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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM GERMANY (A-428-827)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS

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FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM GERMANY (A-428-827)

1. ON 08/02/2000, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM GERMANY.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE PRODUCT COVERED IS CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS. CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS ARE UNDER 14 INCHES IN

OUTSIDE DIAMETER (BASED ON NOMINAL PIPE SIZE), WHETHER FINISHED OR UNFINISHED. THE PRODUCT ENCOMPASSES ALL GRADES OF STAINLESS STEEL AND "COMMODITY" AND "SPECIALTY" FITTINGS. SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION ARE THREADED, GROOVED, AND BOLTED FITTINGS, AND FITTINGS MADE FROM ANY MATERIAL OTHER THAN STAINLESS STEEL.

THE FITTINGS SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION ARE GENERALLY DESIGNATED UNDER SPECIFICATION ASTM A403/A403M, THE STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR WROUGHT AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL PIPING FITTINGS, OR ITS FOREIGN EQUIVALENTS (E.G., DIN OR JIS SPECIFICATIONS). THIS SPECIFICATION COVERS TWO GENERAL CLASSES OF FITTINGS, WP AND CR, OF WROUGHT AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL FITTINGS OF SEAMLESS AND WELDED CONSTRUCTION COVERED BY THE LATEST REVISION OF ANSI B16.9, ANSI B16.11, AND ANSI B16.28. PIPE FITTINGS MANUFACTURED TO SPECIFICATION ASTM A774, OR ITS FOREIGN EQUIVALENTS, ARE ALSO COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION.

THIS INVESTIGATION DOES NOT APPLY TO CAST FITTINGS. CAST AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL PIPE FITTINGS ARE COVERED BY SPECIFICATIONS A351/A351M, A743/743M, AND A744/A744M.

THE STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 7307.23.0000 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-428-827.

4. BECAUSE CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST FOR IMPORTS OF STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM HAGE FITTINGS, NIROBO METALVERARBEITUNGS, AND WILH. SCHULZ, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER 05/04/2000, WHICH IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE PRELIMINARY

DETERMINATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER. FOR ALL OTHER COMPANIES, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRIES OF SUBJECT MERCHANDISE FROM GERMANY THAT ARE ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER 08/02/2000. EFFECTIVE 08/02/2000, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGIN SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER	CUSTOMS ID	(MARGIN/AD VALOREM)
EXPORTER	NUMBER	(PERCENTAGE)
HAGE FITTINGS	A-428-827-001	76.24
NIROBO METALVERARBEITUNGS	A-428-827-002	76.24
WILH. SCHULZ	A-428-827-003	76.24
ALL OTHERS	A-428-827-000	51.34

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 CARRIE BLOZY, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0165.

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

PAUL SCHWARTZ

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