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Re: Regarding the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) System: To urge DOC to extend coverage of its import monitoring program to include categories of steel wire products.

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Mr. Kelly Parkhill
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Dear Mr. Parkhill:

I have been contacted by my constituents Leggett and Platt, Inc. in Carthage, Missouri, and Mid Continent Nail Corporation in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, regarding the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) System, which is of great importance to the American wire and wire products industry.

While they are pleased with the Department's decision to include wire rod and carbon, stainless and other alloy steel wire in the revised SIMA system, which will be implemented on June 9, 2005, they urge the Department to extend coverage of its import monitoring program to include the following categories of steel wire products:

- 1) Steel wire strand and rope, and cable (HTS 7312)
- 2) Barbed wire (HTS 7313)
- 3) Steel wire cloth, grill, netting and fencing (HTS 7314)
- 4) Steel wire nails and staples (HTS 7317)
- 5) Steel springs (HTS 7320)
- 6) Steel wire garment hangers (HTS 7326.20.0020)

Wire and wire products are an important component of the steel industry affecting hundreds of jobs in Missouri alone. Therefore, coverage of these products is essential to the effectiveness and integrity of the SIMA system.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Cristol, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 224-6154.

Sincerely,



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