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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (A-570-865)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS

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FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (A-570-865)

1. ON MAY 3, 2001, 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 CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, 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 THIS INVESTIGATION.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION 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 THIS INVESTIGATION, 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 THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCLUDED.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ARE OUTSIDE OR SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION: 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). SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (SAE)/AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE (AISI) GRADES OF SERIES 2300 AND HIGHER.

BALL BEARING STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

TOOL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

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

ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A710 AND A736.

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

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

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 THIS INVESTIGATION 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 THIS INVESTIGATION, 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.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-570-865.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER MAY 3, 2001.

EFFECTIVE MAY 3, 2001 CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGINS SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	MARGIN PERCENTAGE
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ANGANG GROUP INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORPORATION, NEW IRON AND STEEL

CO., LTD., AND ANGANG GROUP HONG KONG CO., LTD. (COLLECTIVELY "ANGANG")

	A-570-865-001	64.77 PERCENT
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SHANGHAI BAOSTEEL GROUP CORPORATION, BAOSHAN IRON AND STEEL CO., LTD., AND BAOSTEEL GROUP INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORPORATION (COLLECTIVELY "BAOSTEEL GROUP")

	A-570-865-002	40.74 PERCENT
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BENXI IRON AND STEEL GROUP INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE CO., LTD., BENGANG STEEL PLATES CO., LTD., AND BENXI IRON AND STEEL GROUP CO., LTD. (COLLECTIVELY "BENXI")

	A-570-865-003	67.44 PERCENT
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PANZHIHUA IRON AND STEEL	A-570-865-004	44.47 PERCENT
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WUHAN IRON AND STEEL	A-570-865-005	44.47 PERCENT
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COUNTRY WIDE RATE	A-570-865-000	67.44 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 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

Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party