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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(C) OF THE
AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

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

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

(Chemical Plasticizers)

Supplement

The following communication, 12 June 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Sultanate of Oman as President of the GCC on behalf of the GCC member States.

Referring to the WTO document dated on 5 April 2019, and the WTO document G/SG/N/10/ARE/2-G/SG/N/11/ARE/3-G/SG/N/10/BHR/2-G/SG/N/11/BHR/3-G/SG/N/10/KWT/2-G/SG/N/11/KWT/3-G/SG/N/10/OMN/2-G/SG/N/11/OMN/3-G/SG/N/10/QAT/2-G/SG/N/11/QAT/3-G/SG/N/10/SAU/2-G/SG/N/11/SAU/3.

1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT INVOLVED

Prepared Additives for cements, mortars or concretes (chemical plasticizers) known as superplasticizers or hyper plasticizers in liquid or powder form and take different commercial names like SNF/NSF/PNS, SMF or PCE. These products are used for all types of concrete like ready-mix concrete, precast and pre-stressed concrete, in areas of congested reinforcement, where higher workability is of benefit, in reducing water concrete for the sake of improving impermeability and durability; marine concrete, unite concrete, architectural concrete, special concrete. The product concerned is classified under the following GCC-Unified Tariff Code (38244000).

2 DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFEGUARD MEASURES IMPOSED

The GCC-Ministerial Committee has approved to impose safeguard Measures for three years at the form of tariff increase and quantitative restriction. The measure will consist of an additional specific

duty of the order of 221 USD/Ton applicable to imports exceeding the quota of 250,354 ton. duty which will be progressively liberalized according to the following table¹:

Duration	Specific Duty Value (USD/Ton)
First year	221
Second year	199
Third year	177

3 DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF THE MEASURE

The definitive safeguard duties will enter into force from the date of 21 June 2019.

4 DURATION OF THE MEASURE

The safeguard measure will remain in force for 3 years as specified at 2 above.

5 SPECIFY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE MEASURE IS NOT APPLIED UNDER ARTICLE 9.1 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS, AND THE IMPORT SHARES OF THESE COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY

The following developing countries are excluded from the measure as they export less than 3% individually and less than 9% collectively to GCC countries:

Afghanistan; Albania; Indonesia; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belize; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay, Peru, Benin, Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Botswana; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Tanzania; Thailand; Togo; Tonga; Chad; Chile; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Cambodia; Cameroon; Cabo Verde; Central African Republic; Colombia; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Congo; Costa Rica; Croatia; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; Fiji; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hungary; Jamaica; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyz Republic; Laos; Lesotho; North Macedonia; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Macao, China; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Senegal; El Salvador; Sierra Leone and the Solomon Islands; South Africa; Côte d'Ivoire; Sri Lanka; Suriname; Eswatini; Chinese Taipei; Tajikistan; Philippines; Vanuatu; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of; Viet Nam; Uganda; Ukraine; Uruguay; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe; Cuba; Hong Kong, China.

¹ Official Gazettes are available on the official website <http://www.gcc-sg.org/ar-sa/GeneralSecretariat/SectorsSites/TSAD/Pages/Releases.aspx>.