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Letter No. 31/2013	Date: 26/7/2013
File No.:403/5/1	Re: Safeguard Investigation on Imports of Certain Processed Fruit Products

*Ms. Carole Gardner
Administrative Matters
Productivity Commission*

Dear Ms. Gardner,

Reference to our letter dated 26/7/2013 concerning the Safeguard Investigation on the Australian Imports of Certain Processed Fruit and tomato Products and our request of considering Egypt as an interested party of this investigation and reserving our rights to attend public hearing and provide comments & legal arguments in this investigation.

We would like to inform you that we receive the reply from The Egyptian ministry of Industry & Foreign Trade (Trade Agreements Sector) which mentioned the following:

- 1- By reviewing Egyptian exports of processed tomato and fruits, It has been discovered that it didn't exceed 3 % of the total Australian imports of these mentioned products.*
- 2- According to the article (9-1) of the safeguard measures agreement which stipulates on the following " Safeguard measures shall not to be applied against a product originating in a developing country member as long as its share of imports of the product concerned in the importing member does not exceed 3 per cent , provided*

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that developing country members with less than 3 per cent import share collectively account for not more than 9 per cent of total imports of the product concerned"

Based on the previous points The Egyptian ministry of Industry & Foreign Trade (Trade Agreements Sector) requests the exclusion of Egypt from the safeguard investigation on Australian imports of the products concerned.

In this regard, we look forward to receiving the confirmation from your side. In the mean Time, we would like to extend our warm thanking for your prompt reply and cooperation.

Best regards

Yours sincerely,

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