

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

Questions Posed by the UNITED STATES to KUWAIT¹

(Uncoated paper and paper board and the other
on steel angles, channels and beams)

The following communication, dated 15 November 2010, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States.

The United States poses the following questions to, Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates, the members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Background

As noted in the October 2010 meeting of the Safeguards Committee, the United States understands that the GCC initiated two safeguard investigations on 27 November 2009 – one on uncoated paper and paper board and the other on steel angles, channels and beams. To date, neither of these investigations has been notified to this Committee by any GCC member.

Question 1

Could one of the six members of the GCC provide a status report on these investigations?

Question 2

When will these proceedings be notified to the Committee, as required by Article 12.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards?

¹ The United States has posed the same questions to the six Members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.