

## **CHAPTER FIVE TRADE REMEDIES**

### **Section A: Safeguard Measures**

#### **Article 5.1: Definitions**

For purposes of this Section:

**domestic industry** means, with respect to an imported good, the producers as a whole of the like or directly competitive good operating in the territory of a Party, or those producers whose collective output of the like or directly competitive good constitutes a major proportion of the total domestic production of that good;

**safeguard measure** means a measure described in Article 5.2;

**serious injury** means a significant overall impairment in the position of a domestic industry;

**threat of serious injury** means serious injury that, on the basis of facts and not merely on allegation, conjecture, or remote possibility, is clearly imminent; and

**transition period** means, in relation to a particular good, the period from the date of entry into force of this Agreement until three years after the date of completion of tariff reduction or elimination in accordance with that Party's Schedule of tariff commitments in Annex 2-A (Reduction or Elimination of Customs Duties).

#### **Article 5.2: Application of a Safeguard Measure**

1. If, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a customs duty under this Agreement, an originating good of the other Party is being imported into the territory of a Party in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to domestic production, and under such conditions so as to substantially cause serious injury or threat of serious injury to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive good, the Party may, to the extent necessary to prevent or remedy the serious injury to its domestic industry and to facilitate its domestic industry's adjustment:

- (a) suspend the further reduction of any rate of customs duty on the good provided for under this Agreement; or

- (b) increase the rate of customs duty on the good to a level not to exceed the lesser of:
    - (i) the most-favored-nation (MFN) applied rate of customs duty on the good in effect at the time the safeguard measure is taken; or
    - (ii) the base rate of customs duty specified in the Schedules included in Annex 2-A (Reduction or Elimination of Customs Duties) pursuant to Article 2.4 (Reduction or Elimination of Customs Duties).
2. The Parties understand that neither tariff rate quotas nor quantitative restrictions are permissible forms of a safeguard measure.

### **Article 5.3: Conditions and Limitations**

1. A Party shall notify the other Party in writing on initiation of an investigation described in paragraph 2 and shall consult with the other Party as far in advance as practicable prior to applying a safeguard measure, with a view to reviewing the information arising from the investigation and exchanging views on the safeguard measure.
2. A Party shall apply a safeguard measure only following an investigation by the Party's competent authorities in accordance with Articles 3 and 4.2(c) of the Safeguards Agreement, and to this end, Articles 3 and 4.2(c) of the Safeguards Agreement are incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.
3. In the investigation described in paragraph 2, the Party shall comply with the requirements of Article 4.2(a) of the Safeguards Agreement, and to this end, Article 4.2(a) of the Safeguards Agreement is incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.
4. Each Party shall ensure that its competent authorities complete any such investigation within one year of its date of initiation.
5. Neither Party shall apply a safeguard measure:
  - (a) except to the extent, and for such time, as may be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and to facilitate adjustment;
  - (b) for a period exceeding two years, except that the period may be extended by up to one year if the competent authorities of the

importing Party determine, in conformity with the procedures specified in this Article, that the measure continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and to facilitate adjustment and that there is evidence that the industry is adjusting, provided that the total period of application of a safeguard measure, including the period of initial application and any extension thereof, shall not exceed three years; or

(c) beyond the expiration of the transition period.

6. A Party shall not apply a safeguard measure more than once on the same good until a period of time equal to the duration of the previous safeguard measure, including any extension, has elapsed commencing from the termination of the previous safeguard measure, provided that the period of non-application is at least two years.

7. Where the expected duration of the safeguard measure is over one year, the importing Party shall progressively liberalize it at regular intervals.

8. When a Party terminates a safeguard measure, the rate of customs duty shall be the rate that, according to the Party's Schedule in Annex 2-A (Reduction or Elimination of Customs Duties), would have been in effect but for the safeguard measure.

#### **Article 5.4: Provisional Safeguard Measures**

1. In critical circumstances where delay would cause damage that would be difficult to repair, a Party may apply a safeguard measure, which shall take the form of the measures set out in Article 5.2.1(a) or 5.2.1(b), on a provisional basis pursuant to a preliminary determination by its competent authorities that there is clear evidence that imports of an originating good of the other Party have increased as the result of the reduction or elimination of a customs duty under this Agreement, and such imports substantially cause serious injury or threat of serious injury to the domestic industry.

