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### **NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFEGUARDS AND COMMON RULES FOR EXPORTS**

**Subject: Question regarding Regulation 2018/1013 of 17 July 2018 imposing provisional safeguard measures with regard to imports of certain steel products**

The Commission has published on 18 July the above mentioned Regulation. We have received many questions from Member States, interested parties and third countries. Most of the questions are related to:

- (1) the interpretation of the shipping clause laid down in Article 4 of the Regulation and;
- (2) to the available quota level, quota development, etc. as set under the Regulation.

1. Article 4 reads as follows: *Imports of the product categories referred to in Article 1, which are already on their way to the Union on the date of entry into force of this Regulation, whose destination cannot be changed, shall not be attributed to the tariff quotas, or subject to the additional duty specified in Article 1, and may be put into free circulation.*

The second underlined condition should be understood that, in addition to the bill of lading and the export document, in order to provide evidence that the destination cannot be changed, a proof of contract is needed to avoid the application of the safeguard measures.

2. As to the questions related to quota management, reference is given to the following website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/dds2/taric/quota\\_consultation.jsp?Lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/quota_consultation.jsp?Lang=en)

This public website is updated daily at 7pm (Brussels time) and gives information on the status of the tariff quotas (initial volume, remaining balance, period of validity). It is important to note that for navigating the database, you need to use the order number of the tariff quota (6 digit code starting with 09xxxx). See Annex V of the Regulation.

We hope these answers will clarify the above issues.

(e-signed)

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