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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**

MADAGASCAR

Tomato products

The following communication, dated and received on 30 December 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, Madagascar hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the initiation of a safeguard investigation in respect of imports of tomatoes.

1. Date of initiation

The investigation was initiated on 31 December 2024, the date on which a public notice was published in two national newspapers authorized to receive legal notices: "La Vérité" and "TARATRA".

A notice concerning the initiation of the investigation was made available to the public on the website of the National Authority for Trade Remedies (ANMCC): <http://www.anmcc.mg>.

2. Product subject to the investigation

The products concerned are tomato products under Madagascar customs tariff codes **20021000**, **20029000**, **20095000** and **21032000**. These codes are given for information purposes only and are subject to change.

3. Reasons justifying the initiation of the investigation

The evidence before the ANMCC concerning the existence of increased imports, serious injury to the domestic industry that produces like and directly competitive products, and a causal link, justifies the *ex officio* initiation of the investigation.

The investigation was initiated *ex officio* on the investigating authority's own initiative following an assessment of evidence concerning the importation of like or directly competitive products in increased quantities as a result of unforeseen developments, the serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry caused by increased imports, and the causal link.

The data currently available have revealed a significant increase in imports of around 106% over the last three years. These imports are sold on the domestic market at prices that the domestic industries which have just begun operations cannot match. Moreover, the domestic industries are unable to secure a foothold in the market because it is largely flooded with imported products. This has slowed down their production rate and reduced their output. The impact of this increase in imports on the profitability of the domestic industry is considerable and no other parameter can be considered a cause of this serious injury or threat thereof.

Regarding unforeseen developments, the authority noted the rapid development of the world market for tomato products, which has been driven by the production capacity response of developed countries, including China, to the growing global demand for tomato products resulting from shifts in consumer habits and new market behaviours.

4. Provide a point of contact for the proceeding and identify the preferred means for corresponding

Any requests for further information, correspondence and written communications within the framework of the investigation must be addressed to:

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Immeuble Maison des Produits, 67 Ha, Antananarivo 101 – Madagascar
Email: dg@anmcc.mg / dg.anmcc@gmail.com
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5. Deadlines and procedures to present evidence and views by interested parties

Interested parties must make themselves known to the ANMCC, the investigating authority, by **21 January 2025** at the latest.

Any information, relevant details or comments that interested parties may wish to submit, as well as questionnaire replies, must reach the ANMCC by **31 January 2025** at the latest.

Any submission of questionnaire replies, views and information after the above deadlines may be disregarded. This will also be the case if information is erroneous or incomplete.
