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RE: SUSPENSION OF INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENSION AGREEMENT OF CERTAIN
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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS

PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: SUSPENSION OF INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENSION AGREEMENT OF
CERTAIN HOT ROLLED FLAT ROLLED CARBON QUALITY STEEL
PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (A-462-809)

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (THE DEPARTMENT) SIGNED, ON
07/12/99, AN AGREEMENT SUSPENDING THE INVESTIGATION OF
CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS
FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. IMPORTS OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED
FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
SUSPENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. THESE INSTRUCTIONS CLARIFY MESSAGE 9197113, DATED JULY 16, 1999, IN PARAGRAPHS 2, 3, 4 and 7.

2. 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.

3. EFFECTIVE FOR MERCHANDISE ENTERED INTO THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MERCHANDISE ADMITTED INTO ANY FOREIGN TRADE ZONE, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER JULY 12, 1999, THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL REQUIRE PRESENTATION OF AN ORIGINAL EXPORT LICENSE AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY OF SUBJECT MERCHANDISE INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPORTS FROM RUSSIA. THE AGREEMENT DEFINES FOREIGN TRADE ZONES LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION HAS AGREED TO LIMIT EXPORTS OF THIS MERCHANDISE TO ZERO UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1999. THEREFORE, ANY LICENSE PRESENTED TO U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS WITH SUCH MERCHANDISE FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1999 WOULD BE INVALID (I.E. ANY ATTEMPTED ENTRY OR WITHDRAWAL FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING ENTRIES INTO OR WITHDRAWALS FROM FOREIGN TRADE ZONES LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES, ON OR AFTER JULY 12, 1999 AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1999, SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED).

IF A LICENSE IS PRESENTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1999, U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS SHALL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS,

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB"

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING EXPORT LICENSE PROCEDURES AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999 WILL FOLLOW.

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WORD "QUOTA" APPEARS IN THE AGREEMENT ON HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA AND IS ALSO USED THROUGHOUT THESE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, FOR CUSTOMS ENTRY PURPOSES, THESE ENTRIES ARE NOT QUOTA-TYPE ENTRIES BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE CUSTOMS ACS QUOTA MODULE. THEREFORE, DO NOT USE ENTRY TYPED CODES 02, 07, 32, 38 IN BOX 2 OF THE CF 7501 (UNLESS THE ENTRY INCLUDES MERCHANDISE OTHER THAN THIS MERCHANDISE THAT IS SUBJECT TO QUOTA PROCESSING, IN WHICH CASE, ENTRY TYPE CODE 07 OR 38 WOULD BE CORRECT). THERE IS NO QSUP INPUT FOR ENTRIES OF THIS MERCHANDISE FROM RUSSIA. THE QUANTITY OF THIS MERCHANDISE FROM RUSSIA WILL NOT BE REPORTED ON THE CUSTOMS WEEKLY QUOTA STATUS REPORTS.
5. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BE ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-821-809. FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES ONLY THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHOULD BE USED:
A-462-809.
6. THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL DISCONTINUE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION OF ANY ENTRIES OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. ANY CASH DEPOSITS ON ENTRIES OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION PURSUANT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED ON 03/09/99 SHALL BE REFUNDED AND ANY BONDS SHALL BE RELEASED.
7. 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 INTERESTED

PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT JEAN KEMP, OR MARIA DYBCZAK, AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AT (202) 482-4037 OR (202) 482-5811.

8. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

PAUL SCHWARTZ

Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

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