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Notice of Lifting of Suspension Date:

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 CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM INDIA  
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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS

PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY  
INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT  
PRODUCTS FROM INDIA (A-533-820)

THIS MESSAGE REPLACES MSG. 1135203 OF 05/16/2001 WHICH WAS A  
DUPLICATE NUMBER.

1. ON 05/03/2001, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL PUBLISH IN  
THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF SALES AT  
LESS THAN FAIR VALUE AND THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE FINAL  
DETERMINATION IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN  
HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS (HRS) FROM INDIA

(A-533-820).

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER (66 FR 20240) ON 04/20/2001 ITS PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION AND ALIGNMENT OF ITS FINAL COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION OF HRS FROM INDIA FROM 06/27/2001 UNTIL NO LATER THAN 09/15/2001, THEREBY ALIGNING IT WITH THE DUE DATE FOR THE FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF HRS FROM INDIA (A-533-820).

### 3. SCOPE LANGUAGE

FOR PURPOSES OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE PRODUCTS COVERED ARE CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS OF A RECTANGULAR SHAPE, OF A WIDTH OF 0.5 INCH OR GREATER, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL AND WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, IN COILS (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS), REGARDLESS OF THICKNESS, AND IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS OF A THICKNESS OF LESS THAN 4.75 MM AND OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS. UNIVERSAL MILL PLATE (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 THICKNESS OF NOT LESS THAN 4.0 MM, NOT IN COILS AND WITHOUT PATTERNS IN RELIEF) OF A THICKNESS NOT LESS THAN 4.0 MM IS NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS INTERSTITIAL-FREE (IF)) STEELS, HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY (HSLA) STEELS, AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS.

IF STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS LOW CARBON STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS TITANIUM OR NIOBIUM (ALSO COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS COLUMBIUM), OR BOTH, ADDED TO STABILIZE CARBON AND NITROGEN ELEMENTS.

HSLA STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS

OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM. THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAINS MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

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

1.80 PERCENT OF MANGANESE, OR  
2.25 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  
0.15 PERCENT OF VANADIUM, OR  
0.15 PERCENT OF ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DESCRIPTION PROVIDED ABOVE ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCLUDED.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ARE OUTSIDE OR SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS:

A. ALLOY HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE OF THE CHEMICAL ELEMENTS EXCEEDS THOSE LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING, E.G., AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS (ASTM) SPECIFICATIONS A543, A387, A514, A517, A506).

B. SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (SAE)/AMERICAN IRON & STEEL

INSTITUTE (AISI) GRADES OF SERIES 2300 AND HIGHER.

C. BALL BEARING STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

TOOL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

D. SILICO-MANGANESE (AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS) OR SILICON ELECTRICAL STEEL WITH A SILICON LEVEL EXCEEDING 2.25 PERCENT.

E. ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A710 AND A736.

F. USS ABRASION-RESISTANT STEELS (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).

G. ALL PRODUCTS (PROPRIETARY OR OTHERWISE) BASED ON AN ALLOY ASTM SPECIFICATION (SAMPLE SPECIFICATIONS: ASTM A506, A507).

H. NON-RECTANGULAR SHAPES, NOT IN COILS, WHICH ARE THE RESULT OF HAVING BEEN PROCESSED BY CUTTING OR STAMPING AND WHICH HAVE ASSUMED THE CHARACTER OF ARTICLES OR PRODUCTS CLASSIFIED OUTSIDE CHAPTER 72 OF THE HTSUS.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS IS CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS:

7208.10.15.00, 7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00,  
7208.25.60.00, 7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30,  
7208.27.00.60, 7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30,  
7208.37.00.60, 7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90,  
7208.39.00.15, 7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30,  
7208.40.60.60, 7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00,  
7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00, 7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00,  
7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00, 7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, AND  
7211.19.75.90.

CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS COVERED BY THESE INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING: VACUUM DEGASSED FULLY STABILIZED; HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY; AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEEL MAY ALSO ENTER UNDER THE FOLLOWING TARIFF NUMBERS:

7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00,  
7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30,  
7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00,  
7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, AND 7226.99.00.00.

SUBJECT MERCHANDISE MAY ALSO ENTER UNDER 7210.70.30.00,  
7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7212.40.10.00,  
7212.40.50.00, AND 7212.50.00.00.

ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND  
U.S. CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE  
UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

4. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED  
INVESTIGATION NUMBER:

INDIA      A-533-820

5. FOR IMPORTS OF HRS FROM INDIA (A-533-820), THE CUSTOMS  
SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED, OR  
WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER  
05/03/2001. EFFECTIVE 05/03/2001 CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH  
ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE  
MARGINS SHOWN BELOW.

THE COMPANY SPECIFIC ANTIDUMPING MARGINS FOUND FOR ESSAR  
STEEL LTD. (34.55 PERCENT) AND ISPAT INDUSTRIES LTD. (39.36  
PERCENT) HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY THE EXPORT SUBSIDY RATES FOUND IN  
THE COMPANION COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION. FOR ALL OTHERS  
THE ANTIDUMPING MARGIN FOUND (34.75 PERCENT) HAS BEEN ADJUSTED TO  
ACCOUNT FOR THE EXPORT SUBSIDY RATES FOUND IN THE COMPANION  
COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION.

ACCORDINGLY, THE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO  
ACCOUNT FOR ANY EXPORT SUBSIDIES FOUND IN THE COMPANION  
COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION.

MFR/PRODUCER EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	MARGIN (PERCENTAGE)
ISPAT INDUSTRIES LTD.	A-533-820-001	7.31
ESSAR STEEL LTD.	A-533-820-002	25.47
ALL OTHERS	A-533-820-000	24.73

6. 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 NITHYA NAGARAJAN, TIMOTHY FINN, OR JOHN CONNIFF, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202)482-5253, (202)482-0065, OR (202)482-1009, RESPECTIVELY.

7. 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