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Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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SUBJECT: STEEL IDENTIFICATION, CLASSIFICATION & TRADE LAW SEMINAR, APRIL 1 – APRIL 2, 2020

PURPOSE:

The Port of New Orleans is pleased to announce an updated Steel Identification, Classification and Trade Law Seminar to be conducted on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 (8:30 AM – 4:45 PM), and Thursday, April 2, 2020 (from 8:15 AM – 3:45 PM). The program, presented by technical, commercial and legal experts from the steel industry, aims to increase the knowledge level of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials, other U.S. Government Officials, and Customhouse Brokers regarding steel importations. Please note that the seminar program has been significantly modified revised and restructured from previous seminars held in Cleveland, Los Angeles, and other ports; including new material on fraud, circumvention and evasion, plus expanded information on current issues including Section 232

ACTION:

Attendance is **FREE**. An invitation with mandatory registration information is attached. ***Please register early to assure a confirmed acceptance of your registration. Space is limited.*** In order to register, the attached form must be completed and then emailed (preferred method) to rdidonna@wiley.law or the form can be faxed to (202) 719-7049.

The REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020**.

Any questions or comments regarding this information should be directed to Assistant Center Director Merlin Hymel, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, at (504) 670-2088 or merlin.hymel@cbp.dhs.gov

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INVITATION & REGISTRATION

STEEL IDENTIFICATION, CLASSIFICATION AND TRADE LAW SEMINAR – NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

For
**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION,
OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
and CUSTOMHOUSE BROKERS**

Hosted by
U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Presented and Sponsored by the
UNITED STATES DOMESTIC STEEL INDUSTRY

Represented by
American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)
Committee on Pipe and Tube Imports (CPTI)
Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA)
Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA)
Wire Rod Producers Coalition
Pre-Stressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand Producers Coalition
Long Products Producers Coalition

When: **Wednesday, April 1, 2020** **8:30 AM to 4:45 PM**
Thursday, April 2, 2020 **8:15 AM to 3:45 PM**

Where: **United States Customs and Border Protection Customs House**
423 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

This program is structured for Customhouse Broker personnel handling imported steel, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials and other U.S. Government officials interested in steel enforcement. The seminar is **FREE**, and it is not geographically restricted, so attendance from locations outside the general New Orleans region is encouraged. All costs for the seminar itself are covered by the steel industry. Participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and meal expenses.

DISCLAIMER: This information has been prepared for your convenience by the American steel industry. This material is intended to provide guidance. Recognizing that many complicated factors are involved in trade matters, an importer may wish to obtain a binding ruling under 19 CFR Part 177. Reliance solely on this information may not be considered reasonable care. Importers are referred to **Treasury Decision 97-96**, which was published in the **Federal Register** of December 4, 1997, and in the **Customs Bulletin** of December 17, 1997, for in-depth information on the concept of reasonable care.

The seminar, presented by technical, commercial and legal experts representing the steel industry, aims to increase the knowledge of steel importations by CBP and other USG officials and members of the Customhouse broker community. Brokers, Government and the steel industry all benefit when personnel involved in the steel import process are more knowledgeable of steel and the specific laws, rules and regulations that apply to steel imports. The partnership between CBP and the steel industry and the seminar program have been continuous since the mid-1960s, with hundreds of CBP, other USG and Broker officials participating annually. **The seminar is continuously revised and updated. You should attend even if you have been to past seminars.** In recognition of the significant problem of fraud, circumvention and evasion, there is additional material on this subject, as well as expanded information on current issues.

The **CLASSROOM SEMINAR PROGRAM** consists of four parts --

- a) **Market, industry & trade law perspective**, including
 - Introductory Overview, Market Perspective,
 - Principals of Classification,
 - Basics of U.S. Trade Law, and
 - Dept of Commerce Customs Liaison Unit
 - Section 232 / Section 301 activity
- b) **Technical topics**, including
 - Steelmaking,
 - Standards, Specifications, Metallurgy, and Mill Test Certificates
- c) **Carbon and alloy steel mill products**, including presentations for each major category (Flat Rolled Products, Tubular Products, Long Products) on
 - Classification,
 - Technical,
 - Legal, and
 - Commercial Issues.
- d) **Stainless steel mill products**, covering all product forms, with separate presentations on
 - Classification and Technical, and
 - Legal and Commercial.

A copy of the preliminary agenda is attached. The presenters will concentrate on issues of importance to CBP, HSI and the Broker community, such as product identification, HTS classification, antidumping and countervailing duty laws including product coverage and exclusions, world economic and steel industry events impacting steel trade, and specific enforcement issues, particularly fraud, circumvention and evasion.

