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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**

INDONESIA

(Curtains (Including Drapes), Interior Blinds, Bed Valances, and Other Furnishing Articles)

The following communication, dated 20 September 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Indonesia.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the Republic of Indonesia hereby wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards that the Indonesian Safeguards Committee (*Komite Pengamanan Perdagangan Indonesia/KPPI*), hereinafter referred as "the Investigating Authority", has initiated a safeguard investigation on the imports of the product under investigation.

On 12 September 2019, an application for a safeguard measure was received by the Investigating Authority from Indonesia Textile Association/*Asosiasi Pertekstilan Indonesia* (API) hereinafter referred as "the Applicant", against importation of the product under investigation. After examining the properly documented application, the Investigating Authority concluded that there was a sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of a safeguard investigation.

1 THE DATE OF INITIATION OF SAFEGUARD INVESTIGATION

The investigation initiated on 18 September 2019.

2 PRODUCT UNDER INVESTIGATION

Curtains (Including Drapes), Interior Blinds, Bed Valances, and Other Furnishing Articles, under *Harmonized System* (HS.) code 6303.12.00, 6303.19.90, 6303.91.00, 6303.92.00, 6303.99.00, 6304.19.90, 6304.91.90, and 6304.92.00

3 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

- (i) The Investigating Authority initiated a safeguard investigation following an evaluation of the application documents filed by the Applicant, which constitutes a major proportion of the total domestic production of the subject goods in Indonesia.
- (ii) The Applicant claims that they are experiencing critical circumstances where its financial ratios indicate difficulties in terms of liquidity, solvency, activity, and profitability which will lead them into bankruptcy (irreparable damage).
- (iii) The non-confidential summary of the application can be found at the internet address below, following the link:
<http://www.kppi.kemendag.go.id>

4 POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE INVESTIGATION

The contact information of the Investigating Authority for correspondence is:

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5 DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES TO PRESENT EVIDENCE AND VIEWS BY INTERESTED PARTIES

- (i) Those having substantial interest and wishing to be considered as interested parties in this investigation should submit written request within a period of 15 days in Indonesia from the date of initiation to the Investigating Authority. All submissions and request made by interested parties must be sent both in written letter and in electronic format, and must indicate the name, address, email address, telephone and fax number of the interested parties.
 - (ii) In Accordance with article 3.1 WTO Agreement on Safeguard, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia will conduct a hearing in order to provide opportunities for those Members who having a substantial interest to present their evidence and views, Hearing is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 1 October 2019 at 10.00 - 12.00 am. All interested parties, who wish to participate in the hearing and present their evidences and views, should submit related documents to the Investigating Authority not later than 26 September 2019. Registration on the day of the hearing (1 October 2019) will start at 09.00 am and only authorized representatives will have access to the hearing.
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