

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

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS BEFORE TAKING A PROVISIONAL
SAFEGUARD MEASURE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 6**

AND

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The following communication, dated 20 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of China.

Upon instructions from my Government, I am pleased to forward you three notifications from China under the Agreement on Safeguards. The first one is made pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, on initiation of a safeguard investigation on some of the steel products. The second one is made pursuant to Article 12.4 of the same Agreement, on a provisional safeguard measure to be taken on some of the steel products. The third one is made pursuant to Article 9 of the same Agreement, on non-application of the proposed provisional safeguard measure on some developing Members.

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

1. Date of initiation of the investigation

20 May 2002.

2. Products subject to the investigation

Certain steel products, specifically non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, other non alloy steel strips, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes, welded pipes, slabs.

Tariff lines of the products and their descriptions are listed in Annex 1 of this notification.

3. Reasons for initiation of the investigation

The investigation was initiated pursuant to the application from China Steel Industry Association, Shanghai Baoshan Steel and Iron Group Corporation, Anshan Steel and Iron Group Corporation, Wuhan Steel and Iron Corporation (Group), Capital Steel and Iron Corporation, and Handan Steel and Iron Company Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the Applicants), submitted on 19 April 2002.

Information provided by the Applicants indicated a recent dramatic increase in imports of the steel products under investigation, and that repressed sales, stagnant and declining utilization of capacity, market prices, profitability and market share of the like and directly competitive products are prevalent. Therefore, critical circumstances do exist, and delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair.

4. Further information

A copy of the Public Notice on Initiation of Safeguard Investigation will be submitted to the WTO Committee on Safeguards for reference.

ANNEX 1

Tariff lines and descriptions of the products
subject to the safeguard investigation

No.	Product description	Tariff lines
1.	Non alloy plates	72082500 72083700 72085200 72083600 72085100
2.	Non alloy sheets and coils	72081000 72084000 72082600 72083800 72085300 72082700 72083900 72085400 72089000 72091500 72092500 72091600 72092600 72091700 72092700 72091800 72092800 72099000 72101100 72101200 72121000 72103000 72104100 72104900 72122000 72123000 72107000 72124000
3.	Electrical sheets	72251100 72251900 72261100 72261900
4.	Stainless steel plates and sheets	72191200 72191300 72192300 72201200 72191400 72192400 72193100 72193200 72193300 72193400 72193500 72202000 72199000 72209000
5.	Other non alloy steel strips	72111300 72111400 72111900 72119000
6.	Non alloy wires	72139100 72132000
7.	Non alloy bars and rebars	72142000 72151000 72155000 72159000
8.	Non alloy sections	72161010 72163100 72163300 72164010 72165090 72166100 72166900 72169100 72169900
9.	Seamless pipes	73041000 73042100 73042900
10.	Welded pipes	73051100 73051200 73051900 73061000 73052000 73062000 73063000
11.	Slabs	72071200 72071100 72071900 72072000

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.4 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

1. Product subject to the proposed provisional safeguard measure

Certain steel products, specifically non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes, and slabs.

Tariff lines of the products and their descriptions are listed in Annex 1 of this notification.

2. The proposed provisional safeguard measure

Tariff quotas shall be applied as of 24 May 2002 to the above-mentioned 9 categories of steel products. The existing import tariff rates shall be applied to imports within the quotas, while an additional duty of 7 per cent-26 per cent over the current import tariff rate shall be levied on imports exceeding the quotas. The tariff quotas shall be established on a global basis. Detailed information of the measure is found in Annex 2 of this notification.

3. Proposed date of introduction of the provisional safeguard measure

24 May 2002.

4. Expected duration of the provisional safeguard measure, if any decision on the duration has been made

Duration of the provisional safeguard measure will be 180 days.

5. Reasons for taking the provisional safeguard measure

Basis for making preliminary determination that increased imports have caused or are threatening to cause serious injury

- (i) Unforeseen developments

The US ITC initiated a safeguard investigation on steel products in July 2001, and the US proclaimed on 5 March 2002 the imposition of safeguard measure against steel imports which was to be applied as of 20 March 2002. The US measure further impeded the steel imports into the US market. The recent years witness that the US has been repeatedly taking trade measures against steel imports resulting in a 33 per cent decrease of steel imports during the period from 1998-2001.

