

MEDIA STATEMENT

INITIATION OF AN ANTI-DUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION CONCERNING IMPORTS STEEL WIRE RODS ORIGINATING OR EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

On 11 September 2024, the Government of Malaysia (Government) received a petition from a domestic producer, Southern Steel Berhad (Petitioner), requesting for an anti-dumping duty investigation on imports steel wire rods (subject merchandise) originating or exported from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Indonesia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Petitioner alleged that imports of the subject merchandise originating or exported from the alleged countries were sold at a price much lower than their domestic selling price in the alleged countries (dumped price).

The Petitioner further claimed that the dumped imports from the alleged countries have increased in terms of absolute quantity and have caused material injury to the domestic industry. The Government has assessed and considered the information and evidences of dumping, injury and causal link set out in the Petition and decided to initiate an anti-dumping duty investigation on imports of the subject merchandise from the alleged countries pursuant to section 20 of the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 (the Act) and regulation 7 of the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Regulations 1994 (the Regulations).

In accordance with the Act and the Regulations, a preliminary determination will be made within 120 days from the date of initiation. If the preliminary determination is affirmative, the Government will impose a provisional antidumping duty at the rate that is necessary to prevent further injury to the domestic industry.

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) will distribute a set of questionnaires and relevant documents to interested parties, such as importers, foreign exporters/producers of the subject merchandise in the alleged countries, the Governments of the alleged countries as well relevant trade associations. Other interested parties who wish to participate in the antidumping duty investigation may request for the questionnaires in writing to MITI no later than 25 October 2024. Interested parties may also provide their views in writing, questionnaire responses and additional supporting evidence to MITI by 9 November 2024. In the event the interested parties do not provide the necessary information; or the information and views are not received in an adequate form within the specified time limit, the Government may make its preliminary determination based on the available facts.

Request for the questionnaires and further enquiries concerning this investigation can be directed to:

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