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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

MADAGASCAR

(Pasta)

The following communication, dated 8 October 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Madagascar to the United Nations Office and Specialized Agencies at Geneva presents its compliments to the World Trade Organization and, pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, has the honour to notify it of the initiation of a safeguard investigation concerning imports of pasta.

The investigation was initiated on 20 September 2018. The notice concerning the initiation of the investigation was published in two national newspapers authorized to receive legal notices and may be viewed online at: <http://www.anmcc.mg>.

The product under investigation is pasta in the form of spaghetti and macaroni, made from flour, durum wheatmeal or a mixture thereof, which is classified under tariff codes 19 02 19 90 and 19 02 30 90 of Madagascar's customs tariff.

The investigation was initiated at the request of the Habib Mills company as representative of the domestic pasta industry, according to which imports of this product have increased by 60% over the last three years. This increase constitutes a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry and continues to threaten its future.

Any entity that wishes to be considered as an interested party should contact the National Authority for Trade Remedies (ANMCC) within 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation. Furthermore, any comments, information or requests that the interested parties wish to transmit to the investigating authority should be submitted in writing in printed or electronic form within 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation.

The ANMCC may, *ex officio* or at the request of interested parties, hold a public hearing, enabling all interested parties to defend their interests.

The address of the investigating authority to which correspondence should be sent is as follows:

Monsieur Le Directeur Général de l'Autorité Nationale chargée des Mesures Correctives Commerciales (ANMCC)
Enceinte Ex-Conquête Antanarivo 101 – Madagascar
Email: dq.anmcc@gmail.com; Website: <http://www.anmcc.mg>

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Madagascar to the United Nations Office and Specialized Agencies at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Trade Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.