

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE
AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF
AN INVESTIGATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

CANADA

The following communication, dated 28 March 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

1. Specify the date when the investigation was initiated

On 25 March 2002, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal ("CITT") initiated an enquiry into serious injury to the domestic industry producing products like or directly competitive with certain imported steel products. Public notice of the investigation was provided on 22 March 2002.

2. Specify the product to the investigation

The steel products covered by the investigation include:

- A. Flat rolled products
- B. Long products
- C. Standard pipe products

Further product details and exclusions are described in Annex I.

3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of investigation

The Government of Canada, by government order, directed the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) to initiate a safeguard investigation under section 20 of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act. This document will be available in the WTO Secretariat for inspection by government representatives. A copy of the CITT notice of institution of the investigation is being submitted to the Committee. This document will also be available in the WTO Secretariat for inspection by government representatives. The order and the notice of institution can also be obtained from the CITT website: www.citt.gc.ca.

ANNEX I

Product covered by the inquiry and exclusions:

1. Flat rolled carbon and alloy steel comprising discrete plate; hot rolled sheet and coil; cold rolled sheet and coil; and corrosion-resistant sheet and coil.

For greater certainty, the foregoing includes floor-patterned plate, pre-painted steel and corrosion-resistant steel coated with zinc or zinc in combination with aluminum.

It excludes clad plate; PVQ plate over 3.125" thick; other plate over 5" thick; cold rolled sheet that is not annealed (commercially known as "full hard" cold rolled sheet) for metallic coating; grain-oriented electric steel sheet; certain proprietary grades of corrosion-resistant steel known as "Tribrite", "Trichrome", and "Triclear"; aluminized steel sheet; aluminum clad sheet; and stainless grades of flat rolled steel products.

2. Carbon and alloy "long" steel products comprising hot rolled bars; shapes; light and intermediate structurals; bars and rods that have been cold drawn and finished; and concrete reinforcing bars.

For greater certainty, the foregoing includes alloy tool and mold steel bars, both hot and cold-finished. It excludes heavy structural steel products (such as beams), that is, with over 6" thickness in leg or web; "leaded" grades of hot rolled bars; and stainless grades of long steel products.

3. Welded and seamless carbon and alloy tubular steel products comprising standard pipe to 16" O.D. (outside diameter).

For greater certainty, the foregoing includes waterwell casing, sprinkler pipe and piling pipe.
