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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS
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FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF STEEL PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (A-427-822)

1. ON MAY 9, 2002, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT NOT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (67 FR 31204).

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE TERM "CERTAIN COLD-

ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS" INCLUDES COLD-ROLLED STEEL

(COLD-REDUCED) FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL, BUT WHETHER OR NOT ANNEALED, PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, BOTH IN COILS, 0.5 INCH WIDE OR WIDER, (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS AND/OR OTHERWISE COILED, SUCH AS SPIRALLY OSCILLATED COILS), AND ALSO IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, WHICH, IF LESS THAN 4.75 MM IN THICKNESS HAVING A WIDTH THAT IS 0.5 INCH OR GREATER AND THAT MEASURES AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS; OR, IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM OR MORE, HAVING A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM AND MEASURING AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS. THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE RECTANGULAR, SQUARE, CIRCULAR OR OTHER SHAPE AND INCLUDE PRODUCTS OF EITHER RECTANGULAR OR NON-RECTANGULAR CROSS-SECTION.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS INTERSTITIAL-FREE ("IF")) STEELS, HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY ("HSLA") STEELS, AND MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS. IF STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS LOW CARBON STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS TITANIUM AND/OR NIOBIUM ADDED TO STABILIZE CARBON AND NITROGEN ELEMENTS. HSLA STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM. MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAIN MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

STEEL PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, REGARDLESS OF DEFINITIONS IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS"), ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH: (1) IRON PREDOMINATES, BY WEIGHT, OVER EACH OF THE OTHER CONTAINED ELEMENTS; (2) THE CARBON CONTENT IS 2 PERCENT OR LESS, BY WEIGHT, AND; (3) NONE OF THE ELEMENTS LISTED BELOW EXCEEDS THE QUANTITY, BY WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY INDICATED: 1.80 PERCENT OF MANGANESE, OR 2.25 PERCENT OF SILICON, OR 1.00 PERCENT OF COPPER, OR 0.50 PERCENT OF ALUMINUM, OR 1.25 PERCENT OF CHROMIUM, OR 0.30 PERCENT OF COBALT, OR 0.40 PERCENT OF LEAD, OR 1.25 PERCENT OF NICKEL, OR 0.30 PERCENT OF TUNGSTEN, OR 0.10 PERCENT OF MOLYBDENUM, OR 0.10 PERCENT OF NIOBIUM (ALSO CALLED COLUMBIUM), OR 0.15 PERCENT OF VANADIUM, OR 0.15 PERCENT OF ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE WRITTEN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, AND IN WHICH THE CHEMISTRY QUANTITIES DO NOT EXCEED ANY ONE OF THE NOTED ELEMENT LEVELS LISTED ABOVE, ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS TYPICALLY CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS:

7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0030, 7209.16.0060, 7209.16.0090, 7209.17.0030, 7209.17.0060, 7209.17.0090, 7209.18.1530, 7209.18.1560, 7209.18.2550, 7209.18.6000, 7209.25.0000, 7209.26.0000, 7209.27.0000, 7209.28.0000, 7209.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.23.1500, 7211.23.2000, 7211.23.3000, 7211.23.4500, 7211.23.6030, 7211.23.6060, 7211.23.6085, 7211.29.2030, 7211.29.2090, 7211.29.4500, 7211.29.6030, 7211.29.6080, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7225.19.0000, 7225.50.6000, 7225.50.7000, 7225.50.8010, 7225.50.8085, 7225.99.0090, 7226.19.1000, 7226.19.9000, 7226.92.5000, 7226.92.7050, 7226.92.8050, AND 7226.99.0000.

ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ("U.S. CUSTOMS") PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EXCLUSIONS INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE LANGUAGE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, BUT DUE TO FORMATTING COMPLICATIONS WE ARE UNABLE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THIS EMAIL. FOR A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, PLEASE SEE THE "SCOPE APPENDIX" ATTACHED TO THE NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE: CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA, 67 FR 31181 (MAY 9, 2002), PUBLISHED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT NOT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON

STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-427-822.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOUND THAT NO MARGIN EXISTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY USINOR GROUP. ACCORDINGLY, CUSTOMS IS DIRECTED NOT TO SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SHIPMENTS OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY USINOR GROUP ENTERED,

OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER MAY 9, 2002.

5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT, VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT ANGELICA MENDOZA OR JOHN DRURY, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-3019 OR (202) 482-0195, RESPECTIVELY.

6. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

PAUL SCHWARTZ

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