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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Tinplate

The following communication, dated and received on 11 March 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Russian Federation.

1. Specify the date when the investigation was initiated

4 March 2026.

Public notice of the initiation of a safeguard investigation on tinplate imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union was published on 4 March 2026 on the official website of the Eurasian Economic Union (<https://docs.eaeunion.org/documents/166/10536/>) (hereinafter the Notice of Initiation).

ID number of investigation: SG-13.

2. Provide the precise description of the product involved

Tinplate.

The product under investigation is flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, of a thickness of less than 0.5 mm, clad, plated or coated with a layer of metal containing by weight 97% or more of tin, hereinafter referred to as "tinplate".

Tinplate is classified under the following code within the Common Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union: 7210 12 200 0.

3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of investigation, for example:

- (i) **Was the investigation initiated pursuant to a petition from the domestic industry?**
- (ii) **Evidence on the basis of which the investigation was initiated.**
- (iii) **Evidence, if any, of critical circumstances where delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair.**

The investigation was initiated on the basis of results of consideration of the application filed by the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter the Union) producer of tinplate.

The information in the application indicates that total imports of tinplate into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union increased both in absolute and relative terms. In absolute terms in the period 2023–2025 total imports increased by 24%, while in 2025 as compared with 2024 imports

increased by 54%. In relation to the Union production, imports increased in 2025 as compared with 2023 by more than 40%, and as compared with 2024 by more than 70%.

There is also sufficient evidence in the application demonstrating that the increase in imports of tinplate caused serious injury to the Union industry.

The increased imports of tinplate resulted in significant impairment of the Union producers' position in terms of production and sales. In particular, in 2025, as compared with 2023 and 2024, respectively, volume of production decreased by 17% and 13%, capacity utilization rate decreased by 23% and 14%, volume of sales decreased by 11% and 10%, market share decreased by 9% and 13%. The most significant reduction of the above indicators occurred at the end of the period considered.

In 2025 the import price declined by 12% as compared with 2023 and by 2% as compared with 2024 and became significantly lower than the Union industry's price. The increased imports at prices lower than Union industry's prices had suppressing effect on the Union industry's prices. As a result, the financial performance of the Union industry deteriorated significantly. In particular, in 2025, as compared with 2023 and 2024, respectively, profit decreased by 69% and 83%, production profitability decreased by 87% and 84%, profitability of sales decreased by 85% and 83%. At the end of the period considered the Union industry suffered financial losses.

For more details on the reasons for the initiation of the investigation please refer to the Notice of Initiation.

4. Provide a point of contact for the investigation and identify the preferred means for corresponding. The point of contact would be available to respond to enquiries relating to the procedures applicable to the investigation.

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5. Provide the deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence and their views, including:

- (i) **deadlines and procedures for Members and exporters to identify themselves as interested parties, if so required, to participate in the investigation; and**
- (ii) **the date of an intended public hearing as provided for in Article 3.1.**

Note: At the time of the initiation, if the authority has not decided whether or not to hold such a hearing, or if the date of the hearing is undetermined, Members should indicate under this item how such information would be publicized. Members are not obliged to submit another notification simply due to the fact that the proposed date has subsequently been changed.

In accordance with the Protocol on Application of Safeguard, Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures with respect to Third Countries (Annex No.8 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014), interested parties may declare their intention to seek participant status not later than 25 days from the date of initiation of the investigation. Participants to the safeguard investigation have the right to request access to the non-confidential file and participate in public hearings.

The participants to the safeguard investigation may request for public hearings within 45 days from the date of initiation of the investigation.

Interested parties should submit comments within 60 days from the date of the initiation of the investigation in writing in the Russian language to the following address (for more details visit the following website: <https://remedies.eaeunion.org/dimd/ru/security/investigations/card/SG-13>):

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Additional information

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