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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN ADD INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA (A-462-810)

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FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN ADD INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM RUSSIA (A-462-810)

1. ON NOVEMBER 10, 1999, 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 CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (64 F.R. 61261). PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO THE EXPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE JULY 12, 1999 AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. THESE

REQUIREMENTS ARE DETAILED IN MESSAGE 9250115, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1999, AS AMENDED BY PARAGRAPH 5 OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

2.FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE PRODUCTS COVERED ARE CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED (COLD-REDUCED) FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL, BUT WHETHER OR NOT ANNEALED, PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, BOTH IN COILS, 0.5 INCH WIDE OR WIDER, (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS AND/OR OTHERWISE COILED, SUCH AS SPIRALLY OSCILLATED COILS), AND ALSO IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, WHICH, IF LESS THAN 4.75 MM IN THICKNESS HAVING A WIDTH THAT IS 0.5 INCH OR GREATER AND THAT MEASURES AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS; OR, IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM OR MORE, HAVING A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM AND MEASURING AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS. THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE RECTANGULAR, SQUARE, CIRCULAR OR OTHER SHAPE AND INCLUDE PRODUCTS OF EITHER RECTANGULAR OR NON-RECTANGULAR CROSS-SECTION WHERE SUCH CROSS-SECTION IS ACHIEVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ROLLING PROCESS (I.E., PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN "WORKED AFTER ROLLING") FOR EXAMPLE, PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN BEVELED OR ROUNDED AT THE EDGES.

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 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. MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAIN MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

STEEL PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, REGARDLESS OF DEFINITIONS IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULES

OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS"), 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
- 2.25 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
- 0.10 PERCENT OF MOLYBDENUM, OR
- 0.10 PERCENT OF NIOBIUM (ALSO CALLED COLUMBIUM), 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 NOTED ELEMENT LEVELS LISTED ABOVE, ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ARE OUTSIDE AND/OR SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:- SAE GRADES (FORMERLY ALSO CALLED AISI GRADES) ABOVE 2300;

- BALL BEARING STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS;

- TOOL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS;

- SILICO-MANGANESE STEEL, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS;

- SILICON-ELECTRICAL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS, THAT ARE GRAIN-ORIENTED;

- SILICON-ELECTRICAL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS, THAT ARE NOT GRAIN-ORIENTED AND THAT HAVE A SILICON LEVEL

EXCEEDING 2.25 PERCENT;

- ALL PRODUCTS (PROPRIETARY OR OTHERWISE) BASED ON AN ALLOY ASTM SPECIFICATION (SAMPLE SPECIFICATIONS: ASTM A506, A507);

- SILICON-ELECTRICAL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS, THAT ARE NOT GRAIN-ORIENTED AND THAT HAVE A SILICON LEVEL LESS THAN 2.25 PERCENT, AND A) FULLY-PROCESSED, WITH A CORE LOSS OF LESS THAN 0.14 WATTS/POUND PER MIL (0.001 INCHES), OR B) SEMI-PROCESSED, WITH CORE LOSS OF LESS THAN 0.085 WATTS/POUND PER MIL (0.001 INCHES);

CERTAIN SHADOW MASK STEEL, WHICH IS ALUMINUM KILLED COLD-ROLLED STEEL COIL THAT IS OPEN COIL ANNEALED, HAS AN ULTRA-FLAT, ISOTROPIC SURFACE, AND WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: THICKNESS: 0.001 TO 0.010 INCHES, WIDTH: 15 TO 32 INCHES, CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: CARBON CONTENT LESS THAN 0.002 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT.

- CERTAIN FLAPPER VALVE STEEL, WHICH IS HARDENED AND TEMPERED, SURFACE POLISHED, AND WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: THICKNESS: LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.0 MM; WIDTH: LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 152.4 MM; CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: CARBON CONTENT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.90 PERCENT AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.05 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; SILICON CONTENT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.15 PERCENT AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.35 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; MAGNESIUM CONTENT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.30 PERCENT AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.50 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; PHOSPHORUS CONTENT OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.03 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; AND SULPHUR CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.006 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MECHANICAL PROPERTIES: TENSILE STRENGTH GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 162 KGF/SQUARE MM; HARDNESS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 475 VICKERS HARDNESS NUMBER; PHYSICAL PROPERTIES: FLATNESS LESS THAN 0.2 PERCENT OF NOMINAL STRIP WIDTH; MICROSTRUCTURE: COMPLETELY FREE FROM DECARBURIZATION. CARBIDES ARE SPHEROIDAL AND FINE WITHIN 1 PERCENT TO 4 PERCENT (AREA PERCENTAGE) AND ARE UNDISSOLVED IN THE UNIFORM TEMPERED MARTENSITE; NON-METALLIC