2. Before a Party's competent authorities may make a preliminary determination, the Party shall in accordance with its domestic laws and regulations publish a public notice in its official journal setting forth how interested parties, including importers and exporters, may obtain a non-confidential copy of the application requesting a provisional safeguard measure, and shall to the extent practicable, provide interested parties adequate opportunity after the date it publishes the notice to submit evidence and views regarding the application of a provisional safeguard measure.

3. The applying Party shall notify the other Party before applying a

safeguard measure on a provisional basis, and shall initiate consultations immediately after applying the provisional safeguard measure.

4. The duration of any provisional safeguard measure shall not exceed 200 days, during which time the Party shall comply with the requirements of Articles 5.3.2 and 5.3.3.

5. The Party shall promptly refund any tariff increases if the investigation described in Article 5.3.2 does not result in a finding that the requirements of Article 5.2 are met. The duration of any provisional safeguard measure shall be counted as part of the period described in Article 5.3.5(b).

#### **Article 5.5: Compensation**

1. Within 30 days after a Party applies a safeguard measure, the Party shall afford an opportunity for the other Party to consult with it regarding adequate means of trade compensation in the form of concessions having substantially equivalent trade effects or equivalent to the value of the additional duties expected to result from the safeguard measure. The applying Party shall provide such compensation as the Parties mutually agree.

2. If the Parties are unable to agree on compensation through consultations under paragraph 1 within 30 days after the consultations begin, the Party against whose originating good the safeguard measure is applied may suspend the application of concessions with respect to originating goods of the applying Party that have trade effects substantially equivalent to the safeguard measure.

3. The right of suspension referred to in paragraph 2 shall not be exercised for the first two years during which the safeguard measure is in effect, provided that the safeguard measure has been taken as a result of an absolute increase in imports and that such a safeguard measure conforms to the provisions of this Section.

4. The applying Party's obligation to provide compensation under paragraph 1 and the other Party's right to suspend concessions under paragraph 2 shall terminate on the date the safeguard measure terminates.

5. Any compensation shall be based on the total period of application of the provisional safeguard measure and of the safeguard measure.

#### **Article 5.6: Global Safeguard Measures**

1. Each Party retains its rights and obligations under Article XIX of GATT

1994 and the Safeguards Agreement. This Agreement does not confer any additional rights or obligations on the Parties with regard to measures taken under Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the Safeguards Agreement.

2. At the request of the other Party, the Party intending to take a global safeguard measure shall provide immediately written notification of all pertinent information on the initiation of a global safeguard investigation, the preliminary determination and the final finding of the investigation.

3. Neither Party shall apply, with respect to the same good, at the same time:

- (a) a provisional safeguard measure or a safeguard measure; and
- (b) a measure under Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the Safeguards Agreement.

## **Section B: Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties**

### **Article 5.7: General Provisions**

1. Except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, each Party retains its rights and obligations under Article VI of GATT 1994, Anti-Dumping Agreement and SCM Agreement with regard to the application of anti-dumping and countervailing duties.

2. The Parties shall ensure as soon as possible, after any imposition of provisional measures and in any case before the final determination, full and meaningful disclosure of all essential facts and considerations which form the basis for the decision to apply measures, without prejudice to Article 6.5 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement and Article 12.4 of the SCM Agreement. Disclosures shall be made in writing, and interested parties shall be allowed sufficient time to make their comments.

3. The Parties shall observe the following practices in anti-dumping or countervailing cases between them in order to enhance transparency in the implementation of the WTO Agreement:

- (a) when dumping margins are established, assessed, or reviewed under Articles 2, 9.3, 9.5, and 11 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement whether on the weighted-to-weighted basis, transaction-to-transaction basis, or weighted-to-transaction basis under Article 2.4.2 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement, all individual margins, whether positive or negative, should be counted toward the

average; and

- (b) the investigating Party shall request an exporter or producer in the territory of the other Party for the timely response to its questionnaires. When the investigating Party finds major deficiency in information in a questionnaire response from relevant exporter or producer received before the deadline or requires clarifications for the purposes of investigation, the investigating Party shall demand missing information or request clarification of information concerning the answers to the questionnaires. This procedure shall not be used to cause unwarranted delays in the investigation or to circumvent the deadlines which are provided in the Party's domestic laws and regulations.

