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**TRADE MEASURES TAKEN BY AUSTRALIA AGAINST IMPORTS
FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM AUSTRALIA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 14 April 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Australia.

1. On 20 October 2022, Australia announced the extension of its measure to withdraw Russia's entitlement to Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) tariff treatment by the imposition of an additional customs duty of 35 per cent on goods that are the product or manufacture of Russia or Belarus. The original measure applied for six months to goods shipped to Australia on or after 25 April 2022 and ended on 24 October 2022. The measure has been extended for a period of twelve months to 24 October 2023. The measure has been extended through the Notice of Intention to Propose Customs Tariff Alterations (No. 7) 2022 (the Notice) and Customs Tariff Proposal (No. 6) 2022.

2. The 35 per cent tariff applies to all goods originating from Russia or Belarus regardless of their tariff classification and value and is in addition to the general duty rates that already apply. Further information can be found at: <https://www.abf.gov.au/help-and-support-subsite/CustomsNotices/2022-45.pdf>.

3. This temporary measure is a response to Russia's unprovoked, unjust and illegal invasion of Ukraine, supported by Belarus, and is necessary for the protection of Australia's essential security interests. Russia's actions, supported by Belarus, are a gross violation of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations. They violate Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and undermine the rules-based international order. Australia is committed to upholding these principles, which are essential to international, regional and domestic stability and security.

4. Australia considers that the measure described above is justified under WTO rules, including GATT Article XXI, given Russia's invasion.
