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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 WELDED STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM KOREA (102192 IS FED REG PUBLICATION DATE)

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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 WELDED STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM KOREA (102192 IS FED REG PUBLICATION DATE)

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON OCTOBER 21, 1992, NOTICE OF ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN WELDED STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM KOREA ARE SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE.

2. THE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CERTAIN WELDED STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS ("PIPE FITTINGS"),

WHETHER FINISHED OR UNFINISHED, UNDER 14 INCHES INSIDE DIAMETER. PIPE FITTINGS ARE USED TO CONNECT PIPE SECTIONS IN PIPING SYSTEMS WHERE CONDITIONS REQUIRE WELDED CONNECTIONS. THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE CAN BE 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 WITH THE SYSTEM.

PIPE FITTINGS COME IN A VARIETY OF SHAPES, AND THE FOLLOWING FIVE ARE THE MOST BASIC: "ELBOWS", "TREES", "REDUCERS", "STUB ENDS", AND "CAPS". THE EDGES OF FINISHED FITTINGS ARE BEVELED. THREADED, GROOVED, AND BOLTED FITTINGS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE INVESTIGATIONS. 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 PROCEEDING IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES, THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NUMBERS: A-580-813.

4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRELIMINARILY DETERMINED THAT CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST WITH RESPECT TO EXPORTS OF CERTAIN WELDED STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS MADE BY ALL EXPORTERS FROM KOREA. THEREFORE, FOR ALL EXPORTS OF CERTAIN WELDED STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM KOREA THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH MERCHANDISE THAT IS ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE. FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER JULY 23, 1992, WHICH IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO 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 APPROPRIATE ESTIMATED PRELIMINARY MARGIN PERCENTAGE LISTED BELOW.

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER/ EXPORTER	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE MARGIN PERCENTGAGE
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KOREA

ASIA BEND COMPANY, LTD.	A-580-813-001	21.20%
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6. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH, BY E-MAIL ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT JOHN GLONINGER OF THE OFFICE OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TELEPHONE (202) 482-2778.

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\*Party Indicator Value:

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