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

VIET NAM

(Monosodium Glutamate)

The following communication, dated 4 September 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Viet Nam.¹

Pursuant to Article 12.1 (a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam hereby wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards that the Vietnam Competition Authority hereafter referred as "the Investigating Authority" has initiated a safeguard investigation on the imports of "monosodium glutamate under HS Code 2922.42.20".

On 9 June 2015, the Investigating Authority received an application for a safeguard measure from the Vedan Vietnam Joint Stock Limited Company, hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant". After examining the properly documented application, the Investigating Authority concluded that there was sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of a safeguard investigation.

1. The date of initiation

The investigation was initiated on 1 September 2015.

2. Subject good

Monosodium Glutamate under HS Code: 2922.42.20

3. Reasons for initiation of investigation procedure

The investigation was initiated following an evaluation of prima facie evidence provided in the application for a safeguard measure by the Applicant, which represents a major producer of the subject good in Viet Nam.

The data submitted by the Applicant showed that there was an increase of volume of import of the subject good that causes or threaten to cause a serious injury to the domestic industry producing similar products.

The data currently available also showed a situation of sharply declining in domestic production and market share, productivity, and profits or losses, in conjunction with the increase in imports.

¹ A copy of the notice was submitted (in original language only) in electronic form. To consult this document, please contact Ms Budd (hilary.budd@wto.org) or Ms Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.

4. Further information

Any request for information regarding the investigation must be submitted within 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Interested parties who desire to present evidence, documents and opinions pertaining to the investigation shall submit their evidence, documents and opinions so stated in writing within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation to the following address:

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