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IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS OF PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF CONCESSIONS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

JAPAN

Supplement

The following communication, dated 17 June 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

The Government of Japan provides the following supplemental information relating to its notification of 17 May 2002 (document G/C/15-G/SG/44).

The Government of Japan wishes to inform the adoption of a Cabinet Order as a necessary domestic procedure for the suspension of concessions under paragraph 2 of Article 8 of the Agreement on Safeguards, which was notified to the Council on Trade in Goods (CTG) on 17 May 2002 (document G/C/15-G/SG/44) and has not been disapproved by it.

The Cabinet Order concerning the Suspension of Concessions to Certain Steel Products Originating in the United States of America (Cabinet Order No. 212, proclaimed by publication in the *Official Gazette* on 17 June 2002) has been adopted by the Cabinet on 14 June 2002. The Cabinet Order will become effective on 18 June 2002, upon the expiration of 30 days from the day on which written notice of the suspension was received by the CTG.

The Cabinet Order provides that application of concessions shall be suspended to the trade of the United States with regard to certain steel products specified in the attachment to Annex I of the aforementioned notification, based on the premise that the level of substantially equivalent suspension shall be subject to the level specified in Annex I of the notification.

With regard to suspension of concessions proposed under Annex II of the notification, as indicated in the notification, the Government of Japan continues to reserve its right to effectuate the proposed suspension not earlier than 20 March 2005 or the fifth day following the date of a decision from the WTO Dispute Settlement Body that the safeguard measures imposed by the United States are not in conformity with the WTO Agreement, whichever is earlier.