The European Union (EU) proclaimed, on 27 March 2002, that provisional safeguard measures be imposed against steel imports as of 29 March 2002.

(ii) Import increase

Statistics submitted by the Applicants indicate that the import volume of the steel products subject to investigation has kept increasing in absolute terms in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Statistics submitted by the applicants also indicate that import of the 9 categories of steel products increased dramatically recently. The 9 categories of products are non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes and slabs (hereinafter referred as the "9 investigated products").

The increase of import volume of the 9 investigated products is demonstrated in the table below.

Year	Total import of the nine investigated products (in 10,000 tons)
1997	1,072.6
1998	1,072.32
1999	1,504.93
2000	1,876.37
2001	2,320.7

The total import volume of the 9 investigated steel products in 2000 grew by 24.68 per cent compared with 1999, and it grew by 24.16 per cent in 2001 compared with 2000. The import volume of each of the 9 categories of products has been increased in absolute terms.

(iii) Serious injury or threat thereof

Evidence provided by the Applicants shows that the increase of steel imports causes serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry.

According to the relevant document submitted by the Applicants, all relevant factors of an objective and quantifiable nature from 1997 to 2001 are evaluated, in particular, the import trend of each product, the share of the domestic market taken by increased imports, changes in the level of sales, production, productivity, capacity utilization, profit and losses, and employment. The evaluation shows:

1. During the period from 2000 to 2001, imports of the 9 investigated products showed an increase in absolute terms. Import increases of the investigated products vary from 10 thousand tons

to 3.49 million tons, with an increase rate of 0.24 per cent-89.36 per cent. In comparison to the increasing imports, the production of domestic like products grew slowly.

2. In terms of the capacity utilization, the non alloy bars and rebars sector showed a downturn in the period from 2000 to 2001, and the other products remain roughly unchanged

3. Growth of the sales of the domestic like products was seriously suppressed by the dramatic increase of the imports of the investigated products. Sales of the domestic like products should have been growing given the continuous increase of consumption of the products. However, the fact is that the growth rates of sales of the domestic like products have fallen below those of consumption (except slabs).

4. Domestic demand for steel products has been on the rise. However, the market share of domestic like products remains unchanged or even decreases slightly. Market share for domestic produced slabs experienced a most rapid decrease, from 81.49 per cent in 1998 to 51.67 per cent in 2001. In addition, market share of domestically produced stainless steel plates and sheets declined from 26.02 per cent in 2000 to 22.57 per cent in 2001.

5. During the period from 2000 to 2001, import prices for 7 out of the 9 investigated products recorded a rapid decline with the only exception of electrical sheets and seamless pipes, which led to the downward price movement of the domestic like products during the same period. The prices of the domestic like products should have grown with the growth of consumption. However, the surge of low-price steel imports suppressed the prices of domestic like products and even led to the decrease.

6. During the period from 2000 to 2001, except for seamless pipes (with a slight increase of 0.9 per cent), Chinese domestic industries producing the like products suffered from a substantial drop of profitability rate. In particular, the profitability rate of non alloy wires industry decreased from 4.18 per cent to 1.3 per cent, that of slabs from 6.1 per cent to 3.3 per cent. More seriously was the stainless steel plates and sheets industry where the profitability rate plummeted from 2.8 per cent in 2000 to -8.8 per cent in 2001, representing a negative growth rate of 11.6 per cent. Prior to the period (between 1997 and 1999), the profitability rates of domestic industries were extremely modest. Some had already suffered from losses. For example, the profitability rate of electrical sheets plunged from 25.5 per cent in 1997 to -14.99 per cent in 1999.

7. Regarding the profits or losses per unit (RMB yuan/ton) of the 9 investigated products, profits dropped sharply in recent years. Particularly, the unit profit of stainless steel plates and sheets plummeted from 338.27 yuan per ton in 2000 to -845 yuan per ton in 2001. The decrease margin reached 349.8 per cent.

