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

UKRAINE

*Caustic soda*

The following communication, dated 18 February 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ukraine.

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Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards and using the format adopted by the Committee on Safeguards (G/SG/N/6), Ukraine hereby submits notification of the initiation of a safeguards investigatory process, as follows:

**1 SPECIFY THE DATE WHEN THE INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED**

On 11 February 2020 the investigation process was initiated in accordance with the Decision of the Interdepartmental Commission of Foreign Trade of 7 February 2020 No. SP 436/2020/4411-03 "On initiation and conduction of safeguard investigation on import in Ukraine of caustic soda regardless of country of origin and export".

**2 PROVIDE THE PRECISE DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT INVOLVED**

Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda) in aqueous solution, imported in Ukraine and classified in accordance with UKTZED (UKTZED is the Ukrainian Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Classification, based on Harmonized System 2012) under code 2815 12 00 90.

**3 PROVIDE THE REASONS FOR THE INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION**

- (i) The investigation has been initiated pursuant to the petition of the domestic industry, in particular by LLC "KARPATNAFTOKHIM".
- (ii) The statement sets out sufficiently substantiated evidence on the basis of which it can be considered as having been submitted by the appropriate national producer.
- (iii) The statement provides sufficient substantiated evidence on the basis of which, during HY2 2017 – HY1 2019, imports in Ukraine of caustic soda regardless of country of origin and export were carried out to such an extent and on such conditions that it could cause significant injury to the national producer.

**4 PROVIDE A POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND IDENTIFY THE PREFERRED MEANS FOR CORRESPONDING**

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**5 PROVIDE THE DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO PRESENT EVIDENCE**

Notice of the Decision of the Interdepartmental Commission of Foreign Trade of 07 February 2020 No. SP 436/2020/4411-03 is published in "Uryadovuy Courier" as of 11 February 2020, No 26 (<https://cutt.ly/drNeGan>).

Within 20 days from the notice publication, the Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine carries out registration of interested parties and considers the requirements for conducting of hearings. In investigation initiation enquiry it is necessary to indicate: name, juridical address, fax and telephone number, e-mail and name of contact person, type of activity (producer, importer, exporter, etc.). The recommended form of request for registration as an interested party of an investigation is provided in the annex to the notice.

Within 30 days from the notice publication, the Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine considers the written comments on the initiation of investigation. Information should be provided in Ukrainian or in original language, accompanied by the Ukrainian translation. If case the information is confidential, it is necessary to prepare and submit to the Ministry both confidential and non-confidential versions.

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