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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS
DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION
ON SULFANILIC ACID FROM INDIA

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON AUGUST 11, 1992, NOTICE OF ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT BENEFITS WHICH CONSTITUTE SUBSIDIES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW ARE BEING PROVIDED TO THE PRODUCERS, MANUFACTURERS, OR EXPORTERS OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM INDIA.

2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE ALL GRADES OF SULFANILIC ACID, WHICH INCLUDE TECHNICAL (OR CRUDE) SULFANILIC ACID, REFINED (OR PURIFIED) SULFANILIC ACID, AND REFINED SODIUM

SALT OF SULFANILIC ACID (SODIUM SULFANILATE). SULFANILIC ACID IS A SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICAL PRODUCED FROM THE DIRECT SULFONATION OF ANILINE WITH SULFURIC ACID. SULFANILIC ACID IS USED AS A RAW MATERIAL IN THE PRODUCTION OF OPTICAL BRIGHTENERS, FOOD COLORS, SPECIALTY DYES, AND CONCRETE ADDITIVES. THE PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GRADES RELATE TO THE AMOUNT OF UNDESIRABLE QUANTITIES OF RESIDUAL ANILINE AND ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS PRESENT IN THE SULFANILIC ACID. ALL GRADES ARE AVAILABLE AS DRY, FREE FLOWING POWDERS.

TECHNICAL SULFANILIC ACID, CLASSIFIED UNDER THE SUBHEADING 2921.42.24.20 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE (HTS) CONTAINS 96 PERCENT MINIMUM SULFANILIC ACID, 1.0 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE AND 1.0 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS. REFINED SULFANILIC ACID, CLASSIFIED UNDER THE HTS SUBHEADING 2921.42.24.20, CONTAINS 98 PERCENT MINIMUM SULFANILIC ACID, 0.5 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE AND 0.25 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS. REFINED SODIUM SALT OF SULFANILIC ACID (SODIUM SULFANILATE), CLASSIFIED UNDER THE HTS SUBHEADING 2921.42.70, IS A GRANULAR OR CRYSTALLINE MATERIAL CONTAINING 75 PERCENT MINIMUM EQUIVALENT SULFANILIC ACID, 0.5 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE, AND 0.25 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS BASED ON THE EQUIVALENT SULFANILIC ACID CONTENT.

ALTHOUGH THE HTS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. CUSTOMS SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRIES OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM INDIA WHICH ARE ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION, ON OR AFTER AUGUST 11, 1992, AND SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR BOND FOR SUCH ENTRIES OF THE MERCHANDISE IN THE AMOUNT OF 43.71 PERCENT AD VALOREM FOR SULFANILIC ACID FROM ALL PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS IN INDIA.

4. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES, THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-533-807.

5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH VIA EMAIL TO ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB". THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT MAGD ZALOK OF THE OFFICE OF COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; TELEPHONE: (202)377-4162.

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

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