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RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES FROM CHINA (A-570-933)

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FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF
FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES FROM CHINA (A-570-933)

1. ON APRIL 15, 2008, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS INITIATION OF THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES FROM THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA (73 FR 20250).

2. THE MERCHANDISE COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION IS FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES, ASSEMBLED OR UNASSEMBLED, COMPLETE OR INCOMPLETE, AND CERTAIN PARTS THEREOF. FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES CONTAIN A SEALING SURFACE ON THE FRONT SIDE OF THE VALVE

STEM THAT ALLOWS THE INDOOR UNIT OR OUTDOOR UNIT TO BE ISOLATED FROM THE REFRIGERANT STREAM WHEN THE AIR CONDITIONING OR REFRIGERATION UNIT IS BEING SERVICED. FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES RELY ON AN ELASTOMER SEAL WHEN THE STEM CAP IS REMOVED FOR SERVICING AND THE STEM CAP METAL TO METAL SEAT TO CREATE THIS SEAL TO THE ATMOSPHERE DURING NORMAL OPERATION.

FOR PURPOSES OF THE SCOPE, THE TERM UNASSEMBLED FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVE MEANS A BRAZED SUBASSEMBLY REQUIRING ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PROCESSES: THE INSERTION OF A VALVE CORE PIN, THE INSERTION OF A VALVE STEM AND/OR O RING, THE APPLICATION OR INSTALLATION OF A STEM CAP, CHARGE PORT CAP OR TUBE DUST CAP. THE TERM COMPLETE FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVE MEANS A PRODUCT SOLD READY FOR INSTALLATION INTO AN AIR CONDITIONING OR REFRIGERATION UNIT. THE TERM INCOMPLETE FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVE MEANS A PRODUCT THAT WHEN SOLD IS IN MULTIPLE PIECES, SECTIONS, SUBASSEMBLIES OR COMPONENTS AND IS INCAPABLE OF BEING INSTALLED INTO AN AIR CONDITIONING OR REFRIGERATION UNIT AS A SINGLE, UNIFIED VALVE WITHOUT FURTHER ASSEMBLY.

THE MAJOR PARTS OR COMPONENTS OF FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES INTENDED TO BE COVERED BY THE SCOPE UNDER THE TERM CERTAIN PARTS THEREOF ARE ANY BRAZED SUBASSEMBLY CONSISTING OF ANY TWO OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS: A VALVE BODY, FIELD CONNECTION TUBE, FACTORY CONNECTION TUBE OR VALVE CHARGE PORT. THE VALVE BODY IS A RECTANGULAR BLOCK, OR BRASS FORGING, MACHINED TO BE HOLLOW IN THE INTERIOR, WITH A GENERALLY SQUARE SHAPED SEAT (BOTTOM OF BODY). THE FIELD CONNECTION TUBE AND FACTORY CONNECTION TUBE CONSIST OF COPPER OR OTHER METALLIC TUBING, CUT TO LENGTH, SHAPED AND BRAZED TO THE VALVE BODY IN ORDER TO CREATE TWO PORTS, THE FACTORY CONNECTION TUBE AND THE FIELD CONNECTION TUBE, EACH ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE VALVE ASSEMBLY BODY. THE VALVE CHARGE PORT IS A SERVICE PORT VIA WHICH A HOSE CONNECTION CAN BE USED TO CHARGE OR EVACUATE THE REFRIGERANT MEDIUM OR TO MONITOR THE SYSTEM PRESSURE FOR DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES.

THE SCOPE INCLUDES FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES OF ANY SIZE, CONFIGURATION, MATERIAL COMPOSITION OR CONNECTION TYPE. FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER SUBHEADING 8481.80.1095, AND ALSO HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED UNDER SUBHEADING 8415.90.80.85 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). IT IS POSSIBLE FOR FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES TO BE MANUFACTURED OUT OF PRIMARY MATERIALS OTHER THAN COPPER AND BRASS, IN WHICH CASE THEY WOULD BE CLASSIFIED UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADINGS 8481.80.3040, 8481.80.3090, OR 8481.80.5090. IN ADDITION, IF UNASSEMBLED OR INCOMPLETE FRONTSEATING SERVICE VALVES ARE IMPORTED, THE VARIOUS PARTS OR COMPONENTS WOULD BE CLASSIFIED UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADINGS 8481.90.1000, 8481.90.3000, OR 8481.90.5000. THE HTSUS NUMBERS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, BUT THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-570-933.

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 OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0984 OR (202) 482-3577 RESPECTIVELY (GENERATED BY SEC:HNZ)

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

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