8. In terms of the change in employment of the domestic industries of the like product, during the period from 2000 to 2001, except for electrical sheets, employment of all the other 8 investigated products experienced dramatic decrease. For example, the number of employees for non alloy sheets and coils industry decreased by 189,114, that of non alloy bars and rebars by 414,466, that of non alloy plates by 8,097 and that of non alloy wires by 64,521.

9. Based on the above evaluation and analyses, it is preliminarily determined that Chinese domestic industries manufacturing the 9 investigated products suffered from serious injury or threat thereof, and that the threat is clearly imminent.

(iv) Causal link

Based on the information available, there is a reason to believe that there is a linkage between the decrease of the US steel imports and the increase of the steel imports to China.

The import increase of the investigated products resulted in stagnant sales and lingering or even shrinking market share of domestic like products. Since imported products and domestic like products have basically same physical characteristics, end-use and are interchangeable, they were mainly competing by prices. Import surge suppressed the domestic like products in terms of the increase of their sales level and market share.

With suppressed increase of the sales level and market share of the domestic like products, sales income of the domestic industries decreased. Low capacity utilization with added unit production cost brought down profitability.

As a result, the import surge of the 9 investigated products has already caused and is still leading to the decrease in sales volume, prices and sales income of the like products in China, which in turn caused rapid decrease of profitability. Import surge has already caused serious injury to domestic industries and is still threatening to cause serious injury.

(v) Other relevant factors

In order to find whether there are any factor(s) other than import increase causing serious injury or threat thereof to domestic industries, preliminary evaluation was conducted on other factors that may cause serious injury or threat thereof. The factors include the general downturn of the world economy, the short-term economic slowdown resulted from the 9-11 Event, and the reduced exports of the domestic producers to the US market.

The preliminary analyses find that the import increase has been the substantial cause of the serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry.

Basis for determining that there are critical circumstances where delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair

Critical circumstances

The critical circumstances refer to circumstances where delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair. As analyzed above, the serious injury is clearly imminent. As a result of import increase of the 9 investigated products, the domestic industry is undergoing a very hard time.

The imposition of safeguard measure against steel imports by the US hampers the steel products from entering the US market. The EU followed suit in adopting provisional safeguard measures against steel imports. With a preliminary evaluation on the possible destinations of the large volume of steel trade diverted from the US market, it is determined that no other market can absorb such a large volume of trade diversion. As the world third largest steel market after the US and the EU, the open Chinese market might become the main destination which the steel product kept away from the US market may choose.

As a result, there are critical circumstances in domestic steel industries where delay would cause damage which would be difficult to repair.

6. Other Information

A copy of the Public Notice on Provisional Safeguard Measures on Certain Steel Products will be submitted to the Committee on Safeguards for reference.

ANNEX 1

Tariff lines and descriptions of the products
subject to the proposed provisional safeguard measure

No.	Product description	Tariff lines
1.	Non alloy plates	72082500 72083700 72085200 72083600 72085100
2.	Non alloy sheets and coils	72081000 72084000 72082600 72083800 72085300 72082700 72083900 72085400 72089000 72091500 72092500 72091600 72092600 72091700 72092700 72091800 72092800 72099000 72101100 72101200 72121000 72103000 72104100 72104900 72122000 72123000 72107000 72124000
3.	Electrical sheets	72251100 72251900 72261100 72261900
4.	Stainless steel plates and sheets	72191200 72191300 72192300 72201200 72191400 72192400 72193100 72193200 72193300 72193400 72193500 72202000 72199000 72209000
5.	Non alloy wires	72139100 72132000
6.	Non alloy bars and rebars	72142000 72151000 72155000 72159000
7.	Non alloy sections	72161010 72163100 72163300 72164010 72165090 72166100 72166900 72169100 72169900
8.	Seamless pipes	73041000 73042100 73042900
9.	Slabs	72071200 72071100 72071900 72072000

