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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

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RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM HUNGARY (C-437-805)

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TO: DIRECTORS OF FIELD OPERATIONS
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE ENFORCEMENT & CONTROL

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM HUNGARY (C-437-805)

1. ON 03/04/02, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM HUNGARY . (67 FR 9696).

2. THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION INCLUDES ALL GRADES OF SULFANILIC ACID, WHICH INCLUDE TECHNICAL (OR CRUDE) SULFANILIC ACID, REFINED (OR PURIFIED) SULFANILIC ACID AND SODIUM SALT OF

SULFANILIC ACID.

SULFANILIC ACID IS A SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICAL PRODUCED FROM THE DIRECT SULFONATION OF ANILINE AND SULFURIC ACID. SULFANILIC ACID IS USED AS A RAW MATERIAL IN THE PRODUCTION OF OPTICAL BRIGHTENERS, FOOD COLORS, SPECIALTY DYES AND CONCRETE ADDITIVES. THE PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GRADES ARE THE UNDESIRABLE QUANTITIES OF RESIDUAL ANILINE AND ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS PRESENT IN THE SULFANILIC ACID. ALL GRADES ARE AVAILABLE AS DRY, FREE FLOWING POWDERS.

TECHNICAL SULFANILIC ACID, CLASSIFIABLE UNDER THE SUBHEADING 2921.42.22 OF HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE ("HTS"), CONTAINS 96 PERCENT MINIMUM SULFANILIC ACID, 1.0 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE, AND 1.0 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS. REFINED SULFANILIC ACID, ALSO CLASSIFIABLE UNDER 2921.42.22 OF THE HTS, CONTAINS 98 PERCENT MINIMUM SULFANILIC ACID, 0.5 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE AND 0.25 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS.

SODIUM SALT (SODIUM SULFANILATE), CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTS SUBHEADING 2921.42.90, IS A POWDER, GRANULAR OR CRYSTALLINE MATERIAL WHICH CONTAINS 75 PERCENT MINIMUM EQUIVALENT SULFANILIC ACID, 0.5 PERCENT MAXIMUM ANILINE BASED ON THE EQUIVALENT SULFANILIC ACID CONTENT, AND 0.25 PERCENT MAXIMUM ALKALI INSOLUBLE MATERIALS BASED ON THE EQUIVALENT SULFANILIC ACID CONTENT.

ALTHOUGH THE HTS 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 C-437-805.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF SULFANILIC ACID FROM HUNGARY, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION, ON OR AFTER 03/04/02. EFFECTIVE 03/04/02 CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, A

CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE SUBSIDY RATE SHOWN BELOW:

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER/ EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	AD VALOREM SUBSIDY RATE
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NITROKEMIA 2000 RT.	C-437-805-001	10.69 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 MELANI MILLER, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0116.

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