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Notice of Lifting of Suspension Date:

TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION & AMENDED PRELIMINARY  
DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE: STAINLESS STEEL WIRE ROD  
FROM JAPAN (A-588-843)

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TO: CMC DIRECTORS,  
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION & AMENDED PRELIMINARY  
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ON MARCH 05, 1998, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE  
FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS  
THAN FAIR VALUE IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF STEEL  
WIRE ROD FROM JAPAN. ON MARCH 24, 1998, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS AMENDED  
PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION.

## 2. SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION

THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE HOT-ROLLED OR HOT-ROLLED ANNEALED AND/OR PICKLED AND/OR DESCALED ROUNDS, SQUARES, OCTAGONS, HEXAGONS OR OTHER SHAPES, IN COILS, THAT MAY ALSO BE COATED WITH A LUBRICANT CONTAINING COPPER, LIME, OR OXALATE. SSWR IS MADE OF ALLOY STEELS CONTAINING, BY WEIGHT 1.2 PERCENT OR LESS OF CARBON AND 10.5 PERCENT OR MORE OF CHROMIUM, WITH OR WITHOUT OTHER ELEMENTS. THESE PRODUCTS ARE MANUFACTURED ONLY BY HOT-ROLLING OR HOT-ROLLING, ANNEALING, AND/OR PICKLING AND/OR DESCALING, ARE NORMALLY SOLD IN COILED FORM, AND ARE OF SOLID CROSS-SECTION. THE MAJORITY OF SSWR SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES IS ROUND IN CROSS-SECTIONAL SHAPE, ANNEALED AND PICKLED, AND LATER COLD-FINISHED INTO STAINLESS STEEL WIRE OR SMALL-DIAMETER BAR.

THE MOST COMMON SIZE FOR SUCH PRODUCTS IS 5.5 MILLIMETERS OR 0.217 INCHES IN DIAMETER, WHICH REPRESENTS THE SMALLEST SIZE THAT NORMALLY IS PRODUCED ON A ROLLING MILL AND IS THE SIZE THAT MOST WIRE DRAWING MACHINES ARE SET UP TO DRAW. THE RANGE OF SSWR SIZES NORMALLY SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES IS BETWEEN 0.20 INCHES AND 1.312 INCHES DIAMETER. TWO STAINLESS STEEL GRADES SF20T AND K-M35FL ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE CHEMICAL MAKEUP FOR THE EXCLUDED GRADES IS AS FOLLOWS:

SF20T

CARBON	0.05 MAX	CHROMIUM	19.00/21.00
MANGANESE	2.00 MAX	MOLYBDENUM	1.50/2.50
PHOSPHOROUS	0.05 MAX	LEAD	ADDED(0.10/0.30)
SULFUR	0.15 MAX	TELLURIUM	ADDED(0.03 MIN)
SILICON	1.00 MAX		

K-M35FL

CARBON	0.015 MAX	NICKEL	0.30 MAX
SILICON	0.70/1.00	CHROMIUM	12.50/14.00
MANGANESE	0.40 MAX	LEAD	0.10/0.30
PHOSPHORUS	0.04 MAX	ALUMINUM	0.20/0.35

SULFUR 0.03 MAX

THE PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADINGS 7221.00.0005, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, AND 7221.00.0075 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). ALTHOUGH 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 INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-588-843.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF SSWR FROM JAPAN THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS THAT ARE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER MARCH 05,

1998, EXCEPT THOSE PRODUCED AND EXPORTED BY HITACHI METALS, LTD. EFFECTIVE MARCH 05, 1998, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE OF SUCH ENTRY SUMMARIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGIN SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER	CUSTOMS ID	MARGIN/EXPORTER
NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	
HITACHI METALS, LTD.	A-588-843-001	0.00%
DAIDO STEEL CO., LTD.	A-588-843-002	31.38%
NIPPON STEEL CORP.	A-588-843-003	24.41%
SANYO SPECIAL STEEL CO., LTD.	A-588-843-004	31.38%
SUMITOMO ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES, LTD.	A-588-843-005	31.38%
ALL OTHERS RATE	A-588-843-000	26.59%

6. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT, VIA E-MAIL THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON USING ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT DAVID GENOVESE OF IMPORT ADMINISTRATION,

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF AD/CVD  
ENFORCEMENT, AT 202-482-0498.

PAUL SCHWARZ

## Company Details

\*Party Indicator Value:

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