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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The following communication, dated 5 January 2007, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea.

<u>Steel Import Monitoring Programme of Korea</u> <u>Notification of Introduction</u>

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, the Republic of Korea hereby submits a notification of introduction of an automatic import licensing programme for certain steel products.

(a) List and description of products subject to licensing procedures

The steel import licensing programme will cover 128 steel mill products. A full list of covered products identified by HSK number is attached.

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

Metals and Petrochemical Industries Division and Trade Policy Division, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy (MOCIE), Tel: (82-2) 2110-5645/5316. Fax: (82-2) 503-9684/502-1754. E-mail address: ericaha@mocie.go.kr.

(c) <u>Administrative body for submission of applications</u>

Metals and Petrochemical Industries Division and Trade Policy Division, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy. The licensing system is internet-based. Interested applicants are directed to the e-trade service website, http://www.aspline.or.kr.

(d) Date and name of publication where licensing procedures are published

The Public Notification of MOCIE (2006-125) was published on 27 November 2006, in the Electronic Gazette (16387). A copy is also available on the MOCIE website, http://www.mocie.go.kr and on the Electronic Gazette website, http://gwanbo.korea.go.kr.

(e) <u>Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic</u>

The licensing procedure is automatic. Producers, importers or importing agents of products subject to Import Licensing may apply for a steel import licence through the e-trade service website, http://www.aspline.or.kr. Licences are issued immediately upon completion of the electronic application form. No fees are charged either for registering on the system or for applying and obtaining a licence. Applications for Import Licences can be filed beginning 30 days prior to the expected date of customs entry of products subject to Import Licensing and applicants shall fill out the import licence prior to completion of the customs import documentation.

(f) Administrative purpose of automatic licensing programme

The purpose of automatic licensing programme is to provide fast and reliable statistical data on steel imports to both the government and the public. It applies to 128 basic steel products coming from all countries and is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of imports.

(g) <u>If non-automatic, indication of measure being implemented through licensing</u>

Not applicable.

(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure

From 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2009.

ATTACHMENT

STEEL IMPORTS SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSING

Sections:

7216333000, 7216334000, 7216335000,7222400000, 7228700000

Reinforcing Bar:

7214201000

Bars:

7214209000, 7214300000, 7214910000, 7214991000, 7214999000, 7222110000, 7222190000, 7222300000, 7228100000, 7228200000, 7228300000, 7228400000, 7228600000, 7228800000

Wire Rod:

7213100000, 7213200000, 7213911010, 7213911090, 7213919000, 7213991010, 7213991090, 7213999000, 7221000000

Plate

7208511000, 7208519000, 7208521000, 7208529000

Hot Rolled Coil:

7208101000, 7208109000, 7208361000, 7208369000, 7208371000, 7208379000, 7208381000, 7208389000, 7208391000, 7208399000, 7219111000, 7219119000, 7219121000, 7219129000, 7219131000, 7219139000, 7219141000, 7219149000

Cold Rolled Coil:

7209151000, 7209159000, 7209161000, 7209169000, 7209171000, 7209179000, 7209181000, 7209189000, 7219310000, 7219321000, 7219329000, 7219331000, 7219339000, 7219341000, 7219349000, 7219351000, 7219359000

Hot Dipped Galvanized Sheet and Strip:

 $7210410000, 7210491010, 7210491090, 7210499010, 7210499090, 7212301010, 7212301090, \\7212309010, 7212309090, 7225921000, 7225929011, 7225929019, 7225929091, 7225929099, \\7226993000$

Electrolytic Galvanized Sheet and Strip:

7210301000, 7210309000, 7212201000, 7212209000, 7225911000, 7225919010, 7225919090, 7226992000

Pipe and Tube:

7305111000, 7305112000, 7305120000, 7305190000, 7305200000, 7305311000, 7305312000, 7305319000, 7305390000, 7305900000, 7306110000, 7306190000, 7306211000, 7306212000, 7306291000, 7306292000, 7306301010, 7306301020, 7306301030, 7306301090, 7306302010, 7306302020, 7306302030, 7306302090, 7306401000, 7306402000, 7306500000, 7306611010, 7306611090, 7306612000, 7306613000, 7306691010, 7306691090, 7306692000, 7306693000, 7306901000, 7306909000.
