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

PHILIPPINES

Motor vehicles

The following communication dated 18 February 2020 is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.*

Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the WTO hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the initiation of a preliminary safeguard investigation on the importation of motor vehicles from various countries.

1 DATE OF INITIATION OF THE INVESTIGATION

Notice of initiation of preliminary safeguard investigation was published on 6 February 2020.

2 PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE INVESTIGATION

Motor vehicles classified under ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) Code 87.03 which includes the following subheading classified under 8703.21.10, 8703.21.29, 8703.21.29B, 8703.21.90C, 8703.22.19B, 8703.23.45, 8703.23.51B, 8703.23.52B, 8703.23.53B, 8703.23.54B, 8703.24.50B, 8703.31.20, 8703.31.20B, 8703.32.41, 8703.32.49, 8703.32.51B, 8703.32.59B, 8703.32.91B, 8703.32.91D, 8703.32.91E, 8703.32.99C, 8703.33.41, 8703.33.42, 8703.33.51A, 8703.33.51B, 8703.33.52B, 8703.33.90C and 8703.90.51 as well as 8704.21.19 and 8704.21.29.

3 REASONS FOR INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The investigation was initiated on the basis of the petition submitted by members of the Philippine Metalworkers' Association (PMA) that increased imports of motor vehicles are the substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry in terms of declining market share, production sales, capacity utilization, incurred losses, employment, price depression and price undercutting.

The investigation has been initiated to determine whether safeguard measures are warranted.

* A copy of the Notice of the Initiation has been submitted electronically. To consult this document please contact Ms. Richards (anne.richards@wto.org) or Ms. Naville (delphine.naville@wto.org) of the Rules Division.