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RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN A DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF COLD-ROLLED CS FLAT PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA (A-357-816)

1. ON MAY 9, 2002, 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 COLD-ROLLED CARBON

STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA.

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 MEASURE AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS; OR, IF OF A THICKNESS OF 4.75 MM OR MORE, HAVING A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM AND MEASURING AT LEAST TWICE THE THICKNESS. THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE RECTANGULAR, SQUARE, CIRCULAR OR OTHER SHAPES AND INCLUDE PRODUCTS OF EITHER RECTANGULAR OR UN-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 THE FOLLOWING 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 CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

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 EMAIL. THUS, THE TECHNICAL LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBING THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER (A-357-816).

4. FOR IMPORTS OF COLD-ROLLED CARBON STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATIONS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER MAY 9, 2002. EFFECTIVE MAY 9, 2002, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGES SHOWN BELOW:

| MFR/PRODUCER | CUSTOMS ID | |
|---------------------|---------------|-------|
| PERCENTAGE EXPORTER | NUMBER | |
| SIDERAR S.A.I.C. | A-357-816-001 | 70.56 |
| ALL OTHERS | A-357-816-000 | 70.56 |

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LONG STANDING POLICY OF THE 1985 TREASURY DECISION T.D. 85-145, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, CUSTOMS OFFICERS MAY ACCEPT EITHER A SINGLE-ENTRY BASIC IMPORTATION AND ENTRY BOND OR A CONTINUOUS BASIC IMPORTATION AND ENTRY BOND ONLY IF THE AMOUNT OF THE ESTIMATED ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING DUTY IS LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT AD VALOREM (OR THE EQUIVALENT). OTHERWISE, AS IN THE CASE OF COLD-ROLLED STEEL FLAT PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA, WHERE THE IMPORTER HAS THE OPTION TO POST A BOND FOR ESTIMATED ANTIDUMPING OR COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS MUST REQUIRE A SINGLE-ENTRY BASIC IMPORTATION AND ENTRY BOND PURSUANT TO T.D. 85-145. AS HAS BEEN THE CASE SINCE AGREEMENT OF THIS TREASURY DECISION, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF T.D. 85-145 WITH

RESPECT TO THESE BONDING REQUIREMENTS.

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 DAVID DIRSTINE, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-4033.

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