INCLUSION: SULFIDE INCLUSION WITH AREA PERCENTAGE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.04 PERCENT, AND OXIDE INCLUSION WITH AREA PERCENTAGE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.05 PERCENT; COMPRESSIVE STRESS: 10 TO 40 KGF/SQUARE MM; SURFACE ROUGHNESS SPECIFICATIONS: IF THICKNESS IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.209 MM, WILL HAVE ROUGHNESS (RZ) LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.5 MICROMETER; IF THICKNESS IS GREATER THAN 0.209 MM BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.310 MM, WILL HAVE ROUGHNESS (RZ) OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.6 MICROMETER; IF THICKNESS IS GREATER THAN 0.310 MM BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.440 MM , WILL HAVE ROUGHNESS (RZ) LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.7 MICROMETER; IF THICKNESS IS GREATER THAN 0.440 MM BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.560 MM, WILL HAVE ROUGHNESS (RZ) LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.8 MICROMETER; IF THICKNESS IS GREATER THAN 0.560 MM, WILL HAVE ROUGHNESS (RZ) LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.0 MICROMETER.

- CERTAIN ULTRA THIN GAUGE STEEL STRIP, WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: THICKNESS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.100 MM (+/- 7 PERCENT), WIDTH: 100 TO 600 MM; CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: CARBON CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.07 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; MANGANESE CONTENT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.2 BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.5 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; PHOSPHORUS CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.05 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; SULPHUR CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.05 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; ALUMINUM CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.07 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; WITH THE BALANCE IRON; MECHANICAL PROPERTIES: HARDNESS EQUALS FULL HARD (HV 180 MINIMUM); TOTAL ELONGATION GREATER THAN 3 PERCENT; AND TENSILE STRENGTH OF 600 TO 850 N/SQUARE MM. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES: SURFACE FINISH LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.3 MICRON; CAMBER (IN 2.0 M) LESS THAN 0.3 MM; FLATNESS (IN 2.0 M) LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.5 MM; EDGE BURR LESS THAN 0.01 MM GREATER THAN THICKNESS; AND COIL SET (IN 1.0 M) LESS THAN 75.0 MM.

- CERTAIN SILICON STEEL, WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: THICKNESS: 0.024 INCHES +/- 0.0015 INCHES; WIDTH: 33 INCHES TO 45.5 INCHES; CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: MINIMUM SILICON CONTENT OF 0.65 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT, MAXIMUM CARBON CONTENT OF 0.004 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT, MAXIMUM

MANGANESE CONTENT OF 0.4 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM PHOSPHORUS CONTENT OF 0.09 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT, MAXIMUM SULPHUR CONTENT OF 0.009 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM ALUMINUM CONTENT OF 0.4 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT. MECHANICAL PROPERTIES: HARDNESS OF B 60-75 (AIM 65); PHYSICAL PROPERTIES: SMOOTH FINISH (30 - 60 MICROINCHES), GAMMA CROWN (IN 5 INCHES) OF 0.0005 INCHES, WITH MEASUREMENT BEGINNING ONE-QUARTER INCH FROM SLIT EDGE; FLATNESS OF 20 I-UNIT MAXIMUM; COATING OF C3A - 0.08A MAXIMUM (A2 COATING ACCEPTABLE); CAMBER (IN ANY 10 FEET) OF ONE-SIXTEENTH INCH; COIL SIZE INSIDE DIAMETER OF 20 INCHES. MAGNETIC PROPERTIES: CORE LOSS (1.5T/60 HZ) NAAS OF 3.8 WATTS/POUND MAXIMUM. PERMEABILITY (1.5T/60 HZ) NAAS OF 1700 GAUSS/OERSTED TYPICAL 1500 MINIMUM.

