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FINAL EXTENSION OF THE DEFINITIVE GENERAL SAFEGUARD MEASURE AGAINST THE IMPORTATION OF STEEL ANGLE BARS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES (AHTN CODES 7216.21.00 AND 7216.50.10)

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Pursuant to the Department Order which was issued 16 July 2015 by the Department of Trade and Industry, pursuant to RA 8800, it is hereby directed that all importation of Steel Angle Bars with HS Code 7216.2100 and 7216.5010 from all countries shall be imposed an additional Safeguard Duty in the amount of P3,345.00/MT to the first year, P3,178.00/MT for the second year, P3,109.00/MT for the third year and P2,868.00/MT for the fourth year of the extension period. Moreover, covered shipments entered into/withdrawn from Warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall, in addition to the regular Customs duties due thereon, be subject to the aforestated safeguard duty, on a per shipment to shipment basis.

Lastly, pursuant to Section 13 of RA 8800 and Rule 13.1.d of its IRR, "a general safeguard measure shall not be applied to a product originating from a developing country if its share to total Philippine imports of the said product is less than three percent (3%): Provided, however, that developing countries with less than three percent (3%) share collectively account for not more than nine percent (9%) of the total Philippine imports of the product concerned". The countries and separate customs territories listed in Annex A^[*], copy attached, are therefore excluded from the imposition of the definitive general safeguard measure on steel angle bars.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication and shall remain in force until the extension period stated expires.

Please be guided accordingly.

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^[*] Text Available at the Office of the National Administrative Register, U.P. Law Complex, Diliman, Quezon City.