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RE: AGREEMENT CONCERNING TRADE IN CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE
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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS
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FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: AGREEMENT CONCERNING TRADE IN CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

1. ON JULY 12, 1999, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING TRADE IN CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ("THE AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA"). THIS 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 ON CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA.

2. THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHES ANNUAL EXPORT LIMITS FOR FIFTEEN CATEGORIES OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA NOT CURRENTLY COVERED BY ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDERS OR ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY SUSPENSION AGREEMENTS.

3. FOR THE FOLLOWING FOUR CATEGORIES OF CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA, THE AGREED QUOTA IS ZERO; THEREFORE THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL DENY ENTRY TO ANY SHIPMENTS OF THIS MERCHANDISE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE OR ATTEMPTED TO BE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER JULY 22, 1999, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXPORT LICENSE. CUSTOMS OFFICERS SHALL ALSO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF SUCH SHIPMENTS PRESENTED FOR ENTRY, VIA E-MAIL THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS DISPOSITIVE.

A) OTHER METALLIC COATED FLAT ROLLED PRODUCTS ARE DEFINED AS THE FOLLOWING: HOT-ROLLED OR COLD-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS, EITHER IN COILS (REGARDLESS OF DIMENSION) OR IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS (IF OF A THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75 MM ARE OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS OR IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM OR MORE ARE OF A WIDTH WHICH EXCEEDS 150 MM AND MEASURES AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS), WITH A METALLIC COATING (OTHER THAN ZINC, TIN, CHROMIUM OXIDES, OR CHROMIUM AND CHROMIUM OXIDES), OR CLAD, WITH METALS SUCH AS ALUMINUM, LEAD, ALUMINUM-ZINC ALLOYS, AND NICKEL, REGARDLESS OF ANY ADDITIONAL COATINGS (E.G., PAINT, VARNISH, OR PLASTICS). THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS

AGREEMENT IS CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS:

7210.20.0000, 7210.61.0000, 7210.69.0000, 7210.70.6090,
7210.90.6000, 7210.90.9000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000,
7212.50.0000, 7212.60.0000, 7225.99.0090, AND 7226.99.0000.

OTHER METALLIC COATED FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS REFLECT AISI
CATEGORY 34 (METALLIC SHEET AND STRIP).

B) RAILS ARE DEFINED AS THE FOLLOWING: RAILS, WHETHER OR NOT
USED, FOR RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY CONSTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT.
THIS INCLUDES LOAD-BEARING RAILS SUCH AS STANDARD T, LIGHT,
CRANE, AND GIRDER RAILS, AND CONDUCTOR OR ELECTRICAL RAILS.
THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT IS CLASSIFIED IN
THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS: 7302.10.1010, 7302.10.1015,
7302.10.1025, 7302.10.1035, 7302.10.1045, 7302.10.1055,
7302.10.1065, 7302.10.1075, 7302.10.5020, 7302.10.5040, AND
7302.10.5060. RAILS REFLECT AISI CATEGORIES 7 (STANDARD
RAILS), 8 (OTHER RAILS), AND 41 (USED RAILS).

C) CERTAIN TIN MILL PRODUCTS ARE DEFINED AS THE FOLLOWING:
HOT-ROLLED OR COLD-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS, EITHER IN
COILS (REGARDLESS OF DIMENSION) OR IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS (IF
OF A THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75 MM ARE OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT
LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS OR IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM
OR MORE ARE OF A WIDTH WHICH EXCEEDS 150 MM AND MEASURES AT
LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS), WITH A METALLIC PLATING OF TIN,
CHROMIUM OXIDES, OR CHROMIUM AND CHROMIUM OXIDES, REGARDLESS
OF ANY ADDITIONAL COATINGS (E.G., PAINT, VARNISH, OR
PLASTICS). THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT IS
CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS: 7210.11.0000,
7210.12.0000, 7210.50.0000, AND 7212.10.0000. CERTAIN TIN
MILL PRODUCTS REFLECT AISI CATEGORIES 29 (TIN PLATE) AND 29A
(TIN-FREE SHEET).

D) WIRE ROD PRODUCTS ARE DEFINED AS THE FOLLOWING: HOT-
ROLLED BARS AND RODS, WHETHER OF ALLOY (OTHER THAN TOOL
STEEL AS DEFINED BY THE HTSUS) OR NON-ALLOY STEEL, IN
IRREGULARLY WOUND COILS, WHICH HAVE A SOLID CROSS SECTION,
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GENERALLY ROUND IN CROSS-SECTIONAL SHAPE. THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT IS CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS: 7213.91.3000, 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7213.99.0090, 7221.00.0015, AND 7221.00.0030. WIRE ROD PRODUCTS REFLECT AISI CATEGORY 3 (WIRE ROD).

4. CUSTOMS OFFICERS WILL SOON RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS OF THE OTHER ELEVEN CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA. NO EXPORT LICENSES WILL BE REQUIRED ON SHIPMENTS OF THESE PRODUCTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 1999.

5. 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 THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT JEAN KEMP, AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-1131.

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

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