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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF PIPE FITTINGS FROM CHINA (A-570-875)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE DUMPING INVESTIGATION
OF PIPE FITTINGS FROM CHINA (A-570-875)

1. ON 09/25/2002, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL PUBLISH IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF NON-MALLEABLE CAST IRON PIPE FITTING FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE PRODUCTS COVERED ARE FINISHED AND UNFINISHED NON-MALLEABLE CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS

WITH AN INSIDE DIAMETER RANGING FROM 1/4 INCH TO 6 INCHES, WHETHER THREADED OR UN-THREADED, REGARDLESS OF INDUSTRY OR PROPRIETARY SPECIFICATIONS. THE SUBJECT FITTINGS INCLUDE ELBOWS, ELLS, TEES, CROSSES, AND REDUCERS AS WELL AS FLANGED FITTINGS. THESE FITTINGS ARE ALSO KNOWN AS CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS OR GRAY IRON PIPE FITTINGS. THESE CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED TO ASTM A-126 AND ASME B.16.4 SPECIFICATIONS AND ARE THREADED TO ASME B1.20.1 SPECIFICATIONS. MOST BUILDING CODES REQUIRE THAT THESE PRODUCTS ARE UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (UL) CERTIFIED. THE SCOPE DOES NOT INCLUDE CAST IRON SOIL PIPE FITTINGS OR GROOVED FITTINGS OR GROOVED COUPLINGS.

FITTINGS THAT ARE MADE OUT OF DUCTILE IRON THAT HAVE THE SAME PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS THE GRAY OR CAST IRON FITTINGS SUBJECT TO THE SCOPE ABOVE OR WHICH HAVE THE SAME PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

AND ARE PRODUCED TO ASME B.16.3, ASME B.16.4, OR ASTM A-395 SPECIFICATIONS, THREADED TO ASME B1.20.1 SPECIFICATIONS AND UL CERTIFIED, REGARDLESS OF METALLURGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GRAY AND DUCTILE IRON, ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS PETITION. THESE DUCTILE FITTINGS DO NOT INCLUDE GROOVED FITTINGS OR GROOVED COUPLINGS. DUCTILE CAST IRON FITTINGS WITH MECHANICAL JOINT ENDS (MJ), OR PUSH ON ENDS (PO), OR FLANGED ENDS AND PRODUCED TO THE AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION (AWWA) SPECIFICATIONS-AWWA C110 OR AWWA C153 ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IMPORTS OF COVERED MERCHANDISE ARE CLASSIFIABLE IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS) UNDER ITEM NUMBERS 7307.11.00.30, 7307.11.00.60, 7307.19.30.60 and 7307.19.30.85.

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-570-875.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF NON-MALLEABLE CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE

SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER 09/25/2002. FURTHER, EFFECTIVE 09/25/2002, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGINS SHOWN BELOW:

MANUFACTURERS/PRODUCERS	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	MARGIN (PERCENTAGE)
JINAN MEIDE CASTING CO., LTD.	A-570-875-001	12.55
SHANGHAI FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISES CO., LTD.	A-570-875-002	18.97
PRC-WIDE RATE	A-570-875-000	55.13

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 RON TRENTAM, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-6320.

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

CATHY SAUCEDA

Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

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