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RE: AGRMNT SUSPNDING THE INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOTROLLED CARBON
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FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: AGRMNT SUSPNDING THE INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOTROLLED
CARBON QUALITY STL PRDCTS FROM RU A-462-809 & AGRMNT
CONCERNING TRADE IN CERTAIN STL PRDCTS FROM RU A462809

1. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION WITH REGARD TO
THE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED ON JULY 13, 2004 CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT
CONCERNING TRADE IN CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION (ALSO KNOWN AS "THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT") (A-462-
809) (SEE MESSAGE NUMBER 4195203).

2. ON JULY 12, 1999, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ENTERED INTO TWO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS: THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING TRADE IN CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ("THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT") AND THE AGREEMENT SUSPENDING THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ("THE HOT-ROLLED AGREEMENT"). THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED PURSUANT TO LEGAL AUTHORITY

UNDER SECTION 125 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 AND THE 1990 AGREEMENT ON TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. ON JULY 22, 1999, PRESIDENT CLINTON SIGNED A PROCLAMATION, PROCLAIMING THE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DOES NOT ASSIGN CASE NUMBERS TO AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT. INSTEAD, FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES ONLY, THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REFERRED TO AS A-462-809, THE SAME NUMBER AS THE HOT-ROLLED AGREEMENT.

3. THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED EXPORT LIMITS FOR FIFTEEN (LATER AMENDED TO INCLUDE 16) CATEGORIES OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA NOT CURRENTLY COVERED BY ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDERS OR ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY SUSPENSION AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING HOT-ROLLED STAINLESS STEEL AND ALLOY PRODUCTS AND HOT-ROLLED BARS. THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ALSO REQUIRED ALL EXPORTS OF PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A VALID EXPORT LICENSE ISSUED BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

4. THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT EXPIRED EFFECTIVE JULY 12, 2004 (SEE MESSAGE NUMBER 4195203 DATED JULY 13, 2004).

5. THE HOT-ROLLED AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT (SEE MESSAGE NUMBER

9314211, NOVEMBER 10, 1999).

6. ALL STEEL PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE HOT-ROLLED AGREEMENT FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ARE REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A VALID EXPORT LICENSE ISSUED BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

7. THE MERCHANDISE COVERED BY THIS SUSPENDED INVESTIGATION CONSISTS OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS OF A RECTANGULAR SHAPE, OF A WIDTH OF 0.5 INCH OR GREATER, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL AND WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, IN COILS (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS) REGARDLESS OF THICKNESS, AND IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, OF A THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75 MM AND OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS.

UNIVERSAL MILL PLATE (I.E., FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS ROLLED ON FOUR FACES OR IN A CLOSED BOX PASS, OF A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM BUT NOT EXCEEDING 1250 MM AND OF A THICKNESS OF NOT LESS THAN 4 MM, NOT IN COILS AND WITHOUT PATTERNS IN RELIEF) OF A THICKNESS NOT LESS THAN 4.0 MM IS NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE ORDERS.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS INTERSTITIAL-FREE ("IF")) STEELS, HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY ("HSLA") STEELS, AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS. IF STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS LOW CARBON STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS TITANIUM AND/OR NIOBIUM ADDED TO STABILIZE CARBON AND NITROGEN ELEMENTS. HSLA STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM,

TITANIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM. THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAINS MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

STEEL PRODUCTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER,

REGARDLESS OF HTSUS DEFINITIONS, ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH: 1) IRON PREDOMINATES, BY WEIGHT, OVER EACH OF THE OTHER CONTAINED ELEMENTS; 2) THE CARBON CONTENT IS 2 PERCENT OR LESS, BY WEIGHT; AND 3) NONE OF THE ELEMENTS LISTED BELOW EXCEEDS THE QUANTITY, BY WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY INDICATED:

1.80 PERCENT OF MANGANESE, OR
1.50 PERCENT OF SILICON, OR
1.00 PERCENT OF COPPER, OR
0.50 PERCENT OF ALUMINUM, OR
1.25 PERCENT OF CHROMIUM, OR
0.30 PERCENT OF COBALT, OR
0.40 PERCENT OF LEAD, OR
1.25 PERCENT OF NICKEL, OR
0.30 PERCENT OF TUNGSTEN, OR
0.012 PERCENT OF BORON, OR
0.10 PERCENT OF MOLYBDENUM, OR
0.10 PERCENT OF NIOBIUM, OR
0.41 PERCENT OF TITANIUM, OR
0.15 PERCENT OF VANADIUM, OR
0.15 PERCENT OF ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DESCRIPTION PROVIDED ABOVE ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ARE OUTSIDE AND/OR SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER:

ALLOY HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE OF THE CHEMICAL ELEMENTS EXCEEDS THOSE LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING E.G., ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A543, A387, A514, A517, AND A506).

SAE/AISI GRADES OF SERIES 2300 AND HIGHER.

