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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**

CANADA

Certain Vegetable Goods

The following communication, dated and received on 18 March 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

1. Specify the date when the investigation was initiated

The global safeguard investigation was initiated by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) on March 16, 2026. Public notice of the investigation was provided on that day, with the publication by the CITT of a Notice of Commencement of Safeguard Inquiry. A copy of the Notice can be found on the CITT's website at [Certain Vegetable Goods - Canadian International Trade Tribunal](#).

2. Specify the product subject to the investigation

The product covered by this investigation is Vegetable goods.

Product details are provided and exclusions are described in Annex I, along with a list of HS codes under which these products are usually imported. HS codes are provided for illustrative purposes only.

3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of the investigation

The Government of Canada, by government order, directed the CITT to initiate a safeguard investigation under section 20 of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act*. A copy of the CITT Notice of Commencement of Safeguard Inquiry is being submitted to the Committee. A copy can also be obtained from [the CITT's website](#).

The investigation was initiated following a recommendation of the Minister of Finance. On the basis of information currently available, it appears that: 1) certain vegetable goods are being imported into Canada in increased quantities; 2) the importation in increased quantities of vegetable goods is the result of the obligations, including tariff concessions, incurred by Canada under the World Trade Organization Agreement and of unforeseen developments in global trade, including the fact that some WTO Members have taken or are considering taking measures to restrict the importation of vegetable goods into their markets, which appears to have caused significant trade diversion into Canada; and 3) certain vegetable goods are being imported under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause serious injury to domestic producers of like or directly competitive goods.

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

Point of contact:

Registrar
Canadian International Trade Tribunal
5th Floor
333 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G7

Preferred means for correspondence:

E-mail address: citt-tcce@tribunal.gc.ca

5. Provide the deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence and their views, including: (i) deadlines and procedures for Members and exporters to identify themselves as interested parties, if so required, to participate in the investigation, and (ii) the date of an intended public hearing as provided for in Article 3.1.

Deadlines and procedures related to the participation of interested parties in the inquiry are set out in the Notice of Commencement of Safeguard Inquiry published by the CITT, submitted to the Committee and available on the [the CITT's website](#). Importers, exporters and other interested parties will be able to present evidence and their views during the inquiry up to and during the hearing to be held by the CITT.

The CITT has posted [questionnaires](#) to domestic producers, importers and foreign producers of the product concerned to request relevant statistical and other information. Responses to the questionnaires should be filed no later than 10 April 2026. Interested parties will also be able to file case briefs and reply briefs, as per the schedule set out by the CITT.

Interested parties wishing to participate in the inquiry as a party must file a [Notice of Participation](#) with the CITT by 2 April 2026. Each counsel who intends to represent a party in the inquiry must file a [Notice of Representation](#), as well as a [Declaration and Undertaking](#), with the Tribunal on or before 2 April 2026. This deadline must be strictly observed. Notices of Participation filed after the deadline will only be accepted in demonstrably extraordinary circumstances and with leave of the CITT.

The CITT will hold a hearing relating to this safeguard inquiry commencing on 15 June 2026. The Tribunal intends to hold a hybrid hearing in-person and via videoconference.

ANNEX I**PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS****Vegetable Goods**

Frozen and canned corn, peas, green beans, wax beans, mixes of peas and carrots, mixed vegetables, white, black, red or pinto beans and chickpeas, whether packaged for retail, food service, industrial or other use, whether cleaned, individually quick frozen or block frozen, prepared, blanched, cooked or preserved, whether in metal cans, whether whole, cut, sliced, diced or otherwise mechanically prepared, whether seasoned with salt or containing added sugars or preservatives or other common canning, freezing or other packaging, whether from organic or conventional vegetables or whether sold in consumer, foodservice or industrial or bulk formats.

The following goods are excluded:

- fresh or dried vegetables,
- ready-to-eat meals or entrees where vegetables are combined with grains, meats, pastas or sauces such that vegetables are not the primary component, and
- vegetable goods substantially altered into purees, powders, juices, spreads, dips or pastes.

Goods of this class are normally, but may not exclusively be, classified under the following tariff classification numbers:

0710.21.00.00;	0710.22.00.10;	0710.22.00.90;	0710.40.00.00;	0710.80.00.20;
0710.80.00.90;	0710.90.00.00;	2005.40.00.00;	2005.51.90.19;	2005.51.90.90;
2005.59.00.00;	2005.80.00.00;	2005.99.11.00;	2005.99.19.00;	2005.99.20.19;
2005.99.20.99;	2005.99.90.15;	2005.99.90.18;	2005.99.90.19;	2005.99.90.98;
2005.99.90.99.				

HS codes are provided for illustrative purposes only. There may be goods under the listed HS numbers that do not fall within the product definition, or goods that fall within the product definition that are imported under an HS number that is not listed.