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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM TAIWAN

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

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM TAIWAN

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON DECEMBER 23, 1992, NOTICE OF ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM TAIWAN IS BEING SOLD AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE.

2. THE PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS, WHETHER FINISHED OR UNFINISHED, UNDER 14 INCHES INSIDE DIAMETER. CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS (PIPE FITTINGS) ARE USED TO CONNECT PIPE

SECTIONS IN PIPE SYSTEMS WHERE CONDITIONS REQUIRE WELDED CONNECTIONS. THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE IS USED WHERE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS IS A FACTOR IN DESIGNING THE PIPING SYSTEM: (1) CORROSION OF THE PIPING SYSTEM WILL OCCUR IF MATERIAL OTHER THAN STAINLESS STEEL IS USED; (2) CONTAMINATION OF THE MATERIAL IN THE SYSTEM BY THE SYSTEM ITSELF MUST BE PREVENTED; (3) HIGH TEMPERATURES ARE PRESENT; (4) EXTREME LOW TEMPERATURES ARE PRESENT; (5) HIGH PRESSURES ARE CONTAINED WITHIN THE SYSTEM. PIPE FITTINGS COME IN A VARIETY OF SHAPES, WITH THE FOLLOWING FIVE SHAPES BEING THE MOST BASIC: "ELBOWS" "TEES", "REDUCERS", "STUB ENDS", AND "CAPS". THE EDGES OF FINISHED FITTINGS ARE BEVELED. THREADED, GROOVED, AND BOLTED FITTINGS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS INVESTIGATION. THE PIPE FITTINGS SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 7307.23.00 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS).

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

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NUMBER (A-583-816)

4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST WITH RESPECT TO EXPORTS OF CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM TAIWAN. THEREFORE, FOR ALL EXPORTERS OF CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM TAIWAN, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH MERCHANDISE THAT IS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 24, 1992, WHICH IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 23, 1992, THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, AND SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE ESTIMATED PRELIMINARY, MARGIN PERCENTAGE LISTED BELOW.

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER/ EXPORTER	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE MARGIN PERCENTGAGE
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CO., LTD.                    A-583-816-001        48.05%

TACHIA YUNG HO MACHINE  
INDUSTRY CO., LTD            A-583-816-002        48.05%

TRU-FLOW INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.    A-583-816-003        76.20%

ALL OTHERS                    A-583-816-000        57.43%

THE MODULE HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT THE ABOVE INFORMATION

5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH, CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS (FTS 566-8651), OR BY E-MAIL ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT JAMES MAEDER OF THE OFFICE OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TELEPHONE (202) 482-3330.

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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\*Party Indicator Value:

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