

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
**Regulatory Commission on Unfair Trade
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Santo Domingo, National District

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Ambassador

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Diplomatic Representation of Turkey in the Dominican Republic
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Your office.-

Subject: Notification of public hearing notice regarding the sunset review of anti-dumping duties to imports of steel bars or rods for concrete reinforcement, originating in the Republic of Turkey.

Her Excellency Mrs. Ambassador:

We respectfully address you in compliance with the provisions of the first paragraph, literal B of the operative part of Resolution No. CDC-RD-AD-004-2020, dated December 23, 2020, that approves the calendar of procedural actions of the examination procedure for extinction of anti-dumping duties on imports of steel bars or rods for concrete reinforcement, which establishes that, no later than March fifteenth (15), 2021, the CDC will publish the notice containing the information on the holding of the public hearing to be held on April six (6) of the year 2021.

In this regard, we convey herewith, for your knowledge and relevant purposes, a copy of the Public Hearing Notice. Please observe the deadlines established in the aforementioned notice.

Without any other particular for the moment, I send my regards.

Sincerely,

Paola Michelle Vásquez Medina
President

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**NOTICE
Public Hearing Procedure**

File No. CDC-RD / AD / 2010-008-RV2 regarding the sunset review of anti-dumping duties on the imports of steel bars or rods for concrete reinforcement, originating in the Republic of Turkey, applied by Resolution No. CDC-RD-AD-107-2011 of 03 June 2011 and maintained by Resolution No. CDC-RD-AD-025-2016 of 30 November 2016.

In accordance with the provisions of article 68 and following of the Regulation for the Application of Law 1-02 and, in compliance with the provisions of Resolution No. CDC-RD-AD-004-2020, dated December 23, 2020, this notice is published indicating the date, time and place of the public hearing of the examination procedure for extinction of anti-dumping duties on imports of steel bars or rods for concrete reinforcement, originating in the Republic of Turkey, identified and imported under tariff sub-headings numbers 7213.20.90, 7214.10.00, 7214.20.00, applied by Resolution No. CDC-RD-AD-107-2011 of 3 June 2011 and maintained by Resolution No. CDC-RD-AD-025-2016 dated 30 November 2016; as well as the rules to be observed by all accredited interested parties that will participate in it.

Date of Celebration of the Public Hearing: 6 April 2021.

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Hotel Real InterContinental, Avenida Winston Churchill 245, Esquina Porfirio Herrera, Ensanche Piantini, Santo Domingo, D.N., Dominican Republic.

Objectives of the Public Hearing: To give the opportunity to all accredited interested parties to orally present information and arguments, in accordance with Articles 68 to 72 of the Regulations for the Application of Act No. 1-02, dated 10 November 2015.

Audience Characteristics: It is informative, in which the interested parties present their arguments, relevant information, studies or experiences related to the subject matter of the public hearing. As such, the hearing will not entail any opinion, arguments or substantive assessments by the Plenary of the CDC.

Deposit of Documents: Accredited interested parties may present written arguments up to five (5) business days before the scheduled date for holding the public hearing, that is until **29 March 2021**.

Participants: Accredited interested parties who intend to appear at the hearing must notify the CDC no later than five (5) business days prior to the hearing date, the names of the participants and/or witnesses who will appear on their behalf, until **29 March 2021**.

Regulation of the Public Hearing: The development of the hearing will be carried out according to the following:

I. OPENING:

FIRST. The hearing will be held with the presence of at least four Commissioners and a Secretary whose function will be performed by the CDC Executive Directorate. It will be presided over by the President of the CDC or by a delegated Commissioner, who must control and direct the audience.

Paragraph I. The President of the CDC or the delegated Commissioner, will be in charge of declaring the opening and closing of the public hearing. The Secretary will be responsible for preparing the hearing record and keeping control of the attendance registration list of the accredited interested parties.

Paragraph II. The list referred to in the previous paragraph must include:

- The names and surnames of the participants;
- The name of the represented party (company);
- The address, telephone and email;
- The signature of the participant.