4. If a decision is taken to impose an anti-dumping duty pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement, the Party taking such a decision, may apply the 'lesser duty' rule, by imposing a duty which is less than the dumping margin where such lesser duty would be adequate to remove the injury to the domestic industry.

#### **Article 5.8: Notification and Consultations**

1. Upon receipt by a Party's competent authorities of a properly documented anti-dumping application with respect to imports from the other Party, and no later than 15 days before initiating an investigation, the Party shall provide written notification to the other Party of its receipt of the application.

2. Upon receipt by a Party's competent authorities of a properly documented countervailing duty application with respect to imports from the other Party, and before initiating an investigation, the Party shall, as appropriate and in conformity with the procedural rules provided for in the domestic laws and regulations of the Party, provide written notification to the other Party of its receipt of the application and afford the other Party a meeting to consult with its competent authorities regarding the application.

3. The Parties affirm their rights and obligations under Annex II of the Anti-Dumping Agreement and in particular its paragraph 5, and under Articles 12.7 and 12.8 of the SCM Agreement. In the event the investigating authorities intend to make a determination on the basis of the facts available pursuant to Article 6.8 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement and Article 12.7 of the SCM Agreement, the investigating authorities shall endeavor to provide a reasoned and adequate explanation of:

- (a) indication of conditions under which the use of facts available is applicable;
- (b) the information which interested parties have failed to submit to the investigating authorities; and
- (c) the facts with which the investigating authorities decided to replace the information referred to in subparagraph (b).

#### **Article 5.9: Undertakings**

1. After the importing Party's competent authorities initiate an anti-dumping or countervailing duty investigation, the importing Party shall transmit to the exporting Party's embassy located in the importing Party or the exporting Party's competent authorities written information regarding the importing Party's procedures for requesting its authorities to consider a price undertaking, or an undertaking, including the time frames for offering and concluding any such undertaking.

2. In an anti-dumping investigation, where the importing Party's authorities have made a preliminary affirmative determination of dumping and injury caused by such dumping, the importing Party shall afford due consideration, and adequate opportunity for consultations, to exporters of the exporting Party regarding the proposed price undertaking which, if accepted, may result in suspension of the investigation without imposition of anti-dumping duties, through the means provided for in the importing Party's domestic laws, regulations, and procedures.

3. In a countervailing duty investigation, where the importing Party's authorities have made a preliminary affirmative determination of subsidization and injury caused by such subsidization, the importing Party shall afford due consideration, and adequate opportunity for consultations, to the exporting Party and its exporters, regarding the proposed undertaking which, if accepted, may result in suspension of the investigation without imposition of countervailing duties, through the means provided for in the importing Party's domestic laws, regulations, and procedures.

#### **Article 5.10: Investigation after Termination Resulting from a Review**

A Party shall endeavor to examine with special care, any application for initiation of an anti-dumping investigation on an originating good of the other Party on which anti-dumping measures have been terminated in the previous 12 months as a result of a review. Unless this pre-initiation examination indicates that the circumstances have changed, the investigation shall not

proceed.

#### **Article 5.11: Cumulative Assessment**

Without prejudice to Article 3.3 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement and Article 15.3 of the SCM Agreement, when imports from more than one country are simultaneously subject to an anti-dumping or countervailing duty investigation, a Party shall examine, with special care, whether the cumulative assessment of the effect of the imports from the other Party is appropriate in light of the conditions of competition between the imported goods and the conditions of competition between the imported goods and the like domestic goods.

#### **Article 5.12: Non-Application of Dispute Settlement**

Neither Party shall have recourse to dispute settlement under Chapter Eight (Dispute Settlement) for any matter arising under this Section.