



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

COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF "GCC"

Certain steel products

Supplement

The following communication, dated on 18 January 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Kingdom of Bahrain as President of the GCC on behalf of the GCC Member States.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), the Kingdom of Bahrain notifies that a safeguard investigation has been amended as follows:

On 23 October 2019, the GCC-Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti Injurious Practices in International Trade (GCC-TSAIP) (hereafter referred as "the Competent Authority") initiated a safeguard investigation concerning the imports of certain steel products.¹ The Sultanate of Oman on behalf of GCC member States informed the WTO Committee on Safeguards by notification dated 24 October 2019.²

Following the initiation of the investigation, the Competent Authority has found some relevant products that have to be added to the scope of the products under investigation (Table 1); while on the other hand, some other products has been found to be excluded from the scope of the products under investigation (Table 2).

The GCC-TSAIP has obtained sufficient *prima facie* evidence that would justify that modifications within the scope of the current investigation. Therefore, the notice of initiation published in the Official Gazette of the GCC-TSAIP volume (23) has been amended by an amending notice, which is published in the Official Gazette of the GCC-TSAIP volume (29).³ The amending notice includes further information on the modifications, products concerned, and their relevant HS Codes. The HS Codes are indicated for information purpose only.

¹ <https://www.gcc-sg.org/ar-sa/CognitiveSources/DigitalLibrary/Pages/Details.aspx?itemid=797>

² G/SG/N/6/ARE/3 - G/SG/N/6/BHR/4 - G/SG/N/6/KWT/4 - G/SG/N/6/OMN/3 - G/SG/N/6/QAT/3 - G/SG/N/6/SAU/3.

³ <http://www.gcc-sg.org/ar-sa/CognitiveSources/DigitalLibrary/Pages/Details.aspx?itemid=814>

The table 1 below shows the HS codes that have been added in the products under investigation:

Table 1- HS codes that have been added

No.	Steel Categories according to the Official Gazette volume(23)	HS Code
3	Metallic Coated Steel	721230
5	Reinforced Steel Bars and Wire Rod	721710;721720;721730;721790; 722100;722300;722920;722990
7	Sections	730110
9	Welded and Seamless Pipes and Tubes	730431;730590;730840;730890

The table 2 below shows the HS codes that have been excluded from the products under investigation:

Table 2- HS codes that have been excluded

No.	Steel Categories according to the Official Gazette volume(23)	HS Code
1	Flat Hot Rolled Coils and Sheets	720827;720837;720838;720839;720851; 720853;720854;721113;721114;721119
2	Cold Rolled Flat Steel Coils and Sheets	720926;720918;720917;720916;720927; 722550;720990;720928
9	Welded and Seamless Pipes and Tubes	730424;730520;730531;730611;730619; 730640