

MEMORANDUM TO: The File

FROM: The Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis Team

SUBJECT: Cold Formed Shapes

The Team received a call from an outside party regarding the following seven harmonized tariff schedule (HTS) codes: 7216610000; 7216690000; 7216910000; 7216910010; 7216910090; 7222406000; and 7228706000. The caller noted that imports of products covered by these HTS codes were subject to licensing under the existing system; however, these HTS codes did not appear on the list of steel mill products to be covered by the new system in Annex 1, nor did they appear on the list of HTS codes to be removed in Annex 3. The caller noted that these HTS codes pertained to cold formed shapes, and as such, constituted downstream steel products, not basic steel mill products. The caller believed that, as downstream steel products, these products were properly excluded from Annex 1, and should not be subject to licensing under the new system.¹

¹Note: Because the products covered by these HTS codes are not basic steel mill products, the Department did not include them in the list of products to be covered by the SIMA system in Annex 1. As a result, the Department does not intend to require licenses on imports of these products after June 9, 2005.

However, these seven HTS codes should have been included in the list of codes to be removed from coverage in Annex 3. They were inadvertently left off due to an oversight by the Department.