Paragraph III. The President of the CDC or the delegated Commissioner, must consult the other Commissioners regarding the approval of the opening, closing and any intervention or decision, and the decisions must be issued by the majority of the Commissioners present. If unanimity does not prevail, or when the situation warrants it, the Commissioners will take a recess and will go to the Chamber of Consultation to discuss and decide on the matter.

SECOND. Taking into consideration the physical space and the number of parties in this process, each accredited interested party that has expressed interest in participating may be represented by a maximum of three (3) people, which could include one (1) expert and/or one (1) witness.

II. PRESENTATION OF ARGUMENTS:

THIRD. At the request of the CDC President, the accredited interested parties will give their qualifications. The presentations of each of the parties must be brief in order to give all participants the opportunity to express their arguments. To that aim, the parties will have the opportunity to present their arguments within a maximum period of twenty (20) minutes, beginning, in accordance with Article 72 of the Regulation for the Application of Act No. 1-02, with the legal entity that represents the domestic industry GERDAU METALDOM, SA, and then the government of the Republic of Turkey (the only accredited interested party in addition to the domestic industry).

Paragraph I: The exhibitions may not be interrupted, having to abide by the provisions of the President of the CDC or the delegated Commissioner. The person who incurs in disorders or

other misconduct, or in any way affects the normal development of the hearing will be excluded from the venue, with the help of the public force if necessary.

Paragraph II: In the event that the allotted time has ended, pursuant to paragraph IV of Article 72 of the Regulations for the Application of Act No. 1-02, the parties may request additional time from the CDC to conclude the ongoing argument. The CDC will decide at that time, if it considers the request appropriate or not, the additional time will not exceed five (5) minutes.

Paragraph IV: The hearing will be recorded by the CDC on video and audio.

Paragraph V: The hearing will be held in the official language of the Dominican Republic (Spanish). In this sense, if any accredited interested party requires simultaneous interpretation during the hearing, they must request it from the CDC no later than ten (10) business days before the date of the hearing (March 22, 2021), in order to coordinate this service. To this end, the provisions of Resolution No. CDC-RD-ADM-005-2015¹ dated 16 November 2015 on the fees to be charged by the CDC must be taken into consideration.

III. EXPERTS AND WITNESSES:

FOURTH. Ex officio, or upon request, the intervention of experts or witnesses will be allowed, who will be assigned a period of twenty (20) minutes, to present. The experts and/or witnesses will intervene in their capacity as specialists on technical aspects, according to the order mentioned above. Their participation must be previously communicated to the CDC, within the period established for accreditations, having to explain in said document, in accordance with paragraph II of Article 69 of the Regulations for the Application of Act No. 1-02, that which is intended to proven with the participation of said expert or witness.

IV. RIGHT TO REPLY:

FIFTH. The parties have the opportunity to exercise the right to reply, for which they will have fifteen (15) minutes.

SIXTH. Depending on the development of the hearing, a thirty minute break may be available.

V. CLOSING OF THE HEARING:

SEVENTH. Once the public hearing procedure has been exhausted, the President of the CDC or the delegated Commissioner will declare the closure of the hearing.

1 The third paragraph of Resolution CDC-RD-ADM-005-2015 establishes that, in the event that an interested party accredited to participate in the public hearing requires simultaneous interpretation, that is, the translation of his presentation as it is developed, the costs incurred for the provision of this service must be covered by the interested party requesting it.

Procedural actions once the public hearing has concluded.

The information presented orally during the public hearing, pursuant to paragraph II of Article 68 of the Regulation for the Application of Law No. 1-02, must be consigned in writing and in digital format (Word), by the interested parties accredited in a period of no more than five (5) business days after the date it is held, that is until **13 April 2021**. The information presented orally at the hearing and subsequently provided in writing, will be incorporated into the investigation file and Essential Facts Report.

Given in Santo Domingo, National District, capital of the Dominican Republic, on the fifteenth (15) day of March of the year two thousand twenty-one (2021).

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