Please find above attached the information on the procedures governing the administration of safeguards, in the form of tariff rate quotas (TRQ), which will be applied with respect of imports of heavy plate and stainless steel wire. The remaining five steel product types, which were covered by the safeguard investigations, will not be subject to safeguard measures.

The methods of administration of TRQ (based on import permits) for heavy plate and stainless steel wire are explained in point 3 of the Notice to Importers (1st attachment). The issuance of permits will be divided into three phases, each of which will be governed by a different procedure. The allocation of permits during the 3rd phase is not yet known and will be determined on the basis of public consultations which will take place during the summer. The Commission will argue, in the context of those consultations, that the allocation of import permits should be based on the historical level of imports with a view to ensure that EU exporters could retain their historical share of the Canadian market while the measures are in force.

Please also find above attached the schedule of a conduct of an inquiry on exclusion requests concerning heavy plate and stainless steel wire, which are subject to safeguard measures. The objective of this proceeding is to determine whether certain types of those two steel products are produced in Canada. If the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (ITT) determines that there is no domestic source of supply or firm and commercially viable plan to produce such goods domestically, the ITT will recommend the exclusion of those goods from the application of safeguard measures.

Finally, I have also attached for your information the News release (3rd attachment) issued by Department of Finance, which informs about an intensive 30-day consultation with industry and workers (most likely domestic ones) in order to determine what further protections are required with respect to five steel product types which will not be subject to safeguard measures.

We would be grateful if you could inform about the above all interested parties.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,

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