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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**

PHILIPPINES

*(Cement)*

The following communication, dated 24 September 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Philippines.<sup>1</sup>

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Pursuant to Article 12.1 (a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the WTO hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the initiation of a preliminary safeguard investigation on the importation of cement from various countries.

**1 DATE OF INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

The investigation was initiated on 10 September 2018.

**2 PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE INVESTIGATION**

Cement classified under AHTN 2523.2990 and 2523.9000.

**3 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE**

The investigation was initiated on the basis of import data obtained from official sources and information submitted by members of the Cement Manufacturers Association of the Philippines that increased imports of cement are a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry in terms of declining market share, production sales, capacity utilization, profitability, price depression, suppression and undercutting.

The investigation has been initiated to determine whether safeguard measures are warranted.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the DTI Notice of Initiation has been submitted electronically. To consult this document please contact Ms. Budd ([hilary.budd@wto.org](mailto:hilary.budd@wto.org)) or Ms. Naville ([delphine.naville@wto.org](mailto:delphine.naville@wto.org)) of the Rules Division.