

**Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Trade and Industry
Trade Remedies Sector**

Notice No. (2) of the Year 2020

**On
Initiation of a Safeguard Investigation against the Increase in Imports
of Aluminum Products**

Pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 161 of the year 1998 concerning the Protection of the National Economy from the Injurious Effects of Unfair Practices in International Trade and its Executive Regulations issued by virtue of the Ministerial Decree No. 549 of the year 1998 and amendments thereof (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations")

The Minister of Trade and Industry approved, on 14/4/2020, the initiation of a safeguard investigation against the increase in the imports of aluminum products.

1. Procedures

On 29/12/2019, the Trade Remedies Sector (hereinafter referred to as the Investigating Authority "IA" received a properly documented application from Egyptalum Company, herein referred to as "the domestic industry", in accordance with the provisions of Article (14) of the Regulations alleging that there was a substantial increase in some aluminum products causing serious injury thereto. The application was accepted and registered after the examination of the accuracy and adequacy of the evidence contained therein.

The IA examined the accuracy and adequacy of data contained in the application and presented on 25/3/2020 a report to the Advisory Committee which, in turn, submitted its recommendation to the Minister of Trade and Industry to approve the recommendation of the IA.

On 14/4/2020, the Minister of Trade and Industry approved the initiation of a safeguard investigation against the increase in the imports of aluminum products.

2. Domestic Industry

The domestic industry is represent by Egyptalum Company, which constitutes 100 percent of the total domestic production of the like product.

3. Product under Investigation

The products under investigation are Raw Aluminum products (Ingots, Billets & Wire Rod), which are classified under H.S Tariff Codes: 760110, 760120 and 760511.

4. Imports

The volume of imports increased in absolute terms in the year 2018/2019 compared to the year 2017/2018 and increased relative to the domestic production in the year 2018/2019 compared to the year 2017/2018.

5. Serious Injury

The available information shows an increase in the volume of imports causing serious injury to some indices of the domestic industry.

6. Injury Analysis Period

The injury analysis period covers the fiscal years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and the first half of the fiscal year 2019/2010.

7. Interested Parties

All interested parties shall make themselves known to the IA within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. All the comments or information submitted by interested parties should be properly documented.

8. Confidentiality

In case any interested party provides confidential information, such party shall explain the reasons why such information should be treated as confidential and furnish a non-confidential summary thereof. Parties may indicate that the information is not susceptible of summary and in such circumstances, a statement of the reasons why summarization is not possible must be provided.

9. Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held during the investigation in order to allow all interested parties to present their views and arguments, provided that the parties submit a written request containing the reasons why they should be heard within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. All views and arguments presented verbally during the hearing should be sent later in writing and in two versions, confidential and non-confidential.

10. On-the-spot Verification Visits

In accordance with the provisions of Article 26 of the Regulations, the IA may conduct on- the- spot verification visits to the premises of the interested parties in order to verify the submitted information and data and to obtain any other additional information that may be required for the investigation.

11. Information

For further information, please contact the Trade Remedies Sector. All documents shall be sent to the following address:

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