

September 7, 2006

Mr. Yevgen Burkat
Chief of the Trade and Economic Mission
Embassy of Ukraine
3350 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20007

Re: Suspension Agreement on Certain Cut-to-Length (“CTL”) Carbon Steel Plate from Ukraine

Dear Mr. Burkat:

This letter concerns the Export Limits for the period of November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007 under the Suspension Agreement on CTL Plate from Ukraine, as amended, and supersedes our previous letter of September 1, 2006. Pursuant to section III.B of the Agreement, the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is required to adjust the export limits for subject CTL plate for the upcoming relevant period based upon changes in apparent domestic consumption of CTL steel plate products.

As specifically provided for in the Agreement, apparent consumption of CTL plate is to be calculated using publicly-available trade reports compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau and the American Iron and Steel Institute (“AISI”).¹ To calculate the change in domestic consumption for purposes of adjusting export limits for the upcoming relevant period, the Department compared apparent consumption for the period July 2005 through June 2006 to that of July 2004 through June 2005. This represents the most recent twelve months of data for U.S. apparent consumption available to the Department at the time of the calculation.

As indicated in the enclosure, apparent consumption of CTL plate for the corresponding twelve-month periods increased by 2.9 percent. Accordingly, we will make an upward adjustment to your prior export limit of 138,106 equal to 2.9 percent. The revised export limit for the upcoming relevant period will be 142,111 metric tons.

¹ For further information regarding the methodology used to calculate domestic apparent consumption, please refer to the Department’s September 30, 1998 letter to Mr. Igor Gaiduchok.

Of this export limit, no more than 20,000 metric tons may be comprised of A36 CTL plate of .375 inch or less in actual or nominal thickness. This adjusted export limit will take effect November 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 482-0192 or Jay Carreiro at (202) 482-3674.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure