

file

**NOTICE OF INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE
IMPOSITION OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES AGAINST IMPORTATION OF
NEWSPRINT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES
(SG CASE NO. 01-2013)**


THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALLY RECEIVED A PROPERLY DOCUMENTED APPLICATION FROM THE PHILIPPINE NEWSPRINT INDUSTRY FOR THE INITIATION OF A SAFEGUARD MEASURES INVESTIGATION AGAINST THE IMPORTATION OF NEWSPRINT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THE PROTEST 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 PROTEST AND FOUND REASONABLE GROUNDS TO INITIATE A SAFEGUARD MEASURES INVESTIGATION ON IMPORTATIONS OF NEWSPRINT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE INVESTIGATION IS FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS I.E. 2007 TO AUGUST 2012.

THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE INVESTIGATION IS THE DAY ON WHICH THIS NOTICE OF INITIATION IS PUBLISHED IN TWO (2) NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW THEREOF, ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WHO MAY WISH TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS AND POSITIONS ON THE SAFEGUARDS PROTEST FILED BY THE PHILIPPINE NEWSPRINT INDUSTRY AGAINST THE IMPORTATIONS OF SAID PRODUCT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO DIRECT THEIR REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BUREAU OF IMPORT SERVICES (BIS), DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI), 3RD FLOOR, TARA BUILDING, #389 SENATOR GIL PUYAT AVENUE, MAKATI CITY, WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

20 September 2013


GREGORY L. DOMINGO
Secretary

Enabling Business, Empowering Consumers

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

5/F Industry and Investments Building, 385 Senator Gil J. Puyat Avenue, 1200 Makati City, Philippines
Telephone: (+632) 899.7450 Fax: (+632) 896.1166 E-mail: secretary@dti.gov.ph
www.dti.gov.ph