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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(C) UPON TAKING A DECISION
TO APPLY OR EXTEND A SAFEGUARD MEASURE**

UNITED STATES

*Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells
Whether or Not Partially or Fully Assembled into Other Products*

Supplement

The following communication, dated 16 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.*

Pursuant to Article 12.1(c) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), the United States is notifying the results of its review with respect to the safeguard measure on crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells (whether or not partially or fully assembled into other products) (solar products).

1. Specify the measure and the products subject to the measure for which the mid-term review was conducted, and provide reference to the WTO document that notified the safeguard measure subject to the review.

The products subject to the measure are solar products, as identified in the Presidential Proclamation of 23 January 2018. The measure and Presidential Proclamation were both notified in G/SG/N/8/USA/9/Suppl.4 - G/SG/N/10/USA/7 - G/SG/N/11/USA/6 (dated 26 January 2018). The measure was subsequently amended through exclusions and other actions taken and notified in G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.1 (dated 24 September 2018), G/SG/N/8/USA/9/Suppl.5 - G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.2 - G/SG/N/11/USA/6/Suppl.1 (dated 22 May 2019), G/SG/N/8/USA/9/Suppl.5/Corr.1 - G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.2/Corr.1 - G/SG/N/11/USA/6/Suppl.1/Corr.1 (dated 27 May 2019), G/SG/N/8/USA/9/Suppl.6 - G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.3 - G/SG/N/11/USA/6/Suppl.2 (dated 7 June 2019), G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.6 (dated 9 October 2019), G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.10 (dated 22 April 2020), and G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.11 (dated 15 June 2020).

2. Provide the dates of initiation and conclusion of the review.

The review was initiated on 25 July 2019, and notified in G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.5 (dated 7 August 2019). On February 7, 2020, the U.S. International Trade Commission released its report on the results of the monitoring of developments in the domestic industry following the President's decision to impose a safeguard measure on imports of solar products. That report was notified in G/SG/N/10/USA/7/Suppl.9 (dated 12 February 2020).

* A copy of the Presidential Proclamation has been submitted electronically. To consult this document, please contact Ms Richards (anne.richards@wto.org) or Ms Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.

The President's decision regarding the measure is contained in the attached Presidential Proclamation, which was published in the Federal Register on 16 October 2020.

3. Describe the results of the review, providing some detail on the basis for reaching those results.

The results of the review and details on the basis for reaching those results can be found in the attached Presidential Proclamation.

4. Indicate whether:

(i) the measure has been, or will be, withdrawn as a result of the review. If yes, then indicate the date of withdrawal; and

(ii) the pace of liberalization has been, or will be, increased as a result of the review. If yes, then indicate the revised time-table for progressive liberalization.

The answer to both items (i) and (ii) is no.
