

27 February 2023

(23-1338)

Page: 1/2

Committee on Safeguards

Original: French

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

MADAGASCAR

*Detergent powder**Supplement*

The following communication, dated 22 February 2023 and received on 23 February 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

Pursuant to Articles 7.2 and 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, the Committee on Safeguards is hereby notified of the initiation of a review investigation in respect of the extension of the safeguard measure in force on imports of detergent powder to Madagascar.

1 DATE OF INITIATION

The National Authority for Trade Remedies (ANMCC), the investigating authority, initiated a review investigation in respect of the extension of the current safeguard measure on imports of detergent powder to Madagascar on 18 February 2023.

2 DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED

The product subject to the review investigation is detergent powder for household and industrial use based on organic surface-active agents intended for washing preparations, auxiliary washing preparations and cleaning preparations, whether or not put up for retail sale.

The product concerned is classified under the following HS tariff headings: 340249, 340250, 340290.

These are the products to which the safeguard measure in force is applied.

3 WTO DOCUMENT REFERENCE OF NOTIFICATIONS

WTO reference documents issued since the initial application of the measure are:

- Definitive safeguard measures G/SG/N/8/MDG/3 - G/SG/N/10/MDG/3 - G/SG/N/11/MDG/3/Suppl.2;
- Mid-term review investigation: G/L/1401 - G/SG/N/13/MDG/1.

4 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF THE REVIEW INVESTIGATION

The domestic detergent powder industry filed a petition with the competent authority to request the initiation of a review investigation in respect of the extension of the existing safeguard measure on imports of this product into Madagascar.

As the conditions for initiation of the review investigation have been fulfilled, the ANMCC has decided to initiate the investigation because:

- the serious injury to the domestic industry has not yet been fully remedied. The safeguard measure thus continues to be necessary to remedy or prevent such injury;
- the domestic industry is in the process of making adjustments so as to improve its competitiveness; and
- there is a probable risk that imports will resume if the safeguard measure is not extended.

5 OTHER INFORMATION

Parties wishing to participate in the investigation have a period of 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation to make themselves known to the ANMCC and express their interest.

Any information or comments, as well as requests for questionnaires, should be submitted in writing to the ANMCC at the address below within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Each party concerned is granted a period of 30 days, after the initiation of the investigation, to submit replies to the questionnaire to the ANMCC.

In case of non-response or late response, decisions will be made on the basis of the best information available.

6 FURTHER INFORMATION

Requests for further information and correspondence regarding the investigation must be sent to:

Monsieur Le Directeur Général de l'ANMCC
Enceinte Ex-Conquête Antanimena, Antananarivo 101 - Madagascar
Email: dq@anmcc.mg/dq.anmcc@gmail.com
Website: www.anmcc.mg