ANNEX 2

Tariff Quotas and Additional Duty Rates

No.	Tariff Items	Product Descriptions	Volume of tariff quotas (kg)	Additional duty (%)
		Non alloy plates	46,055,414	20
1	72083700	1. Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: of a thickness of 4.75mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm	28,776,712	
2	72085200	2. Of a thickness of 4.75mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm	17,278,701	
		Non alloy sheets and coils	3,728,066,028	
		1. Non alloy hot rolled sheets and coils	853,492,238	26
3	72081000	1.1 In coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	4,487,654	
4	72084000	1.2 Not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, with patterns in relief	516,490	
5	72082600	1.3 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, pickled: of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm	94,634,495	
6	72083800	1.4 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: Of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm	117,946,831	
7	72085300	1.5 Other, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: Of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm	20,400,808	
8	72082700	1.6 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, pickled: of a thickness of less than 3mm	87,665,019	
9	72083900	1.7 Other, in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: of a thickness of less than 3mm	494,583,774	
10	72085400	1.8 Other, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled: of a thickness of less than 3mm	33,257,168	
		2. Non alloy cold rolled sheets and coils	1,535,414,825	26
11	72091500	2.1 In coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced):of a thickness of 3mm or more	29,262,596	
12	72092600	2.2 Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced): of a thickness exceeding 1mm but less than 3mm	62,636,221	
13	72091700	2.3 In coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced):of a thickness of 0.5mm or more but not exceeding 1mm	625,903,789	
14	72092700	2.4 Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced): of a thickness of 0.5mm or more but not exceeding 1mm	137,088,334	
15	72091800	2.5 In coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced): of a thickness of less than 0.5mm	675,365,321	

No.	Tariff Items	Product Descriptions	Volume of tariff quotas (kg)	Additional duty (%)
16	72092800	2.5 Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled(cold-reduced): of a thickness of less than 0.5mm	5,158,563	
		3. Tin mill products	145,064,624	25
17	72101200	3.1 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated with tin: of a thickness of less than 0.5mm	137,320,411	
18	72121000	3.2 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600mm, plated or coated with tin	7,744,213	
		4. Galvanized sheets	922,381,157	23
19	72103000	4.1 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated: electrolytically plated or coated with zinc	576,369,537	
20	72104100	4.2 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm of more, clad, plated or coated: otherwise plated or coated with zinc: corrugated	1,789,306	
21	72104900	4.3 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm of more, clad, plated or coated: otherwise plated or coated with zinc: other	321,671,039	
22	72123000	4.4 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600mm,clad, plated or coated: otherwise plated or coated with zinc: otherwise plated or coated with zinc	22,551,275	
		5. Organic coated sheets	271,713,185	18
23	72107000	5.1 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more, clad, plated or coated: painted, varnished or coated with plastics	271,713,185	
		Silicon-electrical steel	373,111,327	9
		1. Grain-oriented Silicon-electrical steel	76,545,275	
24	72251100	1.1 Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more	76,545,275	
		2. Other Silicon-electrical steel	296,566,053	
25	72251900	2.1 Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600mm or more: other	296,566,053	
		Stainless steel plates and sheets	356,770,754	
		1. Stainless plates	52,874,571	17
26	72191200	1.1 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than hot-rolled, in coils:-Of a thickness of 4,75mm or more but not exceeding 10mm	52,874,571	
		2. Stainless hot rolled sheets and coils	179,562,120	18
27	72191300	2.1 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than hot-rolled, in coils: of a thickness of 3mm or more but not exceeding 4.75mm	179,562,120	
		3. Stainless cold rolled sheets and coils	124,334,063	18

