



MEDIA RELEASE

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SAFEGUARD INVESTIGATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORTS OF STEEL CONCRETE REINFORCING BAR (REBAR) AND STEEL WIRE ROD & DEFORMED-BAR-IN-COIL (DBIC)

The Government of Malaysia (GOM) has initiated two (2) safeguard investigations on imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar (REBAR) and Steel Wire Rod (SWR) & Deformed-Bar-in-Coil (DBIC) based on petitions filed by the Malaysia Steel Association, on behalf of the domestic industry producing REBAR and SWR & DBIC. The Petition alleged that importations of REBAR and SWR & DBIC into Malaysia have increased from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2015 in absolute and relative terms which have caused serious injury to the domestic industry in Malaysia.

During preliminary investigations, the GOM assessed all issues and concerns submitted by all interested parties in these investigations in accordance with the Safeguards Act 2006 and Safeguards Regulations 2007.

In accordance with Section 20, Safeguards Act 2006, the GOM has made a preliminary determination to impose provisional safeguard duties on importation of REBAR and SWR & DBIC at the following rates:

- (i) Provisional safeguard duties of 13.42% on importation of REBAR; and
- (ii) Provisional safeguard duties of 13.90% on importation of SWR & DBIC excluding steel wire rods and deformed bar in coil with carbon content of 0.60 per cent or more or diameter greater than 16.0 millimetres and products imported for the end-usage purposes of automotive, electrical and electronic, oil and gas and earthquake proof construction industries of all grades and specifications

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department will enforce the collection of provisional safeguard duties for 200 days, from 26 September 2016 for REBAR and from 27 September 2016 for SWR & DBIC.

Interested parties such as local producers and importers, as well as foreign

producers/exporters and associations related to these investigations can have access to the non-confidential version of the public report on the preliminary determination by submitting a written request to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry as follows:

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