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Excellency,

Subject: The Extension of Safeguard Measure on the Imports of Hot Rolled Steel Flat Products with Certain Amounts of Alloying Elements into Thailand from Various Countries

The Department of Foreign Trade (“DFT”) presents its compliments to the Delegation of the European Union and has the honor to refer to the DFT letter No. 0309/6091 dated 29 December 2015 providing the disclosure of essential facts of the extension review of safeguard measure on imports of hot rolled steel flat products with certain amounts of alloying elements into Thailand.

In this regard, the DFT would like to notify Your Excellency that the Committee on Safeguard Measures of Thailand (“the Committee”) has finally reached its final determination and recommended the extension of safeguard measures for a period of three years.

On 26 February 2016, the Committee’s notification on the extension of safeguard measure was published in the Royal Thai Government Gazette, as attached herewith, imposing a safeguard duty which continues to be progressively liberalized during the period of its validity as follows:

Extended Duration	Extended Safeguard Duty
27 February 2016 – 26 February 2017	41.67% of C.I.F. price
27 February 2017 – 26 February 2018	40.42% of C.I.F. price
27 February 2018 – 26 February 2019	39.21% of C.I.F. price

In accordance with Article 9 Footnote 2 of the Agreement on Safeguards, the measure will not be applied against the products concerned originating in or exported from any developing country as long as its share of imports of the products concerned into Thailand does not exceed 3%. In this regard, as there is no additional developing country whose share of imports of the products concerned into Thailand exceeded 3% since the issuance of the Committee's notification No. 5 on 24 October 2014, the list of developing countries excluded from the measure remains the same.

In addition, the exemption from the imposition of the safeguard duty will be continuously granted to certain importers importing the products concerned into Thailand for cold rolling process; for the automobile industry; for hardening process and as special grade steels; and, import for export, i.e., the imported products that are intended to be manufactured, further processed or incorporated into a finished product that will be exported from Thailand under the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand Act; or, the Investment Promotion Act; or, the Customs Act.

The DFT avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Delegation of the European Union the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Enclosure: As stated

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