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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: ORDER IN THE CVD INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN CUT-TO-LENGTH CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PLATE FROM FRANCE (C-427-817)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS  
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: ORDER IN THE CVD INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN CUT-TO-LENGTH  
CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PLATE FROM FRANCE (C-427-817)

1. ON 02/10/2000, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN CUT-TO-LENGTH CARBON QUALITY STEEL PLATE FROM FRANCE

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ORDER, THE PRODUCTS COVERED ARE CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL: (1) UNIVERSAL MILL PLATES (I.E., FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS ROLLED ON FOUR FACES OR IN A CLOSED BOX PASS, OF A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM BUT NOT EXCEEDING 1250 MM, AND

OF A NOMINAL OR ACTUAL THICKNESS OF NOT LESS THAN 4 MM, WHICH ARE CUT-TO-LENGTH (NOT IN COILS) AND WITHOUT PATTERNS IN RELIEF), OF IRON OR NON-ALLOY-QUALITY STEEL; AND (2) FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS, HOT-ROLLED, OF A NOMINAL OR ACTUAL THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM OR MORE AND OF A WIDTH WHICH EXCEEDS 150 MM AND MEASURES AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS, AND WHICH ARE CUT-TO-LENGTH (NOT IN COILS).

STEEL PRODUCTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE OF RECTANGULAR, SQUARE, CIRCULAR OR OTHER SHAPE AND OF RECTANGULAR OR NON-RECTANGULAR CROSS-SECTION WHERE SUCH NON-RECTANGULAR 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. STEEL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE NOTED PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE PAINTED, VARNISHED OR COATED WITH PLASTIC OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS SCOPE. ALSO, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE HIGH STRENGTH, LOW ALLOY (HSLA) STEELS. HSLA STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM.

STEEL PRODUCTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE, REGARDLESS OF HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS) DEFINITIONS, ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH: (1) IRON PREDOMINATES, BY WEIGHT, OVER EACH OF THE OTHER CONTAINED ELEMENTS, (2) THE CARBON CONTENT IS TWO PERCENT OR LESS, BY WEIGHT, AND (3) NONE OF THE ELEMENTS LISTED BELOW IS EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDS THE QUANTITY, BY WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY INDICATED:

1.80 PERCENT OF MANGANESE, OR  
1.50 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, OR

0.41 PERCENT OF TITANIUM, OR  
0.15 PERCENT OF VANADIUM, OR  
0.15 PERCENT ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE WRITTEN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, AND IN WHICH THE CHEMISTRY QUANTITIES DO NOT EQUAL OR EXCEED ANY ONE OF THE LEVELS LISTED ABOVE, ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS ORDER UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS ARE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THIS ORDER: (1) PRODUCTS CLAD, PLATED, OR COATED WITH METAL, WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED OR COATED WITH PLASTIC OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES; (2) SAE GRADES (FORMERLY AISI GRADES) OF SERIES 2300 AND ABOVE; (3) PRODUCTS MADE TO ASTM A710 AND A736 OR THEIR PROPRIETARY EQUIVALENTS; (4) ABRASION-RESISTANT STEELS (I.E., USS AR 400, USS AR 500); (5) PRODUCTS MADE TO ASTM A202, A225, A514 GRADE S, A517 GRADE S, OR THEIR PROPRIETARY EQUIVALENTS; (6) BALL BEARING STEELS; (7) TOOL STEELS; AND (8) SILICON MANGANESE STEEL OR SILICON ELECTRIC STEEL.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER IS CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS UNDER SUBHEADINGS: 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7225.40.3050, 7225.40.7000, 7225.50.6000, 7225.99.0090, 7226.91.5000, 7226.91.7000, 7226.91.8000, 7226.99.0000.

ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND

CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER THIS ORDER IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-427-817.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF CERTAIN CUT-TO-LENGTH CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PLATE FROM FRANCE, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR

CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER 07/26/1999. EFFECTIVE 02/10/2000,  
CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT EQUAL TO THE SUBSIDY RATES  
SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER	CUSTOMS ID	AD VALOREM SUBSIDY RATE
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USINOR (INCLUDING SOLLAC S.A., CREUSOT LOIRE INDUSTRIE S.A.)	C-427-817-002	5.56 PERCENT
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GTS INDUSTRIES, S.A.	C-427-817-001	6.86 PERCENT
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ALL OTHERS	C-427-817-000	6.80 PERCENT
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5. 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 CYNTHIA THIRUMALAI, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-4087.

6. 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