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## NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON TAKING A DECISION TO APPLY A SAFEGUARD MEASURE

UNITED STATES

### Supplement

The following communication, dated 13 December 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(c) of the Agreement on Safeguards, and in light of the agreed format for notifications (G/SG/W/1, 23 February 1995), the United States provides the following supplement to notification G/SG/N/10/USA/4 to the Committee on Safeguards.

**1.-3.** This information was provided in a previous notification. See G/SG/N/10/USA/4 (18 February 2000).

#### **4. Provide a precise description of the proposed measure**

As notified in G/SG/N/10/USA/4 (18 February 2000), the measure is a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) on imports of certain wire rod, as described in paragraphs 3 and 4 of that notification. The over-quota tariff rate was 10 per cent *ad valorem* in the first year of relief, declining to 7.5 and 5 per cent *ad valorem* in the second and third years, respectively. During each quarter of the first three quarters of a quota year, any articles subject to the tariff-rate quota entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption in excess of one-third of the total within-quota quantity for that quota year were subject to the over-quota rate of duty then in effect. The remaining amount of the in-quota quantity was allowed to be imported in the fourth quarter of each quota year without additional duties. The measure does not apply to imports from Canada or Mexico.

Several supplier countries have requested a modification of the TRQ to ensure that in-quota quantity is available during the fourth quarter of each quota year. Accordingly, the United States has decided to divide the third year in-quota quantity evenly among quarters. The United States has also allocated the in-quota quantity of the TRQ among supplier countries using 1996 – 1998 as the previous representative period for determining the allocations. The following table reflects the adjustments to the TRQ.

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	24/11/2001 – 28/02/2002	01/03/2002 – 31/05/2002	01/06/2002 – 31/08/2002	01/09/2002 – 30/11/2002	01/12/2002 – 01/03/2003
European Community	28.2 %	104,987,486 kg	104,987,486 kg	104,987,486 kg	104,987,486 kg
Trinidad and Tobago	16.6%	61,716,789 kg	61,716,789 kg	61,716,789 kg	61,716,789 kg
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan	12.6%	47,034,377 kg	47,034,377 kg	47,034,377 kg	47,034,377 kg
All Other Countries	42.7%	159,076,170 kg	159,076,170 kg	159,076,170 kg	159,076,170 kg

The United States has published details of the modifications in the Federal Register at 66 Fed. Reg. 59353 (28 Nov. 2001).

**5. Provide the proposed date of the introduction of the measure**

The measure was introduced on 1 March 2000. The in-quota allocation is effective 24 November 2001.

**6. Provide the expected duration of the measure**

The measure is expected to last through 1 March 2003.

**7. Not applicable.**

**8. If the expected duration is over one year, provide the expected timetable for progressive liberalization of the measure**

This information was provided in a previous notification. See G/SG/N/10/USA/4 (18 February 2000).

**9. Not applicable.**

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