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## Introduction

**In compliance with the basic objectives of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, and in conformity with the objectives of the GCC Unified Economic Convention seeking to achieve economic integration among GCC member states, and aware of the crucial role played by GCC industries in the economies of the GCC member states, it becomes vital for the member states to take necessary measures against dumping, subsidy and increase of imports, which cause injury, threat of injury, or retardation to GCC industries.**

**Pursuant to Article 86 of the Rules of Implementation of the GCC Common Law on Antidumping, Countervailing Measures and Safeguards which states, “The Technical Secretariat issues an Official Gazette where it publishes all publications required under this Common Law and its Rules of Implementation”. Hereby, GCC-Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti Injurious Practices in International Trade pleased to publish the Notice Volume No (21) of the Official Gazette of GCC- Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti-Injurious Practices in International Trade**





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**Imposition of definitive safeguard measures against the GCC imports of Prepared Additives for cements, mortars or concretes.**  
**(Chemical Plasticizers)**

In conformity with the GCC Common Law on Anti-Dumping, Countervailing and Safeguard Measures (The GCC Common Law) and its Rules of Implementation, and upon the decision no.(11/3S/2017) of the Permanent Committee for Anti Injurious Practices in International Trade (Permanent Committee) to initiate a safeguard investigation against the increase in GCC Imports of Prepared Additives for cements, mortars or concretes (Chemical Plasticizers), which is classified under HS code (38244000) (Product under Investigation) and the Permanent Committee's decision No. (20/3S/2018) proposing the imposition of definitive safeguard measures against the increase in GCC imports of the product under investigation pursuant to the provisions of Article (9) of the GCC Common Law and Paragraph (1) of article (75) the Rules of Implementation, and referring to the Ministerial Committee's approval of the Permanent Committee's decision No. (20/3S/2018) pursuant to the provisions of article (8) of the GCC Common Law and, the GCC Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti-injurious Practices in International Trade (GCC-TSAIP) hereby announces the imposition of definitive safeguard measures against the GCC imports of the product under investigation according to the following:

**1. Product under investigation subject to the definitive safeguard measures**

Prepared Additives for cements, mortars or concretes (Chemical Plasticizers) known as superplasticizers or hyperplasticizers in liquid or powder form and take different commercial names like SNF/NSF/PNS, SMF or PCE. These products are used for all

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(1) The notice of initiation published in the official gazette of the Bureau of technical secretariat for anti-injurious practices in international trade-volume (14).



types of concrete like readymix concrete, precast and pre-stressed concrete, in areas of congested reinforcement, where higher workability is of benefit, in reducing water concrete for the sake of improving impermeability and durability; marine concrete, gunite concrete, architectural concrete, special concrete.

The product concerned is classified under the following GCC-Unified Tariff Code (38244000).

## **2. Duration of the definitive safeguard measures:**

The definitive safeguard measures shall enter into force for three years starting from the date: 21 June 2019.

## **3. Form of the definitive safeguard measures:**

The definitive safeguard measure will consist of an additional specific duty of the order of 221 USD/Ton applicable to imports exceeding the annual quota of 250,354 ton. For the purpose of liberalizing the definitive safeguard measure, the specific duty will be decreased according to following table:

<b>Duration</b>	<b>Specific duty value (USD/Ton)</b>
<b>First year</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>Second year</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Third year</b>	<b>177</b>

These duties will not be applied against the GCC imports originating from developing countries, listed in the paragraph no. (5), whose share of imports in GCC imports of the product under investigation is less than 3% individually and less than 9% collectively.



#### **4. The reasons leading to the imposition of the definitive safeguard measures:**

##### **4.1 Determination of the increase of imports:**

During the period of investigation, there has been recent, sudden, sharp and significant increase in GCC imports of the product under investigation during the period of investigation either in absolute terms or in relation to the GCC production.

##### **4.2 Determination of serious injury and causal link:**

Based on the analysis and evaluation of the serious injury factors during the period of investigation, The GCC-TSAIP concluded that the GCC industry has suffered from the existence of serious injury such as sharp decline in sales, market share, and deterioration of the economic and financial factors of the GCC industry, which coincided with the existence of recent, sudden, sharp and significant increase in GCC imports of the product under investigation, and found that there are no other reasons for serious injury other than the increased imports, and there is sufficient evidence of the existence of causal link between the increased imports and the serious injury suffered by the GCC industry.

#### **5. Developing countries exempted from the definitive safeguard measures against the GCC imports of Prepared Additives for cements, mortars or concretes (Chemical Plasticizers):**

Afghanistan, Albania, Indonesia, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Barbados, Belize, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Chad, Chile, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lesotho, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius,

Macau, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, El Salvador, Sierra Leone and the Solomon Islands, South Africa, Côte d'Ivoire, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Philippines, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Hong Kong.

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