Please note that the classroom portion of the seminar is presented over two days and **there is no repetition. You must attend all sessions to experience all the topics.** Each attendee will be provided with a comprehensive manual containing all presentations and reference materials.

You are required to register to attend the seminar. It's easy, and it's **FREE**. Complete the following form, and **email the form to rdidonna@wiley.law**, or fax the form to the attention of Richard F. DiDonna at (202) 719-7049 (**email is preferred**). **Register early to assure yourself a place – space is limited**. We need an accurate count of attendees to prepare and ship appropriate seminar materials in a timely manner. Registrants will be provided with additional details **by email** as we approach the seminar dates.

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New Orleans Steel Seminar Registration*

(Please Print Clearly or Type ALL Requested Information)

Name: _____

Position: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

<u>Seminar:</u>	Wednesday, April 1 (all day)	_____ I <u>WILL</u> Attend
		_____ I WILL <u>NOT</u> Attend
	Thursday, April 2 (all day)	_____ I <u>WILL</u> Attend
		_____ I WILL <u>NOT</u> Attend

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Information: For more seminar information, information on hotels, or if you have any other questions, contact Richard F. DiDonna, Steel Industry Customs Liaison by email at **rdidonna@wiley.law** or by phone at **(202) 719-7196**.

* The program retains the right to limit attendance from any particular company or group owing to capacity or other constraints.

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Presented by:
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Specialty Steel Industry of North America (SSINA)
Steel Manufacturers' Association (SMA)
Wire Rod (WRPC) and PC Strand Producers coalitions
and the Long Products Producers Coalition

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
Wednesday, April 1, 2020			
<u>Market, Industry and Trade Law Perspectives</u>			
8:30 - 9:45 AM	1 A, B 1 C 1 D 1 E	Introductory Overview, Market Perspectives (20) USCBP/Centers for Excellence & Expertise (10) USCBP/Enforce and Protect Act Division (20) U.S. Dept. of Commerce - Customs Liaison Unit (15)	Richard DiDonna - Wiley Rein LLP Africa Bell - USCBP Ryan Olden - USCBP Scot Fullerton - USDOC
Break (10 mins.)			
<u>Classification and Trade Law Overviews</u>			
9:45 - 11:40 AM	1 F 1 G	- Principles of HTS Classification (45) - Basics of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Law (30)	Alan Lubarda - Kelley Drye & Warren Alan Lubarda - Kelley Drye & Warren
Break (10 mins.)			
	1 H	- Section 232 Overview and Process (30)	Kaitlin Wojnar - U.S. Steel
<u>Technical Topics</u>			
11:40 - 12:10 PM	2 A	Steel Making (30)	Randy Krause - Nucor Steel
12:10 - 1:40 PM	Lunch (90 mins., on your own)		
1:40 - 2:25 PM	2 B	Standards, Specifications, Metallurgy & Mill Test Certs (45)	Ed Blot - Ed Blot & Associates
<u>Carbon & Alloy Steel Mill Products</u>			
<u>Flat Rolled Products</u>			
2:25 - 4:45 PM		- Classification and Technical	
	3 A	Semifinished, Plate (15)	TBD
	3 B	Sheets & Strip (hot-rolled, cold-rolled, coated) (35)	Randy Krause - Nucor Corp.
	3 C	Tin Mill Products (15)	Kaitlin Wojnar - U.S. Steel
Break (10 mins.)			
		- Legal and Commercial	
	3 D	Legal: Flat Rolled Products (50)	Alan Price - Wiley Rein
	3 X	Fraud and Circumvention (15)	Roger SchagrIn - SchagrIn Associates
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Thursday April 2, 2020			
<u>Tubular Products</u>			
8:15 - 9:40 AM	4 A 4 B	- Classification and Technical (45) - Legal and Commercial (30)	Greg Maurer - Zekelman Industries Roger SchagrIn - SchagrIn Associates
Break (10 mins.)			
<u>Long Products</u>			
9:40 - 12:00 PM		- Classification and Technical	
	5 A	Hot-rolled Bars, Rebar, Merchant Shapes (35)	Jacob Selzer - CMC Steel
	5 B	Other Long Products, Wire Rod (35)	Bhaskar Yalamanchili - Gerdau NA
Break (10 mins.)			
		- Legal and Commercial	
	5 C	Wire Rod, PC Strand (30)	Alan Lubarda - Kelley Drye & Warren
	5 D	Structural, Rebar, and Bars (30)	Alan Price - Wiley Rein
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch (90 mins., on your own)		
<u>Stainless Steel & Specialty Steel Mill Products</u>			
1:30 - 3:45 PM	6 A	- Classification and Technical (65)	Ed Blot - Ed Blot & Associates
Break (10 mins.)			
	6 B	- Legal and Commercial (55)	Ed Blot - Ed Blot & Associates