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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 WIRE ROD FROM BRAZIL (A-351-832)

1. ON APRIL 15, 2002, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE AND THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CARBON AND CERTAIN ALLOY STEEL WIRE ROD FROM BRAZIL.

2. THE MERCHANDISE COVERED BY THESE INVESTIGATIONS IS CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF CARBON STEEL AND ALLOY STEEL, IN

COILS, OF APPROXIMATELY ROUND CROSS SECTION, 5.00 MM OR MORE, BUT LESS THAN 19.00 MM, IN SOLID CROSS-SECTIONAL DIAMETER.

SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED ARE STEEL PRODUCTS POSSESSING THE ABOVE-NOTED PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND MEETING THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS) DEFINITIONS FOR (A) STAINLESS STEEL; (B) TOOL STEEL; (C) HIGH NICKEL STEEL; (D) BALL BEARING STEEL; AND (E) CONCRETE REINFORCING BARS AND RODS. ALSO EXCLUDED ARE (F) FREE MACHINING STEEL PRODUCTS (I.E., PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN BY WEIGHT ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: 0.03 PERCENT OR MORE OF LEAD, 0.05 PERCENT OR MORE OF BISMUTH, 0.08 PERCENT OR MORE OF SULFUR, MORE THAN 0.04 PERCENT OF PHOSPHORUS, MORE THAN 0.05 PERCENT OF SELENIUM, OR MORE THAN 0.01 PERCENT OF TELLURIUM).

ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE ARE 1080 GRADE TIRE CORD QUALITY WIRE ROD AND 1080 GRADE TIRE BEAD QUALITY WIRE ROD. THIS GRADE 1080 TIRE CORD QUALITY ROD IS DEFINED AS: (I) GRADE 1080 TIRE CORD QUALITY WIRE ROD MEASURING 5.0 MM OR MORE BUT NOT MORE THAN 6.0 MM IN CROSS-SECTIONAL DIAMETER; (II) WITH AN AVERAGE PARTIAL DECARBURIZATION OF NO MORE THAN 70 MICRONS IN DEPTH (MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL 200 MICRONS); (III) HAVING NO INCLUSIONS GREATER THAN 20 MICRONS; (IV) HAVING A CARBON SEGREGATION PER HEAT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER USING EUROPEAN METHOD NFA 04-114; (V) HAVING A SURFACE QUALITY WITH NO SURFACE DEFECTS OF A LENGTH GREATER THAN 0.15 MM; (VI) CAPABLE OF BEING DRAWN TO A DIAMETER OF 0.30 MM OR LESS WITH 3 OR FEWER BREAKS PER TON, AND (VII) CONTAINING BY WEIGHT THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS IN THE PROPORTIONS SHOWN: (1) 0.78 PERCENT OR MORE OF CARBON, (2) LESS THAN 0.01 PERCENT OF ALUMINUM, (3) 0.040 PERCENT OR LESS, IN THE AGGREGATE, OF PHOSPHORUS AND SULFUR, (4) 0.006 PERCENT OR LESS OF NITROGEN, AND (5) NOT MORE THAN 0.15 PERCENT, IN THE AGGREGATE, OF COPPER, NICKEL AND CHROMIUM.

THIS GRADE 1080 TIRE BEAD QUALITY ROD IS DEFINED AS: (I)

GRADE 1080 TIRE BEAD QUALITY WIRE ROD MEASURING 5.5 MM OR MORE BUT NOT MORE THAN 7.0 MM IN CROSS-SECTIONAL DIAMETER; (II) WITH AN AVERAGE PARTIAL DECARBURIZATION OF NO MORE THAN 70 MICRONS IN DEPTH (MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL 200 MICRONS); (III) HAVING NO INCLUSIONS GREATER THAN 20 MICRONS; (IV) HAVING A CARBON SEGREGATION PER HEAT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER USING EUROPEAN METHOD NFA 04-114; (V) HAVING A SURFACE QUALITY WITH NO SURFACE DEFECTS OF A LENGTH GREATER THAN 0.2 MM; (VI) CAPABLE OF BEING DRAWN TO A DIAMETER OF 0.78 MM OR LARGER WITH 0.5 OR FEWER BREAKS PER TON; AND (VII) CONTAINING BY WEIGHT THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS IN THE PROPORTIONS SHOWN: (1) 0.78 PERCENT OR MORE OF CARBON, (2) LESS THAN 0.01 PERCENT OF SOLUBLE ALUMINUM, (3) 0.040 PERCENT OR LESS, IN THE AGGREGATE, OF PHOSPHORUS AND SULFUR, (4) 0.008 PERCENT OR LESS OF NITROGEN, AND (5) EITHER NOT MORE THAN 0.15 PERCENT, IN THE AGGREGATE, OF COPPER, NICKEL AND CHROMIUM (IF CHROMIUM IS NOT SPECIFIED), OR NOT MORE THAN 0.10 PERCENT IN THE AGGREGATE OF COPPER AND NICKEL AND A CHROMIUM CONTENT OF 0.24 TO 0.30 PERCENT (IF CHROMIUM IS SPECIFIED).

THE DESIGNATION OF THE PRODUCTS AS "TIRE CORD QUALITY" OR "TIRE BEAD QUALITY" INDICATES THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PRODUCT FOR USE IN THE PRODUCTION OF TIRE CORD, TIRE BEAD, OR WIRE FOR USE IN OTHER RUBBER REINFORCEMENT APPLICATIONS SUCH AS HOSE WIRE. THESE QUALITY DESIGNATIONS ARE PRESUMED TO INDICATE THAT THESE PRODUCTS ARE BEING USED IN TIRE CORD, TIRE BEAD, AND OTHER RUBBER REINFORCEMENT APPLICATIONS, AND SUCH MERCHANDISE INTENDED FOR THE TIRE CORD, TIRE BEAD, OR OTHER RUBBER REINFORCEMENT APPLICATIONS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE. HOWEVER, SHOULD PETITIONERS OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES PROVIDE A REASONABLE BASIS TO BELIEVE OR SUSPECT THAT THERE EXISTS A PATTERN OF IMPORTATION OF SUCH PRODUCTS FOR OTHER THAN THOSE APPLICATIONS, END-USE CERTIFICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SUCH PRODUCTS MAY BE REQUIRED. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, ONLY THE IMPORTERS OF RECORD WOULD NORMALLY BE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY THE END USE OF THE IMPORTED MERCHANDISE.

ALL PRODUCTS MEETING THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MERCHANDISE THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED ARE INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE.

THE PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADINGS 7213.91.3010, 7213.91.3090, 7213.91.4510, 7213.91.4590, 7213.91.6010, 7213.91.6090, 7213.99.0031, 7213.99.0038, 7213.99.0090, 7227.20.0010, 7227.20.0020, 7227.20.0090, 7227.20.0095, 7227.90.6051, 7227.90.6053, 7227.90.6058, AND 7227.90.6059 OF THE HTSUS. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS PROCEEDING IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-351-832.
4. FOR IMPORTS OF CERTAIN CARBON AND STEEL WIRE ROD, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER APRIL 15, 2002. EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2002, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGIN SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	MARGIN PERCENTAGE
COMPANHIA SIDERURGICA BELGO MINEIRA	A-351-832-001	65.76
ALL OTHERS	A-351-832-000	65.76

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 VICKI SCHEPKER

OR CHRISTOPHER SMITH, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT
ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-1756 OR (202) 482-1442,
RESPECTIVELY.

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

PAUL SCHWARTZ

Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party