BALL BEARING STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

TOOL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

SILICO-MANGANESE (AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS) OR SILICON ELECTRICAL STEEL WITH A SILICON LEVEL EXCEEDING 1.50 PERCENT.

ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A710 AND A736.

USS ABRASION-RESISTANT STEELS (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL,
PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C 0.10 - 0.14 PERCENT
MN 0.90 PERCENT MAX
P 0.025 PERCENT MAX

S 0.005 PERCENT MAX
SI 0.30 - 0.50 PERCENT
CR 0.50 - 0.70 PERCENT
CU 0.20 - 0.40 PERCENT
NI 0.20 PERCENT MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.063 -
0.198 INCHES; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 50,000 PSI MINIMUM;
TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 70,000 - 88,000 PSI. HOT-ROLLED
STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND
MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C 0.10 - 0.16 PERCENT
MN 0.70 - 0.90 PERCENT
P 0.025 PERCENT MAX
S 0.006 PERCENT MAX
SI 0.30 - 0.50 PERCENT
CR 0.50 - 0.70 PERCENT
CU 0.25 PERCENT MAX
NI 0.20 PERCENT MAX
MO 0.21 PERCENT MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.350
INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 PSI MINIMUM;
TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 105,000 PSI AIM. HOT-ROLLED STEEL
COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND
MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C 0.10 - 0.14 PERCENT
MN 1.30 - 1.80 PERCENT
P 0.025 PERCENT MAX
S 0.005 PERCENT MAX
SI 0.30 - 0.50 PERCENT
CR 0.50 - 0.70 PERCENT

CU 0.20 - 0.40 PERCENT
NI 0.20 PERCENT MAX
V(WT.) 0.10 MAX
CB 0.08 PERCENT MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.350 INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 PSI MINIMUM; TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 105,000 PSI AIM. HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C 0.15 PERCENT MAX
MN 1.40 PERCENT MAX
P 0.025 PERCENT MAX
S 0.010 PERCENT MAX
SI 0.50 PERCENT MAX
CR 1.00% MAX

CU 0.50 PERCENT MAX
NI 0.20 PERCENT MAX
NB 0.005 PERCENT MIN
CA TREATED
AL 0.01 - 0.07 PERCENT

WIDTH EQUALS 39.37 INCHES; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.181 INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 70,000 PSI MINIMUM FOR THICKNESSES 0.148 INCHES AND 65,000 PSI MINIMUM FOR THICKNESSES >0.148 INCHES; TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 PSI MINIMUM.

HOT-ROLLED DUAL PHASE STEEL, PHASE-HARDENED, PRIMARILY WITH A FERRITIC-MARTENSITIC MICROSTRUCTURE, CONTAINS 0.9 PERCENT UP TO AND INCLUDING 1.5 PERCENT SILICON BY WEIGHT, FURTHER CHARACTERIZED BY EITHER (I) TENSILE STRENGTH BETWEEN 540 N/MM AND 640 N/MM AND AN ELONGATION PERCENTAGE 26 PERCENT FOR THICKNESSES OF 2 MM AND ABOVE, OR (II) A TENSILE STRENGTH BETWEEN 590 N/MM AND 690 N/MM AND AN ELONGATION PERCENTAGE 25 PERCENT FOR THICKNESSES OF 2MM AND ABOVE.

HOT-ROLLED BEARING QUALITY STEEL, SAE GRADE 1050, IN COILS, WITH AN INCLUSION RATING OF 1.0 MAXIMUM PER ASTM E 45, METHOD A, WITH EXCELLENT SURFACE QUALITY AND CHEMISTRY RESTRICTIONS AS FOLLOWS: 0.012 PERCENT MAXIMUM PHOSPHORUS, 0.015 PERCENT MAXIMUM SULFUR, AND 0.20 PERCENT MAXIMUM RESIDUALS INCLUDING 0.15 PERCENT MAXIMUM CHROMIUM.

GRADE ASTM-A570-50 HOT-ROLLED STEEL SHEET IN COILS OR CUT LENGTHS, WIDTH OF 74 INCHES (NOMINAL, WITHIN ASTM TOLERANCES), THICKNESS OF 11 GAUGE (0.119 INCH NOMINAL), MILL EDGE AND SKIN PASSED, WITH MINIMUM COPPER CONTENT OF 0.20 PERCENT.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS SUSPENSION AGREEMENT IS CLASSIFIED IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS") AT SUBHEADINGS: 7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7210.70.30.00, 7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90, 7212.40.10.00, 7212.40.50.00, 7212.50.00.00.

CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL COVERED BY THIS ORDER, INCLUDING: VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED; HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY; AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEEL MAY ALSO ENTER UNDER THE FOLLOWING TARIFF NUMBERS: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, AND 7226.99.00.00.

ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND

CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE

UNDER ORDER IS DISPOSITIVE.

7. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION ("CBP") OFFICERS, THE IMPORTING PUBLIC, OR INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE CONTACT DAVINA HASHMI OR RON TRENTAM AT OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0984 OR (202) 482-3577 RESPECTIVELY (GENERATED BY OP: JEH)

8. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION

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