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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF DEFROST TIMERS FROM JAPAN

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

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF DEFROST  
TIMERS FROM JAPAN

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 8, 1993, ITS INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF DEFROST TIMERS FROM JAPAN.

2. THE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION ARE ELECTRO-MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC DEFROST TIMERS FOR RESIDENTIAL REFRIGERATORS. ELECTRO-MECHANICAL DEFROST TIMERS ARE COMPRISED OF SEVERAL COMPONENTS THAT MAKE OR BREAK ELECTRIC CIRCUITS BY ACTIVATING TWO SETS OF ELECTRICAL CONTACT POINTS--ONE TO

DISCONNECT THE COMPRESSOR (THE COOLING MECHANISM) AND THE OTHER TO CONNECT THE DEFROST HEATER. THE ARTICLES ARE EQUIPPED WITH A SYNCHRONOUS OR SUBSYNCHRONOUS MOTOR. THE DEFROST TIMER DISCONNECTS THE COMPRESSOR BY OPENING AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT AFTER THE COMPRESSOR ITSELF HAS RUN FOR A LENGTH OF TIME PREDETERMINED BY THE MANUFACTURER DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE MODEL. UPON COMPLETION OF THE COMPRESSOR RUN CYCLE (AND SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE COMPRESSOR'S DISCONNECTION) THE DEFROST HEATER IS ACTIVATED AND RUNS FOR A PRESET TIME (AGAIN DEPENDING ON THE MODEL), AS PREDETERMINED BY THE MANUFACTURER. ELECTRONIC DEFROST TIMERS HAVE A SIMILAR FUNCTION BUT OPERATE WITH GREATER EFFICIENCY. THIS IS BECAUSE A MICROPROCESSOR IN THE DEVICE USES INFORMATION GATHERED DURING THE DEFROST CYCLE TO ADJUST THE COMPRESSOR RUN TIME. THIS SYSTEM DEFROSTS ONLY WHEN NEEDED, THEREBY IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE REFRIGERATOR.

THE DEFROST TIMERS SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 9107.00.400 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES.

THE 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-588-829).

4. 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 BY E-MAIL TO ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT JAMES MAEDER, OFFICE OF ANTUDMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AT (202) 482-3330.

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

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