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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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RE: INITIATION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL (C-351-829)

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FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

RE: INITIATION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL (C-351-829)

1. ON OCTOBER 22, 1998, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS COUNTERVAILING DUTY INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL (63 FR 56623).
2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE PRODUCTS COVERED ARE 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) IS NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS. 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 INVESTIGATION, 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

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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 WRITTEN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, AND IN WHICH THE CHEMISTRY QUANTITIES DO NOT EXCEED ANY ONE OF THE LEVELS LISTED ABOVE, ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ARE OUTSIDE AND/OR SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:

- 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).

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS 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 INVESTIGATION, 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 INVESTIGATION IS
DISPOSITIVE.

3. IN THE EVENT THAT CUSTOMS WISHES TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE
WRITTEN SCOPE OF THIS MERCHANDISE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON
LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5.
4. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED
THE INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-351-829.
5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS
OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA EMAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE
SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING
THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER
INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT CHRIS CASSEL, OFFICE OF
AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL
TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT
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6. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

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