- CERTAIN APERTURE MASK STEEL, WHICH HAS AN ULTRA-FLAT SURFACE FLATNESS AND WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

THICKNESS: 0.025 MM TO 0.245 MM; WIDTH: 381 MM - 1000 MM;  
CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: CARBON CONTENT OF LESS THAN 0.01 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT, NITROGEN CONTENT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.004 AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.007 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT, AND ALUMINUM CONTENT OF LESS THAN 0.007 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT.

- CERTAIN TIN MILL BLACK PLATE, ANNEALED AND TEMPER-ROLLED, CONTINUOUSLY CAST, WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: CARBON CONTENT OF MINIMUM 0.02 AND MAXIMUM 0.06 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MANGANESE CONTENT OF MINIMUM 0.20 AND MAXIMUM 0.40 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM PHOSPHORUS CONTENT OF 0.02 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM SULPHUR CONTENT OF 0.023 (AIMING 0.018 MAXIMUM) PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM SILICON CONTENT OF 0.03 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MINIMUM ALUMINUM CONTENT OF 0.03 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT AND MAXIMUM 0.08 (AIMING 0.05) PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM ARSENIC CONTENT OF 0.02 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM COPPER CONTENT OF 0.08 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; NITROGEN CONTENT OF MINIMUM 0.003 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT AND MAXIMUM 0.008

(AIMING 0.005) PERCENT, BY WEIGHT. NON-METALLIC INCLUSIONS: EXAMINATION WITH THE S.E.M. SHALL NOT REVEAL INDIVIDUAL OXIDES GREATER THAN 1 MICRON (0.000039 INCHES) AND INCLUSION GROUPS OR CLUSTERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 5 MICRONS (0.000197 INCHES) IN LENGTH. SURFACE TREATMENT AS FOLLOWS: THE SURFACE FINISH SHALL BE FREE OF DEFECTS (DIGS, SCRATCHES, PITS, GOUGES, SLIVERS, ETC.) AND SUITABLE FOR NICKEL PLATING. SURFACE FINISH BE EXTRA BRIGHT WITH ROUGHNESS, OF 0 RA MICROINCHES (0 MICROMETERS) TO 7 RA MICROINCHES (0.2 MICROMETERS) WITH AN AIM OF 5 MICROINCHES (0.1 MICROMETERS).

- CERTAIN FULL HARD TIN MILL BLACK PLATE, CONTINUOUSLY CAST, WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: CARBON CONTENT OF MINIMUM 0.02 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT AND MAXIMUM 0.06 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MANGANESE CONTENT OF MINIMUM 0.20 AND MAXIMUM 0.40 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM PHOSPHORUS CONTENT OF 0.02 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM SULPHUR CONTENT OF 0.023 (AIMING 0.018 MAXIMUM) PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM SILICON CONTENT OF 0.03 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; ALUMINUM CONTENT OF MINIMUM 0.03 AND MAXIMUM 0.08 (AIMING 0.05) PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM ARSENIC CONTENT OF 0.02 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MAXIMUM COPPER CONTENT OF 0.08 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; NITROGEN CONTENT OF MINIMUM 0.003 AND MAXIMUM 0.008 (AIMING 0.005) PERCENT, BY WEIGHT. NON-METALLIC INCLUSIONS: EXAMINATION WITH THE S.E.M. SHALL NOT REVEAL INDIVIDUAL OXIDES GREATER THAN 1 MICRON (0.000039 INCHES) AND INCLUSION GROUPS OR CLUSTERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 5 MICRONS (0.000197 INCHES) IN LENGTH. THE SURFACE FINISH SHALL BE FREE OF DEFECTS (DIGS, SCRATCHES, PITS, GOUGES, SLIVERS, ETC.) AND SUITABLE FOR NICKEL PLATING. SURFACE FINISH SHALL BE STONE FINISH WITH ROUGHNESS OF 8 RA MICROINCHES (0.2 MICROMETERS) TO 24 RA MICROINCHES (0.6 MICROMETERS) WITH AN AIM OF 16 RA MICROINCHES (0.4 MICROMETERS).

- CERTAIN "BLUED STEEL" COIL (ALSO KNOW AS "STEAMED BLUE STEEL" OR "BLUE OXIDE") WITH A THICKNESS AND SIZE OF 0.38 MM

X 940 MM X COIL, AND WITH A BRIGHT FINISH.

- CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED STEEL SHEET, WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: NOMINAL THICKNESS: LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.019 INCHES; WIDTH OF 35 INCHES TO 60 INCHES; CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: MAXIMUM CARBON CONTENT OF 0.004 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; MINIMUM OXYGEN CONTENT OF 0.01 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT; AND MINIMUM BORON CONTENT OF 0.012 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT.

- CERTAIN BAND SAW STEEL, WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: THICKNESS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.31 MM; WIDTH LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 80 MM; CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: CARBON CONTENT OF 1.2 TO 1.3 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; SILICON CONTENT OF 0.15 TO 0.35 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; MANGANESE CONTENT OF 0.20 TO 0.35 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; PHOSPHORUS CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.03 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; SULPHUR CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.007 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; CHROMIUM CONTENT OF 0.30 TO 0.5 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; AND NICKEL CONTENT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.25 PERCENT BY WEIGHT. OTHER PROPERTIES: CARBIDE: FULLY SPHEROIDIZED HAVING GREATER THAN 80 PERCENT OF CARBIDES, WHICH ARE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.003 MM AND UNIFORMLY DISPERSED; SURFACE FINISH: BRIGHT FINISH FREE FROM PITS, SCRATCHES, RUST, CRACKS, OR SEAMS; SMOOTH EDGES; EDGE CAMBER (IN EACH 300 MM OF LENGTH) OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 7 MM ARC HEIGHT; AND CROSS BOW (PER INCH OF WIDTH) OF 0.015 MM MAX.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS TYPICALLY CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS: 7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0030, 7209.16.0060, 7209.16.0090, 7209.17.0030, 7209.17.0060, 7209.17.0090, 7209.18.1530, 7209.18.1560, 7209.18.2550, 7209.18.6000, 7209.25.0000, 7209.26.0000, 7209.27.0000, 7209.28.0000, 7209.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.23.1500, 7211.23.2000, 7211.23.3000, 7211.23.4500, 7211.23.6030, 7211.23.6060, 7211.23.6085, 7211.29.2030, 7211.29.2090, 7211.29.4500, 7211.29.6030, 7211.29.6080, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7225.19.0000, 7225.50.6000, 7225.50.7000, 7225.50.8010, 7225.50.8085, 7225.99.0090, 7226.19.1000,

7226.19.9000, 7226.92.5000, 7226.92.7050, 7226.92.8050, AND 7226.99.0000. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ("U.S. CUSTOMS") PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-821-810. FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES ONLY THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHOULD BE USED:  
A-462-810.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF COLD-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 10, 1999. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10, 1999, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGINS SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER	CUSTOMS ID	MARGIN
EXPORTER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE

JSC SEVERSTAL	A-462-810-001	177.59
NOVOLIPETSK IRON & STEEL CORP.	A-462-810-002	177.59
RUSSIA-WIDE	A-462-810-000	177.59

5. IN ADDITION TO THIS SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION, PLEASE NOTE THAT ON JULY 12, 1999, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT REGARDING CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING PRODUCTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, AS OUTLINED IN MESSAGE NUMBER 9250115, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1999, FOR SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER OCTOBER

1, 1999, ENTRY RELEASE SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR THE SHIPMENTS OF MERCHANDISE COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT ONLY UPON PRESENTATION OF EITHER A VALID EXPORT LICENSE OR A TEMPORARY

DOCUMENT ENDORSED BY THE MINISTRY OF TRADE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ("MOT"). THE AGREEMENT DEFINES FOREIGN TRADE ZONES LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AS CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES WILL PROHIBIT THE ENTRY OF ANY MERCHANDISE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER A VALID EXPORT LICENSE OR A TEMPORARY DOCUMENT ENDORSED BY THE MOT. THE PRESENTED LICENSE/TEMPORARY DOCUMENT MUST BE STAMPED, SIGNED, AND DATED BY THE MOT AND ISSUED NO EARLIER THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR ON WHICH THE MERCHANDISE IS ACCEPTED BY A TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, AS INDICATED BY THE BILL OF LADING OR A COMPARABLE TRANSPORTATION DOCUMENT, FOR EXPORT. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE MESSAGE NUMBER: 9250115, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1999. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS DO NOT SUPERCEDE OR OVERRIDE THE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTIONS, BUT ARE IN ADDITION TO THESE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTIONS.

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 THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT MICHAEL PANFELD OR JEAN KEMP, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0172, AND (202) 482-4037, RESPECTIVELY.
  
7. 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