

Department Administrative Order No. 21-05 Series of 2021

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE SAFEGUARD MEASURES CASE ON **HIGH-DENSITY** POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) AND LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE **PELLETS AND GRANULES** 3901.20.00 Codes (HDPE). and 3901.10.12. 3901.10.92. 3901.40.00 and 3901.90.90 (LLDPE) (Safeguard Measures Case Nos. SG05-2020 and SG06-2020) X-

ORDER

The Philippine petrochemicals industry, represented by JG Summit Petrochemical Corporation (JGSPC), filed petitions for safeguard measures on the importation of High- Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pellets and granules classified under AHTN Code 3901.20.00 (Case No. SG05-2020), and Linear Low- Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) pellets and granules classified under AHTN Codes 3901.10.12, 3901.10.92, 3901.40.00 and 3901.90.90 (Case No. SG06-2020).

The period of investigation covered the years 2015 to 2019. Updated data until September 2020 on the subject products, were also presented and taken into consideration.

The Department, acting under Section 7 of RA 8800, the "Safeguard Measures Act," and on the basis of the submissions of interested parties and pieces of evidence made available to the Department, has established the existence of a causal link between increased imports of the products under consideration and serious injury to the domestic industry.

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW THEREOF, the case records will be transmitted to the Tariff Commission for its formal investigation to determine whether there is a need to impose definitive safeguard measures on the products under consideration.

The non-confidential reports of the preliminary safeguard measures investigation can be accessed at the DTI website: bit.ly/SMA-LLDPEandHDPE and https://www.dti.gov.ph/negosyo/imports/trade-remedies/dti-orders/.

Imports originating from ASEAN member states shall be governed by the provisions of Articles 11 and 23 of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA).

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Let this Order be published in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and let individual notices be sent to interested parties including the country members concerned.

SO ORDERED.

17 September 2021

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