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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE (C-427-819) FOR THE PERIOD 01/01/2003 THROUGH 12/31/2003

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS

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FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE (C-427-819) FOR THE PERIOD 01/01/2003 THROUGH 12/31/2003

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DID NOT RECEIVE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER FOR LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE (C-427-819) FOR THE PERIOD 01/01/2003 THROUGH 12/31/2003, EXCEPT FOR THE FIRMS LISTED BELOW IN PARAGRAPH 3.

2. THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER COVERS LOW ENRICHED URANIUM (LEU). LEU IS ENRICHED URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE (UF6) WITH A U235 PRODUCT ASSAY OF LESS THAN 20 PERCENT THAT HAS NOT BEEN CONVERTED INTO

ANOTHER CHEMICAL FORM, SUCH AS UO₂, OR FABRICATED INTO NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLIES, REGARDLESS OF THE MEANS BY WHICH THE LEU IS PRODUCED (INCLUDING LEU PRODUCED THROUGH THE DOWN-BLENDING OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM).

CERTAIN MERCHANDISE IS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER. SPECIFICALLY, THIS ORDER DOES NOT COVER ENRICHED URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE WITH A U²³⁵ ASSAY OF 20 PERCENT OR GREATER, ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM. IN ADDITION, FABRICATED LEU IS NOT COVERED BY THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ORDER, FABRICATED URANIUM IS DEFINED AS ENRICHED URANIUM DIOXIDE (UO₂), WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINED IN NUCLEAR FUEL RODS OR ASSEMBLIES. NATURAL URANIUM CONCENTRATES (U₃O₈) WITH A U²³⁵ CONCENTRATION OF NO GREATER THAN 0.711 PERCENT AND NATURAL URANIUM CONCENTRATES CONVERTED INTO URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE WITH A U²³⁵ CONCENTRATION OF NO GREATER THAN 0.711 PERCENT ARE NOT COVERED BY THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER.

ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THIS ORDER IS LEU OWNED BY A FOREIGN UTILITY END-USER AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES BY OR FOR SUCH END-USER SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF CONVERSION BY A U.S. FABRICATOR INTO URANIUM DIOXIDE (UO₂) AND/OR FABRICATION INTO FUEL ASSEMBLIES SO LONG AS THE URANIUM DIOXIDE AND/OR FUEL ASSEMBLIES DEEMED TO INCORPORATE SUCH IMPORTED LEU (I) REMAIN IN THE POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF THE U.S. FABRICATOR, THE FOREIGN END-USER, OR THEIR DESIGNATED TRANSPORTER(S) WHILE IN U.S. CUSTOMS TERRITORY, AND (II) ARE RE-EXPORTED WITHIN EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS OF ENTRY OF THE LEU FOR CONSUMPTION BY THE END-USER IN A NUCLEAR REACTOR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. SUCH ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CERTIFICATIONS OF THE IMPORTER AND END-USER. (SEE PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 BELOW).

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER IS CLASSIFIED IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS) AT SUBHEADING 2844.20.0020. SUBJECT MERCHANDISE MAY ALSO ENTER UNDER 2844.20.0030, 2844.20.0050, AND 2844.40.00. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS

PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 351.212 (c) OF THE COMMERCE REGULATIONS, YOU ARE TO ASSESS COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AT RATES EQUAL TO THE CASH DEPOSIT OF EXTIMATED COUNTERVAILING DUTIES REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF ENTRY ON THE SPECIFIED SUBJECT MERCHANDISE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION, ON OR AFTER 01/01/2003 AND ON OR BEFORE 12/31/2003.

LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE (C-427-819) 01/01/2003 - 12/31/2003.

LIQUIDATE ALL ENTRIES FOR ALL FIRMS EXCEPT:

EURODIF S.A. (C-427-819-001)

4. ENTRIES OF MERCHANDISE OF EXCEPTED FIRMS SHOULD NOT BE LIQUIDATED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY REVIEW, CONTINUE TO SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRIES OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTED OR PRODUCED BY THE LISTED FIRMS AND ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION DURING THIS PERIOD.

5. IN ADDITION, AS EXPLAINED IN MESSAGE #3308211 DATED 11/04/2003, THERE IS A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ENJOINING LIQUIDATION OF CERTAIN ENTRIES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER ON LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FROM FRANCE (C-427-819) THAT WERE ENRICHED AND/OR EXPORTED BY EURODIF S.A., COMPAGNIE GENERAL DES MATIERES NUCLEAIRES AND COGEMA INC. FOR THE PERIOD ON 5/14/2001 THROUGH 9/11/2001 AND ON OR AFTER 2/13/2002.

6. THEREFORE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DO NOT LIQUIDATE ENTRIES OF SUBJECT MERCHANDISE WHICH WERE ENRICHED AND/OR EXPORTED BY EURODIF S.A., COMPAGNIE GENERAL DES MATIERES NUCLEAIRES AND COGEMA, INC. AND WHICH WERE ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE,

FOR CONSUMPTION, DURING THE PERIODS: (A) 5/14/2001 THROUGH 9/11/2001; OR (B) ON OR AFTER 2/13/2002 AND REMAIN UNLIQUIDATED AS OF 5 00 O'CLOCK PM ON 7/2/2002, THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DAY UPON WHICH COPIES OF THIS ORDER WERE PERSONALLY SERVED BY PLAINTIFFS UPON ANN SEBASTIAN OF IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, OR HER DELEGATES.

7. THE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION ORDERED FOR THE MERCHANDISE LISTED ABOVE EXPORTED ON OR BEFORE 12/31/2003 IS LIFTED EXCEPT AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 5 ABOVE. THE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION FOR ALL SHIPMENTS OF THE MERCHANDISE LISTED ABOVE EXPORTED AFTER 12/31/2003 WILL CONTINUE.

8. THE ASSESSMENT OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) ON SHIPMENTS OR ENTRIES OF THIS MERCHANDISE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 778 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930. SECTION 778 REQUIRES THAT THE CBP PAY INTEREST ON OVERPAYMENTS OR ASSESS INTEREST ON UNDERPAYMENTS, OF

THE REQUIRED AMOUNTS DEPOSITED AS ESTIMATED COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. THE INTEREST PROVISIONS ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO CASH OR BONDS POSTED AS ESTIMATED COUNTERVAILING DUTIES BEFORE THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER. INTEREST SHALL BE CALCULATED FROM THE ENTRY DATE OR DATE OF DEPOSIT WHICHEVER IS LATER, OF ESTIMATED COUNTERVAILING DUTIES THROUGH THE DATE OF LIQUIDATION. THE RATE AT WHICH SUCH INTEREST IS PAYABLE IS THE RATE IN EFFECT UNDER SECTION 6621 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 FOR SUCH PERIOD.

9. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CBP OFFICERS, THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT DAVINA HASHIMI OR RON TRENTAM OF THE OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (202) 482-0984 OR (202) 482-3577. (GENERATED BY 03:GL).

10. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS

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