

**NOTICE OF THE INITIATION OF A PRELIMINARY SAFEGUARD MEASURES
INVESTIGATION ON THE IMPORTATION OF ALUMINUM ZINC (GL) SHEETS, COILS
AND STRIPS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES
(SG CASE NO. SG03-2020)**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Trade and Industry officially received a properly documented application from Sonic Steel Industries Inc for the initiation of a preliminary safeguard measures investigation on the importation of Aluminum Zinc (GL) sheets, coils and strips from various countries. The application alleged that the increased imports have contributed significantly to the serious injury suffered by the local industry.

The DTI acting under Section 6 of RA 8800, the Safeguard Measures Act, has made an evaluation of the application and found the existence of a prima facie case that will justify the initiation of a preliminary safeguard measures investigation on importation of Aluminum Zinc (GL) sheets and coils from various countries classified under AHTN Codes 7210.61.11, 7210.61.19, 7210.61.91, 7210.61.92, 7210.61.99, 7210.69.11, 7210.69.19, 7210.69.91, 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, 7212.50.99. The period covered by the investigation (POI) are the years 2014 to 2018.

Further, Rule 5.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 8800 provides that ***“the Secretary when establishing that the application of a safeguard measure will be in the public interest shall take into consideration the following factors; among others: (i) whether the imposition of the provisional measure will result in political and economic crisis; and (ii) the extent to which such imposition will cause a shortage of a product under consideration in the domestic market”***.

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW THEREOF, interested parties are invited to submit their comments and position on the matter, including their views on whether the imposition of a safeguard measure is in the public interest. Submissions may be made to the Bureau of Import Services (BIS), Department of Trade and Industry, 3rd Floor, Tara Building, #389 Senator Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, or through electronic submission to bis_irmd@dti.gov.ph within five (5) days from the date of publication of this notice.

The Non-Confidential Report on the Initiation of a Preliminary Investigation can be accessed at the DTI web page: <https://bit.ly/initiation-aluminum-GL>

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