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RE: INTITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON NITROMETHANE FROM
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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS
DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: INTITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON
NITROMETHANE FROM PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER
ON JUNE 18 1993, ITS INITIATION OF AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY
INVESTIGATION OF NITROMETHANE FROM THE PEOPLE'S OF CHINA.

2. THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS NITROMETHANE
FROM THE PEOPLE'S OF CHINA. NITROMETHANE IS A CHEMICAL COMPOUND
WITH THE FORMULA CH₃NO₂. NITROMETHANE IS A NITROPARAFFIN IN
WHICH THE NITRO GROUP IS ATTACHED TO THE SINGLE CARBON ATOM OF
THAT MEMBER OF THE ALKANE FAMILY KNOWN AS METHANE.

NITROPARAFFINS ARE ANY OF A HOMOLOGOUS SERIES OF COMPOUNDS WHOSE GENERIC FORMULA IS $CH_2N + 1NO_2$, THE NITRO GROUPS BEING ATTACHED TO A CARBON ATOM THROUGH THE NITROGEN.

NITROMETHANE HAS NUMEROUS INDUSTRIAL USES, INCLUDING AS A SOLVENT IN POLYMERS FOR COATINGS, AS A COMPONENT OF SPECIAL FUELS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES, AS A STABILIZER FOR CHLORINATED HYDROCARBONS, AND AS AN EXTRACTION SOLVENT. NITROMETHANE IS A RAW MATERIAL USED IN THE SYNTHESIS OF OTHER USEFUL CHEMICALS INCLUDING CHLOROPICRIN, A PRIMARY SOIL NEMATOCIDE; TRIS (HYDROXYMETHYL)-AMINOMETHANE, A PHARMACEUTICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BUFFER; AND BRONOPOL, A PRESERVATIVE FOR NONWOVEN MOIST TOILETTES.

3. THIS PRODUCT IS CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 2904.20.5000 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). THIS SUBHEADING, A BASKET PROVISION, IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE SULFONATED, NITRATED, OR NITROSATED DERIVATIVES OF HYDROCARBONS, WHETHER OR NOT HALOGENATED. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADING IS PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

4. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES, THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-570-823.

5. LIQUIDATION OF ENTRIES IS NOT TO BE SUSPENDED WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION.

6. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH VIA EMAIL ATTRIBUTE 'HQ OAB'. THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD REFER THEIR QUESTIONS TO JAMES TERPSTRA OF THE OFFICE OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (202) 482-3965.

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

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