

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

JORDAN

Supplement

The following communication, dated 3 April 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has the honour to forward herewith the following supplementary information concerning the notification provided under Article 12.1(a), circulated as document G/SG/N/6/JOR/1, dated 18 December 2000, and Decision No. 200/8/2942 taken by the Minister of Industry and Trade regarding the extension of the period of the subject investigation.

Further to the notification made under Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, circulated in document G/SG/N/6/JOR/1, Jordan hereby informs the Committee on Safeguards that upon the recommendation of the competent investigatory authority the Minister of Industry and Trade has issued Decision No. 200/8/2942, dated 18 March 2001, concerning the current increase of imports investigation of biscuit and chocolate products. The said Decision includes the following orders:

1. The order to extend the period of the subject investigation by an additional three months effective from 18 March 2001. This order has been issued in accordance with Article 19 of the Regulation on Safeguards of National Production No. 55 of the year 2000, which states "Subject to the provisions of Article (18) of this Regulation, the Competent Authority shall normally conclude the investigation and issue its recommendation to the Minister, whether to accept a safeguard application or reject it, within three months from the date of initiation of the investigation subject to extension for another five months in special circumstances foreseen by the Minister. Such recommendation shall be reasoned and based on subjective evidence".

2. The order to handle the investigation of biscuits and the investigation of chocolate separately.

A translated copy of the above-mentioned Decision is attached.

18 March 2001

Decision No. 200/8/2942
Pertaining to the Safeguard Petition Filed for the Protection of Domestic
Industry of Biscuits and Chocolate

Resting on my competence granted by Article 19 of the Regulation on Safeguards of National Production No. 55 of the year 2000, and according to the recommendation of the competent investigatory authority to extend the duration of the subject investigation initiated on 10 November 2000, I hereby decide the following:

1. The extension of the period of the subject investigation by an additional three months effective from 18 March 2001.
2. The separation of the biscuit investigation from the chocolate investigation.

Wasef Azar
Minister of Industry and Trade
