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IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.5 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS CONCERNING UNITED STATES ACTION IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS

Joint Communication from the United States and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu

The following communication, dated 13 June 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States and the Permanent Mission of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

Documents G/SG/N/6/USA/10 (9 July 2001); G/SG/N/9/USA/4 (1 November 2001); G/SG/N/8/USA/8 (1 November 2001); G/SG/N/8/USA/8/Suppl.1 (7 January 2002); G/SG/N/8/USA/8/Suppl.2 (15 January 2002); G/SG/N/10/USA/6 (14 March 2002); G/SG/N/11/USA/5 (14 March 2002); G/SG/N/10/USA/6/Suppl.1 (15 March 2002); G/SG/N/10/USA/5/Suppl.1 (15 March 2002); G/SG/N/10/USA/6/Suppl.2 (18 March 2002); G/SG/N/11/USA/5/Suppl.2 (18 March 2002); G/SG/N/10/USA/6/Suppl.3 (27 March 2002); G/SG/N/11/USA/5/Suppl.3 (27 March 2002); G/SG/N/8/USA/8/Suppl.3 (28 March 2002); G/SG/N/9/USA/4/Suppl.1 (28 March 2002); G/SG/N/10/USA/6/Suppl.4 (12 April 2002) and G/SG/N/11/USA/5/Suppl.4 (12 April 2002) contain communications from the United States concerning action under the Agreement on Safeguards in respect of certain steel products. Document G/SG/40/Suppl.17 (17 April 2002) contains a communication from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

The United States and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, are pleased to notify the Council for Trade in Goods that they have agreed that their reciprocal rights and obligations in respect of the above-referenced action under the Agreement on Safeguards and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will be maintained, and for this purpose they have agreed that as between them the 90-day period set forth in Article 8.2 of the Agreement on Safeguards and Article XIX:3(a) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 shall be considered to expire on 20 March 2005.

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