
Committee on Safeguards

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**REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS FROM NORWAY UNDER
ARTICLE 12.3 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

Imposition of a Safeguard Measure by the United States
On Imports of Certain Steel Products

Supplement

The following communication, dated 12 March 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway.

I refer to your letter of 11 March 2002 setting out the US view on the prospect of temporary tariff increases on some steel products.

Norway has taken note of the earlier notification by the United States of 11 November 2001 under Article 12.1(b) of the Agreement on Safeguards on finding a serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports (document G/SG/N/8/USA/8), and the Proclamation of 5 March 2002 by the President of the United States concerning the application of safeguard measures on imports of certain steel products. Under the Proclamation, the US provided the possibility to hold consultations under Article 12.3 of the Agreement on Safeguards. Norway notes that the United States has not yet notified its decision to the WTO Committee on Safeguards but looks forward to receiving the formal notification as promised in the letter of 11 March.

Norway has a substantial interest as an exporter of products covered by the proclaimed measures. Norway therefore formally requests consultations with the United States pursuant to Article 12.3.

Norway looks forward to an early response from the United States on a date for such consultations.

Norway reserves all its rights under the Safeguards Agreement, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.
