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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 27, 2002, NKK Corporation (NKK) and Mitsubishi International Steel, Inc. (MISI) requested that the Department revoke the antidumping duty order on CTL plate from Japan with respect to two abrasion-resistant steel products produced by NKK: "NK-EH-360 (NK Everhard 360)" and "NK-EH-500 (NK Everhard 500)." See NKK's and MISI's letter to the Secretary, dated November 27, 2002 (*Changed Circumstances Review Request*). Specifically, NKK and MISI requested that the Department revoke the order with respect to imports meeting the following detailed product descriptions: (1) NK-EH-360: (a) Physical Properties: Thickness ranging from 6-50 mm, Brinell Hardness: 361 min.; (b) Heat Treatment: Controlled heat treatment; and (c) Chemical Composition (percent weight): C: 0.20 max., Si: 0.55 max., Mn: 1.60 max., P: 0.030 max., S: 0.030 max., Cr: 0.40 max., Ti: 0.005-0.020, B: 0.004 max; and (2) NK-EH-500: (a) Physical Properties: Thickness ranging from 6-50 mm, Brinell Hardness: 477 min.; (b) Heat Treatment: Controlled heat treatment; and (c) Chemical Composition (percent weight): C: 0.35 max., Si: 0.55 max., Mn: 1.60 max., P: 0.030 max., S: 0.030 max., Cr: 0.80 max., Ti: 0.005-0.020, B: 0.004 max. See *Changed Circumstances Review Request* at 2. The order with regard to imports of other CTL plate from Japan is not affected by this request.

On December 17 and 18, 2002, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, IPSCO Steel Inc., Nucor Corporation, and United States Steel Corporation, petitioners in the antidumping duty investigation of CTL plate from Japan (with the exception of Nucor Corporation), stated that they do not object to the exclusion of these two NKK products from the scope of the order. See Memorandum to the File from Jack Dulberger, Financial Analyst, "Telephone Discussions With Legal Counsel For Petitioners Regarding Continued No Interest," dated December 19, 2002, which is on file in Import Administration's Central Records Unit, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room B-099, Washington, DC 20230. Subsequently, as noted above, we published the *Initiation and Preliminary Results* and gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the

Department's preliminary results of review. We received no comments from interested parties.

New Scope Based on This Changed Circumstances Review

The products covered by this antidumping duty order are certain hot-rolled carbon-quality steel: (1) Universal mill plates (*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 nominal or actual thickness of not less than 4 mm, which are cut-to-length (not in coils) and without patterns in relief), of iron or non-alloy-quality steel; and (2) flat-rolled products, hot-rolled, of a nominal or actual thickness of 4.75 mm or more and of a width which exceeds 150 mm and measures at least twice the thickness, and which are cut-to-length (not in coils). Steel products to be included in the scope of these orders are of rectangular, square, circular or other shape and of rectangular or non-rectangular cross-section where such non-rectangular cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling")—for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Steel products that meet the noted physical characteristics that are painted, varnished or coated with plastic or other non-metallic substances are included within this scope. Also, specifically included in the scope of these orders are high strength, low alloy (HSLA) steels. HSLA steels are recognized as steels with micro-alloying levels of elements such as chromium, copper, niobium, titanium, vanadium, and molybdenum. Steel products to be included in this scope, regardless of Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions, are products in which: (1) Iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements, (2) the carbon content is two percent or less, by weight, and (3) none of the elements listed below is equal to or exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated: 1.80 percent of manganese, or 1.50 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 0.41 percent of titanium, or 0.15 percent of vanadium, or 0.15 percent zirconium. All products that meet the written physical description, and in which the chemistry quantities do not equal or exceed any one of the levels listed above, are within the scope

of these orders unless otherwise specifically excluded. The following products are specifically excluded from these orders: (1) Products clad, plated, or coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished or coated with plastic or other non-metallic substances; (2) SAE grades (formerly AISI grades) of series 2300 and above; (3) products made to ASTM A710 and A736 or their proprietary equivalents; (4) abrasion-resistant steels, *i.e.*, USS AR 400, USS AR 500, NK-EH-360 (NK Everhard 360), NK-EH-500 (NK Everhard 500). (NK-EH-360 has the following specifications: (a) Physical Properties: Thickness ranging from 6-50 mm, Brinell Hardness: 361 min.; (b) Heat Treatment: controlled heat treatment; and (c) Chemical Composition (percent weight): C: 0.20 max., Si: 0.55 max., Mn: 1.60 max., P: 0.030 max., S: 0.030 max., Cr: 0.40 max., Ti: 0.005-0.020, B: 0.004 max. NK-EH-500 has the following specifications: (a) Physical Properties: Thickness ranging from 6-50 mm, Brinell Hardness: 477 min.; (b) Heat Treatment: Controlled heat treatment; and (c) Chemical Composition (percent weight): C: 0.35 max., Si: 0.55 max., Mn: 1.60 max., P: 0.030 max., S: 0.030 max., Cr: 0.80 max., Ti: 0.005-0.020, B: 0.004 max); (5) products made to ASTM A202, A225, A514 grade S, A517 grade S, or their proprietary equivalents; (6) ball bearing steels; (7) tool steels; and (8) silicon manganese steel or silicon electric steel.

The merchandise subject to these orders is classified in the HTSUS under subheadings: 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000, 7225.40.3050, 7225.40.7000, 7225.50.6000, 7225.99.0090, 7226.91.5000, 7226.91.7000, 7226.91.8000, 7226.99.0000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise covered by these orders is dispositive.

Final Results of Review; Partial Revocation of Antidumping Duty Order

The affirmative statement of no interest by petitioners concerning abrasion-resistant steel products (*i.e.*, NK-EH-360 and NK-EH-500), meeting the specifications described above, constitutes changed circumstances sufficient to warrant partial revocation of this order. Also, no party commented