No.	Tariff Items	Product Descriptions	Volume of tariff quotas (kg)	Additional duty (%)
28	72193200	3.1 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced)--of a thickness of 3mm or more but less than 4.75mm	5,732,525	
29	72193300	3.2 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than cold-rolled(cold-reduced)--of a thickness exceeding 1mm but less than 3mm	62,337,286	
30	72193500	3.3 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600mm or more:-Not further worked than cold-rolled(cold-reduced)--of a thickness of less than 0.5mm	29,997,702	
31	72202000	3.4 Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of less than 600mm:-Not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced)	26,266,550	
		Non alloy wire	102,887,042	15
32	72139100	Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel: of circular cross-section measuring less than 14mm in diameter	102,887,042	
		Non alloy bars and rebars	155,035,438	
		1. Non alloy hot rolled bars and rebars	105,285,118	15
33	72142000	1.1 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling: Containing indentations, ribs, groves or other deformations produced during the rolling process or twisted after rolling	105,285,118	
		2. Non alloy cold rolled bars and rebars	49,750,320	7
34	72151000	2.1 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel: of free-cutting steel, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished	12,337,989	
35	72155000	2.2 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel: other, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished	6,989,061	
36	72159000	2.3 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel: other	30,423,270	
		Non alloy sections	64,077,421	
		1. Non alloy hot rolled sections	53,195,551	18
37	72163100	1.1 U,I or H sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn, or extruded of a height of 80mm or more: U sections	4,422,098	
38	72163300	1.2 U,I or H sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn, or extruded of a height of 80mm or more: H sections	23,999,414	

No.	Tariff Items	Product Descriptions	Volume of tariff quotas (kg)	Additional duty (%)
39	72164010	1.3 L or T sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height of 80mm or more: L sections	11,008,696	
40	72165090	1.4 Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded: Other	13,765,343	
		2. Non alloy cold rolled sections	10,881,870	7
41	72166100	2.1 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: obtained from flat-rolled products	1,243,085	
42	72166900	2.2 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: other	1,162,952	
43	72169100	2.3 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: cold-formed or cold-finished from flat-rolled products	473,841	
44	72169900	2.4 Angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than cold-formed or cold-finished: other	8,001,991	
		Seamless pipes	156,834,395	8
45	73041000	1. Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron (other than cast iron) or steel: -Line pipe of a kind used for oil or gas pipelines	6,504,743	
		2. Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron (other than cast iron) or steel:-Casing, tubing and drill pipe, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas	150,329,652	
46	73042100	2.1 Casing, tubing and drill pipe, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas: drill pipe	12,671,420	
47	73042900	2.2 Casing, tubing and drill pipe, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas: other	137,658,233	
		Slabs	317,087,953	13
48	72071200	1. Slabs	317,087,953	
		Total	5,299,925,774	

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS

1. The safeguard measure concerned

The provisional safeguard measure introduced on 24 May 2002.

2. Product subject to the safeguard measure

Certain steel products, specifically non alloy plates, non alloy sheets and coils, electrical sheets, stainless steel plates and sheets, non alloy wires, non alloy bars and rebars, non alloy sections, seamless pipes and slabs.

Tariff lines of the products and their descriptions are listed in Annex 1 of this notification.

3. Developing countries and regions to which the measure is not applied under Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards, and the import shares of these countries and regions individually and collectively

Developing countries and regions to which the proposed provisional measure is not applied under Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards are listed in Annex 2 of this notification.

ANNEX 1

Tariff lines and descriptions of the products
subject to the proposed provisional safeguard measure

No.	Product description	Tariff lines
1.	Non alloy plates	72082500 72083700 72085200 72083600 72085100
2.	Non alloy sheets and coils	72081000 72084000 72082600 72083800 72085300 72082700 72083900 72085400 72089000 72091500 72092500 72091600 72092600 72091700 72092700 72091800 72092800 72099000 72101100 72101200 72121000 72103000 72104100 72104900 72122000 72123000 72107000 72124000
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8.	Seamless pipes	73041000 73042100 73042900
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ANNEX 2

List of products originating in developing countries and regions to which the provisional safeguard measures apply

