

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SAFEGUARD MEASURE
INVESTIGATION ON ALUMINUM ZINC (GL) SHEET AND COILS
(SG CASE NO. SG03-2020)**

On 14 January 2021, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), received a **Notice of Withdrawal** from Sonic Steel Industries, Inc. (Sonic), of its applications for safeguard measures (which it filed together with another Applicant/Petitioner), on Galvanized Iron (GI), Galvanized Aluminum Zinc (GL) and Pre-painted Galvanized Iron and Pre-painted Aluminum Zinc (PPGI-PPGL), and a request to archive the said applications, on the ground that, the issuance of the DTI-Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 20-10, series of 2020, mandates that, all hot-dip metallic-coated and pre-painted galvanized steel coils and sheets for roofing and general applications shall have a minimum total coated thickness (base metal + coating material) of 0.4 mm as per Rule 9.4 thereof. In effect, the DTI-DAO effectively prohibited the manufacture and sale of all hot-dip metallic-coated and pre-painted galvanized steel coils and sheets for roofing and general applications which fall below the said specification.

Sonic claimed that the bulk of the surge in importations on which the safeguard measures applications were hinged on, are GI, GL, and PPGI-PPGL products which are below 0.4 mm. Thus, the applications for safeguard measure will become an exercise in futility, if not moot and academic, since these items are no longer allowed to be manufactured.


The instant case (SG Case No. SG03-2020), covered the importations of GL sheets and coils from various countries (classified under AHTN Codes 7210.61.11, 7210.61.91, 7210.61.99, 7210.69: 7210.69.11, 7210.69.91, and 7210.69.99, and GL strips falling under AHTN Codes 7212.50.19, 7212.50.23, 7212.50.24, 7212.50.29, 7212.50.93, 7212.50.94, and 7212.50.99), of which Sonic is the domestic producer/manufacturer of like products.

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW THEREOF, the preliminary safeguard investigation in SG Case No. SG03-2020 is hereby, terminated.

Let this Notice be published in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and let individual notices be sent to all interested parties including the country members concerned.

SO ORDERED.

24 September 2021



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Secretary



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