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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: Initiation of countervailing duty investigation of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from the People's Republic of China (C-570-980)

1. ON 11/16/2011, COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS INITIATION OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS, WHETHER OR NOT ASSEMBLED INTO MODULES, FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (76 FR 70966).

2. THE MERCHANDISE COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS, AND MODULES, LAMINATES, AND PANELS, CONSISTING OF CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS, WHETHER OR NOT PARTIALLY OR FULLY ASSEMBLED INTO OTHER PRODUCTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MODULES, LAMINATES, PANELS AND BUILDING INTEGRATED MATERIALS.

THIS INVESTIGATION COVERS CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS OF THICKNESS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 20 MICROMETERS, HAVING A P/N JUNCTION FORMED BY ANY MEANS, WHETHER OR NOT THE CELL HAS UNDERGONE OTHER PROCESSING, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLEANING, ETCHING, COATING, AND/OR ADDITION OF MATERIALS (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, METALLIZATION AND CONDUCTOR PATTERNS) TO COLLECT AND FORWARD THE ELECTRICITY THAT IS GENERATED BY THE CELL.

SUBJECT MERCHANDISE MAY BE DESCRIBED AT THE TIME OF IMPORTATION AS PARTS FOR FINAL FINISHED PRODUCTS THAT ARE ASSEMBLED AFTER IMPORTATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MODULES, LAMINATES, PANELS, BUILDING-INTEGRATED MODULES, BUILDING-INTEGRATED PANELS, OR OTHER FINISHED GOODS KITS. SUCH PARTS THAT OTHERWISE MEET THE DEFINITION OF SUBJECT MERCHANDISE ARE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION ARE THIN FILM PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTS PRODUCED FROM AMORPHOUS SILICON (A-SI), CADMIUM TELLURIDE (CDTE), OR COPPER INDIUM GALLIUM SELENIDE (CIGS).

ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS, NOT EXCEEDING 10,000MM2 IN SURFACE AREA, THAT ARE PERMANENTLY INTEGRATED INTO A CONSUMER GOOD WHOSE FUNCTION IS OTHER THAN POWER GENERATION AND THAT CONSUMES THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY THE INTEGRATED CRYSTALLINE SILICON PHOTOVOLTAIC CELL. WHERE MORE THAN ONE CELL IS PERMANENTLY INTEGRATED INTO A CONSUMER GOOD, THE SURFACE AREA FOR PURPOSES OF THIS EXCLUSION SHALL BE THE TOTAL COMBINED SURFACE AREA OF ALL CELLS THAT ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE CONSUMER GOOD.

MERCHANDISE COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION IS CURRENTLY CLASSIFIED IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS) UNDER SUBHEADINGS 8501.61.0000, 8507.20.80, 8541.40.6020 AND 8541.40.6030. THESE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES; THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. THIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-570-980.

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CBP OFFICERS, THE IMPORTING PUBLIC OR INTERESTED PARTIES, PLEASE CONTACT DAVINA HASHMI OR RON TRENTAM AT THE OFFICE OF AD/CVD OPERATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0984 OR (202) 482-3577, RESPECTIVELY (GENERATED BY O6:GC).

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

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