

PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK

This investigation is conducted in accordance with the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 (ITA Act) and the International Trade Administration Commission Amended Safeguard Regulations (SGR), read with the World Trade Organization Agreement on Safeguards (the Safeguard Agreement).

Interested parties were invited to comment in writing to the Commission's preliminary determination, and the 14 day deadline for comments was on 27 November 2020.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments on whether it will be in the public interest to impose definitive safeguard measures on the subject product, in accordance with Section 20.2 of the SGR, which stipulates that "In determining whether a safeguard measure would be in the public interest the need to take note of the trade distorting effect of the surge in imports and the need to restore effective competition shall be given special consideration".

Interested parties should make their submissions on public interest in writing and indicate interest to attend and make oral presentations to Commission on public interest to the Senior Manager: Trade Remedies II not later than 14 days from the date of this publication. Interested parties wishing to make oral presentations should submit a detailed version, including a non-confidential version of the information to be discussed at the public hearing. A party that did not timeously submit a non-confidential version of the information to be discussed at the public hearing will not be allowed to make an oral presentation.

An online public hearing is scheduled for 16 February 2021 at 10h00, with further details to be communicated. Parties requesting to attend the public hearing should note that this will be an open hearing with all parties present and only non-confidential information should be presented during the public hearing.