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RE: SCOPE RULING ON ANTIDUMPING DUTY ORDER ON STAINLESS STEEL PLATE IN COILS (SSPC) FROM BELGIUM (A-423-808)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS
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FROM: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

RE: SCOPE RULING ON ANTIDUMPING DUTY ORDER ON STAINLESS
STEEL PLATE IN COILS (SSPC) FROM BELGIUM (A-423-808)

1. ON 12/03/2008, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY UGINE & ALZ BELGIUM, N.V. (U&A BELGIUM), THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ISSUED A FINAL SCOPE RULING THAT FINDS THAT STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS WITH A NOMINAL THICKNESS OF 4.75MM, REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL THICKNESS, ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY (AD) ORDER ON SSPC FROM BELGIUM (A-423-808).

2. AS A RESULT OF OUR ANALYSIS OF THE CRITERIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH 19 CFR 351.225(K)(2), WE FIND THAT THE PHYSICAL

CHARACTERISTICS OF SSPC, THE PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THE SCOPE-RULING REQUEST, ARE FLAT-ROLLED STAINLESS AND HEAT-RESISTING STEEL PLATE PRODUCTS THAT ARE 254MM (10 INCHES) OR MORE IN WIDTH AND 4.75 MM (0.1875 INCHES) OR MORE IN THICKNESS, AND SSPC THAT IS WITHIN THE DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES INDICATED IN THE ASTM, EVEN IF ACTUAL THICKNESS IS LESS THAN 4.75MM ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER. REGARDING EXPECTATIONS OF THE ULTIMATE PURCHASER, WE FIND THAT THE SELLERS AND BUYERS ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES AND THE CHEMICAL AND HEATING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRODUCT AS INDICATED IN THE ASTM STANDARDS. THUS, THE ULTIMATE PURCHASER EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A PRODUCT THAT MEETS THE INDUSTRY STANDARDS. AS NOTED ABOVE, SSPC IS SOLD PRIMARILY INTO THE CAPITAL GOODS SECTOR FOR HEAVY DUTY APPLICATIONS SUCH AS THE FABRICATION OF LARGE STORAGE TANKS, PROCESS VESSELS AND OTHER TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT WHERE ITS CORROSION RESISTANCE IS NEEDED. REGARDING THE CHANNELS OF TRADE IN WHICH THE PRODUCT IS SOLD, WE FIND SSPC WITH A NOMINAL THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM AND AN ACTUAL THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75MM, AND SSPC WITH A NOMINAL THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM, REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL THICKNESS ARE DISTRIBUTED, AND ADVERTISED AND DISPLAYED IN THE SAME MANNER. BASED ON THE ANALYSIS OF THESE FACTORS, WE FIND THAT SSPC WITH A NOMINAL THICKNESS OF 4.75MM THAT IS WITHIN THE DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES OF STAINLESS STEEL PLATE, AS INDICATED IN THE ASTM STANDARD A480/480M, REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL THICKNESS IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER. BASED ON THESE REASONS, THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT FOUND THIS PRODUCT TO BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ORDER.

3. CONTINUE TO SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ENTRIES OF SSPC FROM BELGIUM, INCLUDING STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS WITH A NOMINAL THICKNESS OF 4.75MM, REGARDLESS OF THE ACTUAL THICKNESS, SUBJECT TO THE AD ORDER COVERING SSPC FROM BELGIUM.

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CBP OFFICERS, THE IMPORTING PUBLIC OR INTERESTED PARTIES, PLEASE CONTACT DAVINA HASHMI OR RON TRENTHAM 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 O3:GM).

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

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