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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION:  
FERROSILICON FROM VENEZUELA (C-307-808)

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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: FERROSILICON FROM VENEZUELA  
(C-307-808)

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL PUBLISH IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON AUGUST 25, 1992, NOTICE OF ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN BENEFITS WHICH CONSTITUTE SUBSIDIES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW ARE BEING PROVIDED TO THE PRODUCERS, MANUFACTURERS, OR EXPORTERS OF FERROSILICON FROM VENEZUELA.

2. THE PRODUCT COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION IS FERROSILICON, A FERROALLOY GENERALLY CONTAINING, BY WEIGHT, NOT LESS THAN FOUR

PERCENT IRON, MORE THAN EIGHT PERCENT BUT NOT MORE THAN 96 PERCENT SILICON, NOT MORE THAN 10 PERCENT CHROMIUM, NOT MORE THAN 30 PERCENT MANGANESE, NOT MORE THAN THREE PERCENT PHOSPHOROUS, LESS THAN 2.75 PERCENT MAGNESIUM, AND NOT MORE THAN 10 PERCENT CALCIUM OR ANY OTHER ELEMENT.

FERROSILICON IS A FERROALLOY PRODUCED BY COMBINING SILICON AND IRON THROUGH SMELTING IN A SUBMERGED-ARC FURNACE. FERROSILICON IS USED PRIMARILY AS AN ALLOYING AGENT IN THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL AND CAST IRON. IT IS ALSO USED IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY AS A DEOXIDIZER AND A REDUCING AGENT, AND BY CAST IRON PRODUCERS AS AN INOCULANT.

FERROSILICON IS DIFFERENTIATED BY SIZE AND BY GRADE. THE SIZES EXPRESS THE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM DIMENSIONS OF THE LUMPS OF FERROSILICON FOUND IN A GIVEN SHIPMENT. FERROSILICON GRADES ARE DEFINED BY THE PERCENTAGES OF WEIGHT OF CONTAINED SILICON AND OTHER MINOR ELEMENTS. FERROSILICON IS MOST COMMONLY SOLD TO IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES IN STANDARD GRADES OF 75 PERCENT AND 50 PERCENT FERROSILICON.

CALCIUM SILICON, FERROCALCIUM SILICON, AND MAGNESIUM FERROSILICON ARE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION. CALCIUM SILICON IS AN ALLOY CONTAINING, BY WEIGHT, NOT MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT IRON, 60 TO 65 PERCENT SILICON AND 28 TO 32 PERCENT CALCIUM. FERROCALCIUM SILICON IS A FERROALLOY CONTAINING, BY WEIGHT, NOT LESS THAN FOUR PERCENT IRON, 60 TO 65 PERCENT SILICON, AND MORE THAN 10 PERCENT CALCIUM. MAGNESIUM FERROSILICON IS A FERROALLOY CONTAINING, BY WEIGHT, NOT LESS THAN FOUR PERCENT IRON, NOT MORE THAN 55 PERCENT SILICON, AND NOT LESS THAN 2.75 PERCENT MAGNESIUM.

FERROSILICON IS CLASSIFIABLE UNDER THE FOLLOWING SUBHEADINGS OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS"): 7202.21.1000, 7202.21.5000, 7202.21.7500, 7202.21.9000, 7202.29.0010, AND 7202.29.0050. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS

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

3. U.S. CUSTOMS SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRIES MADE BY CVG-VENEZOLANA DE FERROSILICIO C.A. ("FESILVEN") AND ALL OTHER MANUFACTURERS, PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS OF FERROSILICON FROM VENEZUELA, WHICH ARE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER AUGUST 25, 1992, AND REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR BOND FOR SUCH ENTRIES OF THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE IN THE AMOUNT OF 4.97 PERCENT AD VALOREM.

4. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES, THIS COUNTERVAILING DUTY CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-307-808.

5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH, VIA EMAIL BY USING ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB". THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT PAULO MENDES OF THE OFFICE OF COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TELEPHONE:  
(202) 377-5050.

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

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\*Party Indicator Value:

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