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RE: PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION ON COLD-ROLLED CS FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (C-427-823)

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RE: PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION
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RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY
DETERMINATION OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT
PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE (C-427-823)

1. ON 03/04/2002, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM FRANCE. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ALIGNED THE FINAL COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION WITH THE DUE DATE FOR THE

FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA (A-357-816), AUSTRALIA (A-602-804), BELGIUM (A-423-811), BRAZIL (A-351-834), FRANCE (A-427-822), GERMANY (A-428-834), INDIA (A-533-826), JAPAN (A-588-859), KOREA (A-580-848), THE NETHERLANDS (A-421-810), NEW ZEALAND (A-614-803), THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (A-570-872), THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (A-821-815), SOUTH AFRICA (A-791-814), SPAIN (A-469-812), SWEDEN (A-401-807), TAIWAN (A-583-839), THAILAND (A-549-819), TURKEY (A-489-810), AND VENEZUELA (A-307-822). THIS FINAL COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION IS CURRENTLY DUE NOT LATER THAN 07/10/2002.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE TERM "CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS" INCLUDES COLD-ROLLED STEEL (COLD-REDUCED) FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL, BUT WHETHER OR NOT ANNEALED, PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, BOTH IN COILS, 0.5 INCH WIDE OR WIDER, (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS AND/OR OTHERWISE COILED, SUCH AS SPIRALLY OSCILLATED COILS), AND ALSO IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, WHICH, IF LESS THAN 4.75 MM IN THICKNESS HAVE A WIDTH THAT IS 0.5 INCH OR GREATER AND THAT MEASURES AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS; OR, IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM OR MORE, HAVE A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM AND MEASURE AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS. THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE RECTANGULAR, SQUARE, CIRCULAR OR OTHER SHAPE AND INCLUDE PRODUCTS OF EITHER RECTANGULAR OR NON-RECTANGULAR CROSS-SECTION.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS INTERSTITIAL-FREE ("IF"))

STEELS, HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY ("HSLA") STEELS, AND MOTOR

LAMINATION STEELS. IF STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS LOW CARBON STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS TITANIUM AND/OR NIOBIUM ADDED TO STABILIZE CARBON AND NITROGEN ELEMENTS. HSLA

STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM. MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAIN MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM. STEEL PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, REGARDLESS OF DEFINITIONS IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES ("HTSUS"), ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH: (1) IRON PREDOMINATES, BY WEIGHT, OVER EACH OF THE OTHER CONTAINED ELEMENTS; (2) THE CARBON CONTENT IS 2 PERCENT OR LESS, BY WEIGHT, AND; (3) 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 (ALSO CALLED COLUMBIUM), OR 0.15 PERCENT OF VANADIUM, OR 0.15 PERCENT OF ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE WRITTEN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, AND IN WHICH THE CHEMISTRY QUANTITIES DO NOT EXCEED ANY ONE OF THE NOTED ELEMENT LEVELS LISTED ABOVE, ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THIS INVESTIGATION IS TYPICALLY

CLASSIFIED IN THE HTSUS AT SUBHEADINGS:

7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0030, 7209.16.0060, 7209.16.0090,
7209.17.0030, 7209.17.0060, 7209.17.0090, 7209.18.1530,
7209.18.1560, 7209.18.2550, 7209.18.6000. 7209.25.0000,
7209.26.0000, 7209.27.0000, 7209.28.0000, 7209.90.0000,
7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.23.1500, 7211.23.2000,
7211.23.3000, 7211.23.4500, 7211.23.6030, 7211.23.6060,
7211.23.6085, 7211.29.2030, 7211.29.2090, 7211.29.4500,
7211.29.6030, 7211.29.6080, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000,

7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7225.19.0000, 7225.50.6000,
7225.50.7000, 7225.50.8010, 7225.50.8085, 7225.99.0090,
7226.19.1000, 7226.19.9000, 7226.92.5000, 7226.92.7050,
7226.92.8050, AND 7226.99.0000.

ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ("U.S. CUSTOMS") PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN

DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EXCLUSIONS INCLUDED IN THE

SCOPE LANGUAGE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, BUT DUE TO FORMATTING

COMPLICATIONS WE ARE UNABLE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THIS DOCUMENT.

THE TECHNICAL LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBING THE SCOPE OF THIS
INVESTIGATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY
DETERMINATION PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED
INVESTIGATION NUMBER C-427-823.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM
FRANCE, U.S. CUSTOMS SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS
ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER

03/04/2002. EFFECTIVE 03/04/2002, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR
SUCH ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO
THE SUBSIDY RATES SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER/ EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	AD VALOREM SUBSIDY RATE
USINOR	C-427-823-001	1.32 PERCENT
ALL OTHERS	C-427-823-000	1.32 PERCENT

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 SURESH MANIAM, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0176.

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

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

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