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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 133—Quad-Cities, Iowa/Illinois; Authorization of Production Activity; Deere & Company, Subzone 133F, (Construction and Forestry Equipment), Dubuque, Iowa

On May 26, 2016, Deere & Company submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for its facility within Subzone 133F, in Dubuque, Iowa.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (81 FR 39890, June 20, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

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Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Brazil and the Republic of Korea: Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determinations and Countervailing Duty Orders

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the

International Trade Commission (ITC), the Department is issuing countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain hot-rolled steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from Brazil and the Republic of Korea (Korea). In addition, the Department is amending its final affirmative determination with respect to Korea to correct the rate assigned to POSCO.

DATES: Effective October 3, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with section 705(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.210(c), on August 4, 2016, the Department made final determinations that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of hot-rolled steel from Brazil and Korea.¹ Pursuant to section 705(d) of the Act, the Department published the affirmative final determinations on August 12, 2016.²

On August 12, 2016, Hyundai Steel and POSCO timely filed ministerial error comments, alleging that the Department made errors in the final determination of the CVD investigation of hot-rolled steel from Korea. On August 17, 2016, Nucor Corporation (Petitioner) filed rebuttal comments. We analyzed the allegations submitted by Hyundai Steel and POSCO, and determined that one ministerial error

¹ Pursuant to section 735(c)(2) of the Act, we have terminated the countervailing duty investigation of hot-rolled steel from Turkey because the ITC found imports subsidized by the government of Turkey to be negligible, *see* Letter to Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance, from Irving Williamson, Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, regarding antidumping and countervailing duty investigations concerning imports of certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom (Investigation Nos. 701-TA-545-547 and 731-TA-1291-1297 (September 26, 2016) (ITC Letter)).

² *See Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Brazil: Final Affirmative Determination, and Final Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part*, 81 FR 53416 (August 12, 2016) (*Brazil CVD Final Determination*); *Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea: Final Affirmative Determination*, 81 FR 53439 (August 12, 2016) (*Korea CVD Final Determination*); *Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From the Republic of Turkey: Final Affirmative Determination*, 81 FR 53433 (August 12, 2016).

exists, as defined by section 705(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(f).³ *See* “Amendment to the Korea Final Determination” section below for further discussion.

On September 26, 2016, the ITC notified the Department of its final determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of subject merchandise from Brazil and Korea, within the meaning of section 705(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise from Brazil.⁴

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these orders are certain hot-rolled steel flat products. For a complete description of the scope of the orders, *see* Appendix I.

Amendment to the Korea CVD Final Determination

As discussed above, after analyzing the comments received from Hyundai Steel and POSCO, we determined, in accordance with section 705(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(f), that we made a ministerial error with regard to certain calculations in the *Korea CVD Final Determination* with respect to POSCO. This amended final CVD determination corrects these errors and revises the *ad valorem* subsidy rate for POSCO to 58.68 percent (from 57.04 percent).⁵ There is no change to the “all others” rate because POSCO’s rate was determined entirely under section 776 of the Act, and therefore, excluded from the “all others” rate calculation.

Countervailing Duty Orders

In accordance with sections 705(b)(1)(A)(i), and 705(d) of the Act, the ITC has notified the Department of its final determinations that the industry in the United States producing hot-rolled steel is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of hot-rolled steel from Brazil and Korea, and that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise from Brazil.⁶ Therefore, in

³ *See* Department Memorandum regarding “Countervailing Duty Investigation: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea: Response to Ministerial Error Comments filed by Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd. and POSCO,” dated August 23, 2016 (Korea Ministerial Error Decision Memorandum).

⁴ *See* ITC Letter.

⁵ *See* Korea Ministerial Error Decision Memorandum. *See also* Department Memorandum regarding “Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from the Republic of Korea: Amended Final Determination Calculation Memorandum for POSCO,” dated August 23, 2016.

⁶ *See* ITC Letter.