Countries & regions	Non-alloy plates	Non-alloy sheets and coils	Electrical sheets	Stainless steel plates	Non-alloy wires	Non-alloy bars and rebars	Non-alloy sections	Seamless pipes	Slabs
Republic of Korea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
D.P.R. of Korea									
Mongolia									
Malaysia									
Singapore									
Thailand									
Indonesia									
Philippines									
Vietnam									
Myanmar									
Cambodia									
Brunei									
Laos									
India	*								
Pakistan									
Bengal									
Sri Lanka									
Nepal									
Maldives									
Bhutan									
Iran									*
Turkey									
Cyprus									
Afghanistan									
Saudi Arabia									
Kuwait									
The United Arab Emirates									
Oman									
Qatar									

G/SG/N/6/CHN/1
 CHN/1
 G/SG/N/7/CHN/1
 CHN/1

Countries & regions	Non-alloy plates	Non-alloy sheets and coils	Electrical sheets	Stainless steel plates	Non-alloy wires	Non-alloy bars and rebars	Non-alloy sections	Seamless pipes	Slabs
Bahrain									
Iraq									
Jordan									
Syria									
Tunisia									
Sudan									
Morocco									
Algeria									
Burkina Faso									
Chad									
Sao Tome and Principe									
Senegal									
Liberia									
Gambia									
Central Africa									
Cameroon									
Equatorial Guinea									
Nigeria									
Ghana									
Sierra Leone									
Guinea-Bissau									
Congo (Kinshasa)									
Congo (Brazzaville)									
Benin									
Mauritania									
Togo									
Côte d'Ivoire									
Niger									
Mali									
Cape Verde									
Kenya									
Uganda									
Madagascar									

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G/SG/N/7/CHN/1
G/SG/N/11/CHN/1

Countries & regions	Non-alloy plates	Non-alloy sheets and coils	Electrical sheets	Stainless steel plates	Non-alloy wires	Non-alloy bars and rebars	Non-alloy sections	Seamless pipes	Slabs
Djibouti									
The Comoros									
Burundi									
Rwanda									
Seychelles									
Mauritius									
Mozambique									
Angola									
South Africa									
Namibia									
Ethiopia									
Eritrea									
Somalia									
Malawi									
Swaziland									
Papua New Guinea									
Fiji									
Vanuatu									
Micronesia									
Tonga									
Samoa									
Kiribati									
the Cook Islands									
Solomon Islands									
Belau									
Tuvalu									
Nauru									
The Republic of the Marshall Islands									
Antigua is with Barbuda									
Argentina								*	
Aruba									
Bahamas									

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CHN/1
G/SG/N/7/CHN/1
CHN/1

Countries & regions	Non-alloy plates	Non-alloy sheets and coils	Electrical sheets	Stainless steel plates	Non-alloy wires	Non-alloy bars and rebars	Non-alloy sections	Seamless pipes	Slabs
Barbados									
Belize									
Bolivia									
Bonaire									
Brazil									
Cayman Islands									
Chile									
Columbia									
Dominica									
Costa Rica									
Cuba									
Curacao									
Dominican Republic									
Ecuador									
French Guiana									
Grenada									
Guadeloupe									
Guatemala									
Guyana									
Haiti									
Honduras									
Jamaica									
Martinique									
Mexico								*	
Montserrat									
Nicaragua									
Panama									
Paraguay									
Peru									
Puerto Rico									
Saba									
Saint Lucia									
San Marino									

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Countries & regions	Non-alloy plates	Non-alloy sheets and coils	Electrical sheets	Stainless steel plates	Non-alloy wires	Non-alloy bars and rebars	Non-alloy sections	Seamless pipes	Slabs
St. Vincent and the Grenadines									
El Salvador									
Surinam									
Trinidad and Tobago									
Turks and Caicos Islands									
Uruguay									
Venezuela									
British Virgin Islands									
St. Kitts and Nevis									
Moldova									
Uzbekistan									
Kyrgyz									
Turkmenistan									
Tajikistan									
Azerbaijan									
Armenia									
Georgia									
Romania									
Bulgaria									
Bosnia-Herzegovina									
Albania									
Yugoslavia									
Ukraine					*	*			

Note: The measure is not applied, except in the case of those products originating in those countries against which an “*” appears in that annex.
