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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: ANTIDUMPING SCOPE RULING WITH LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTION STAINLESS  
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PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: ANTIDUMPING SCOPE RULING WITH LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTION  
STAINLESS STEEL PIPE & TUBE FITTINGS FROM JAPAN FOR  
KUZE BELLOWS KOGYOSHO CO. LTD (A-588-702)

1. ON 07/26/2007, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY KUZE BELLOWS  
KOGYOSHO CO., LTD., THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ISSUED A FINAL  
SCOPE RULING THAT SOME OF THE FITTINGS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2  
BELOW ARE, AND SOME ARE NOT, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ANTIDUMPING  
DUTY ORDER ON STAINLESS STEEL PIPE AND TUBE FITTINGS FROM JAPAN  
(A-588-702).

2. THE FITTINGS SUBJECT TO THIS SCOPE INQUIRY ARE ALL PIPE AND

TUBE FITTINGS MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN BY KUZE BELLOWS KOGYOSHO CO., LTD. AND IDENTIFIED AS KUZE CLEAN FITTINGS (KCF) FOR ORBITAL WELDING ONLY, AND MEETING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

EACH OPEN END OF THE FITTING (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THAT OPEN END IS COVERED BY A PROTECTIVE CAP OR COVER AT TIME OF ENTRY) HAS AN ACTUAL OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF NO MORE THAN 221.3 MM AND AN ACTUAL WALL THICKNESS OF NO MORE THAN 4.4 MM;

ALL ENDS ARE SQUARE-CUT, AND HAVE NOT BEEN BEVELED;

HAVING UNDERGONE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROCESSES: ACID PICKLING; BRIGHT-ANNEALING; AND/OR ELECTROLYTIC POLISHING;

MAXIMUM INNER SURFACE ROUGHNESS (Ry) OF NO MORE THAN 25.0 MICROMETERS;

MINIMUM ELONGATION OF 28 PERCENT;

OF EITHER GRADE 316L STAINLESS STEEL OR GRADE 304 STAINLESS STEEL OR GRADE 304L STAINLESS STEEL;

MINIMUM YIELD STRENGTH OF 170 MPa (GRADE 316L) OR 170 MPa (GRADE 304L) OR 205 MPa (GRADE 304);

MINIMUM TENSILE STRENGTH OF 480 MPa (GRADE 316L) OR 480 MPa (GRADE 304L) OR 515 MPa (GRADE 304);

HARDNESS BETWEEN 150 - 187 Hv (GRADE 316L) OR 150 - 187 Hv (GRADE 304L) OR 145 - 188 Hv (GRADE 304).

3. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DETERMINED THAT THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 THAT POSSESS ONLY ACTUAL WALL THICKNESSES AT OR BELOW 3.4925 MM WERE NOT BEEN DESIGNED FOR BUTT-WELDING. THEREFORE, THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 THAT POSSESS ONLY ACTUAL WALL THICKNESSES AT OR BELOW 3.4925 MM ARE NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY ORDER ON

STAINLESS STEEL PIPE AND TUBE FITTINGS FROM JAPAN (A-588-702).

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DETERMINED THAT THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 THAT POSSESS AN ACTUAL WALL THICKNESS ABOVE 3.4925 MM CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS NOT DESIGNED TO BE BUTT-WELDED BECAUSE OF THE PREVALENCE OF SUBSEQUENT BEVELING (AND, IN TURN, BUTT-WELDING) OF FITTINGS WITH SUCH LARGER WALL THICKNESSES, AND, THEREFORE, THEY ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY ORDER ON STAINLESS STEEL PIPE AND TUBE FITTINGS FROM JAPAN (A-588-702).

5. EFFECTIVE 07/26/2007, FOR MERCHANDISE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, TERMINATE SUSPENSION AND LIQUIDATE ALL UNLIQUIDATED ENTRIES ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER 09/16/1987. REFUND ANY CASH DEPOSITS WITH INTEREST AND RELEASE ANY BONDS RELATING TO THE MERCHANDISE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE.

6. THE ASSESSMENT OF ANTIDUMPING DUTIES BY CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION ON ENTRIES OF THIS MERCHANDISE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 778 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930. SECTION 778 REQUIRES THAT CBP PAY INTEREST ON OVERPAYMENTS, OR ASSESS INTEREST ON UNDER PAYMENTS, OF THE REQUIRED AMOUNTS DEPOSITED AS ESTIMATED ANTIDUMPING DUTIES. THE INTEREST PROVISIONS ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO CASH OR BONDS POSTED AS ESTIMATED ANTIDUMPING DUTIES BEFORE THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY ORDER. INTEREST SHALL BE CALCULATED FROM THE DATE PAYMENT OF ESTIMATED ANTIDUMPING DUTIES IS REQUIRED THROUGH THE DATE OF LIQUIDATION. THE RATE AT WHICH SUCH INTEREST IS PAYABLE IS THE RATE IN EFFECT UNDER SECTION 6621 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 FOR SUCH PERIOD.

7. CONTINUE TO SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ENTRIES OF MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY ORDER COVERING STAINLESS STEEL PIPE AND TUBE FITTINGS FROM JAPAN (A-588-702), INCLUDING THAT MERCHANDISE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE.

8. 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 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 O7: SB).

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

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