http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn>).

Interested parties shall submit complete and accurate questionnaires within the prescribed time. The answers should include all the information required by the questionnaire.

III. Submission and Processing of Information

Within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice, interested parties may register on the "Trade Remedy Investigation Informatisation Platform" (https://etrb.mofcom.gov.cn), and submit comments and questionnaires in the course of reinvestigation, and in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, the paper version shall also be submitted. The content of the electronic version and the paper version shall be the same and the format shall be consistent.

If the information submitted by the interested party to MOFCOM needs to be kept confidential, the interested party may make a request to MOFCOM for confidential treatment of the relevant information and state the reasons. If MOFCOM grants the request, the interested party applying for confidentiality shall at the same time provide a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary should contain sufficient meaningful information to enable other interested parites to have a reasonable understanding of the confidential information. If a non-confidential summary cannot be provided, a reason should be given. If an interested party submits information that does not state that it is confidential, MOFCOM will consider the information to be public.

During the period of reinvestigation, the interested party may search for the public information of the case through the sub-site of the Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau on the website of the Ministry of Commerce, or go to the Trade Remedy Public Information Inspection Room of the Ministry of Commerce (Tel: 0086-10-65197878) to find, read, transcribe and copy the public information of the case.

IV. Consequences of non-cooperation

According to Article 21 of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Anti-Dumping, when the Ministry of Commerce conducts an investigation, the interested party shall truthfully reflect the situation and provide relevant information. If the interested party fails to reflect the situation truthfully and provide relevant information, or fails to provide the necessary information within a reasonable period of time, or seriously obstructs the investigation in other ways, MOFCOM may make a decision based on the facts already obtained and the best available information.

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