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Establishes the Technical Group for Public Interest Assessment – GTIP.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE CHAMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE (CÂMARA DE COMÉRCIO EXTERIOR – CAMEX), in accordance with Law No. 9019 of March 30, 1995, article 64, § 3, of Decree No. 1602 of August 23, 1995, article 73, § 3, of Decree No. 1751 of December 19, 1995, and article 2, subsection VIII, of Decree No. 4732 of June 10, 2003.

HEREBY RESOLVES:

- Article 1. To establish the Technical Group for Public Interest Assessment (Grupo Técnico de Avaliação de Interesse Público GTIP), for the purpose of examining the suspension or modification of definitive antidumping and compensatory measures as well as waivers on the application of provisional antidumping and compensatory measures for reasons of public interest.
- Article 2. The GTIP will be composed of representatives of the member Ministries of CAMEX and coordinated by this Chamber's Executive Secretariat.
- § 1. The organizations referred to in the heading of this article shall appoint an acting and a substitute representative.
- § 2. A representative of the Trade Defense Department of the Foreign Trade Secretariat (Departamento de Defesa Comercial/Secretaria de Comércio Exterior DECOM/SECEX) shall take part in the GTIP meetings as a guest, with a view to providing the Group with non-classified background information necessary for the assessments.

Article 3. The Secretariat for Economic Monitoring of the Ministry of Finance (Secretaria de Acompanhamento Econômico/Ministério da Fazenda – SEAE/MF) will serve as the GTIP Secretariat and provide the resources required for the Secretariat's functioning.

Sole Paragraph. The GTIP Chairman shall, through the Secretariat, convene its meetings, as well as invite representatives of other federal government bodies and entities, when the agenda of the meeting includes matters within the scope of action of such bodies and entities.

- Article 4. Requests to suspend or modify definitive antidumping and compensatory measures or to waive the application of provisional antidumping and compensatory measures for reasons of public interest must be substantiated by factual and legal evidence, pursuant to the procedures provided on SEAE/MF's Web site.
- § 1. The documentation referred to in the heading of this article must be submitted in two copies, one of which in electronic format, to the SEAE/MF Reception Desk.
- § 2. The requests in the heading shall be assessed by SEAE/MF, whose conclusions shall be presented to the Group.
- Article 5. Any GTIP member or other federal government body may request, at any time, through a well-grounded submission, an assessment by the Group of any existing definitive measure or ongoing investigation, irrespective of any statements received.
- Article 6. The GTIP shall assess all statements received and may request, at its sole discretion, additional information.
- Article 7. In the event the GTIP initiates an assessment in the course of a DECOM/SECEX investigation, the Group's conclusions shall not be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Foreign Trade (Comitê Executivo de Gestão da Câmara de Comércio Exterior GECEX) or to the CAMEX Council of Ministers before the final recommendation on application of definitive or provisional antidumping or compensatory measures is under consideration by the Committee or the Council.
 - § 1. In cases in which the Council of Ministers decides:
- $\rm I-to$ suspend the application of definitive antidumping and compensatory measures recommended by DECOM/SECEX, CAMEX shall publish an official determination setting forth the application of the corresponding measures and their immediate suspension.
- II to apply definitive antidumping and compensatory measures, while modifying the respective amount in connection with the measure recommended by DECOM/SECEX, CAMEX shall publish an official determination ordering the application of the measure with the modified amount.
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 m III}$ to waive the application of provisional measures recommended by DECOM/SECEX, CAMEX shall publish a corresponding official determination.
- § 2. The GTIP assessment process may not affect DECOM/SECEX investigation time-limits nor the application of antidumping or compensatory measures by CAMEX.
- § 3. The acts referred to in § 1 shall include the respective grounds and reasons for the decision.

- Article 8. The GTIP shall have up to four (4) months from the beginning of the assessment by the Group to submit its conclusions to the Council of Ministers in respect of the convenience of suspending or modifying definitive antidumping or compensatory measures as well as waiving the application of provisional antidumping and compensatory measures for reasons of public interest.
- § 1. The Group may extend the time-limit prescribed in the heading through issuance of a well-founded decision.
- § 2. The conclusions of the GTIP shall be based on information and contributions submitted by the members of the Group.
- Article 9. The result of the GTIP assessment shall be examined by GECEX prior to its submission to the Council of Ministers.
- Sole Paragraph. The conclusions of the GTIP may be submitted directly to the Council of Ministers in cases in which the Council, following a meeting of the Technical Group on Trade Defense (Grupo Técnico de Defesa Comercial GTDC), meets prior to the next a GECEX meeting.
- Article 10. The CAMEX Executive Secretariat shall notify GTIP members of all applications for temporary or permanent modifications of the Common External Tariff (Tarifa Externa Comum) in connection with products under investigation or subject to antidumping or compensatory measures.
- Article 11. The GTIP may be vested with other powers and duties, as determined by CAMEX.
- Article 12. The GTIP shall submit a proposed Rules of Internal Procedure for review and approval by the CAMEX Council of Ministers, after its submittion to GECEX for comments.
 - Article 13. This Resolution shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

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