Ottawa, October 20, 2006

CUSTOMS NOTICE 656

Certain Carbon Steel and Stainless Steel Fasteners

- 1. This notice is to advise that on July 17, 2006, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) initiated a re-investigation of the normal values, export prices and amounts of subsidy of certain carbon steel fasteners originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China, and the normal values and export prices of certain carbon steel and stainless steel fasteners originating in or exported from Chinese Taipei pursuant to the *Special Import Measures Act*.
- 2. The re-investigation is part of the CBSA's enforcement of the finding made by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on January 7, 2005.
- 3. The goods subject to the Tribunal's finding are described in the Appendix and are properly classified under the listed 10-digit Harmonized System classification numbers. Additional product information explaining what products are subject to duties and what products are not subject to duties is also provided in the Appendix.
- 4. The normal values and amounts of subsidy established, if applicable, will be effective for the subject goods released from the CBSA on or after February 2, 2007, or the date of the decision letter to the exporter, whichever occurs first. Normal values and amounts of subsidy currently in place will expire on that date. An exporter will be considered cooperative if a complete response to the CBSA's Request for Information is submitted on time and the exporter permits verification of his or her data.
- 5. When an exporter either does not provide sufficient information to determine normal values or does not permit verification of information submitted, normal values will be determined in accordance with a ministerial specification, which is currently calculated by advancing the export price of the goods by 170%. This represents the highest margin of dumping (excluding anomalies) found for a cooperative exporter of subject goods during the investigation.
- 6. Similarly, where sufficient information is not provided or verification is not permitted, amounts of subsidy will be determined by ministerial specification based on the highest amount of subsidy found during the re-investigation or the original investigation. Currently, the amount of subsidy is equal to 1.25 Chinese renminbi per kilogram of subject

goods, which is the amount by which the raw material and processing costs, as estimated by the CBSA at its initiation of the investigation, exceed the average export price of the subject goods as determined by the CBSA in the original investigation.

- 7. Importers are cautioned that new normal values and/or amounts of subsidy, when issued, may be higher than those currently in effect and that this could result in additional assessments of anti-dumping and/or countervailing duty. In addition, when there have been changes to domestic prices, market conditions and/or costs associated with production and sales, the onus is on the concerned parties to advise the CBSA. Where changes have occurred and the CBSA has not been advised in a timely manner, the extent of these changes could warrant retroactive assessments of anti-dumping/countervailing duty.
- 8. In addition, the normal values and/or amounts of subsidy determined on the basis of the re-investigation will be applied to any entries of subject goods under appeal that have yet to be re-determined at the time of the conclusion of this re-investigation.
- 9. Notice of the completion of this re-investigation will be published in a customs notice. Any questions concerning the above should be directed to the following:

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APPENDIX

Product Definition

The subject goods are as follows:

Certain carbon steel screws originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei, and certain stainless steel screws originating in or exported from Chinese Taipei, excluding those specifically designed for application in the automotive or aerospace industry.

Additional product information

The following carbon steel and stainless steel screws are considered subject products:

	Imperial		Metric	
	Diameter (inches)	Length (inches)	Diameter	Length (millimetres)
Wood screws	#4 to #24 (0.112" to 0.386")	3/8" to 8"	M3 to M10	10 mm to 200 mm
Square and hex lag screws	#14 to #24 (½" to 0.386")	³ / ₄ " to 4"	M6 to M10	20 mm to 100 mm
Sheet metal/tapping screws	#4 to #24 (0.112" to 0.386")	3/8" to 8"	M3 to M10	10 mm to 200 mm
Thread Forming screws	#4 to #24 (0.112" to 0.386")	3/8" to 3"	M3 to M10	10 mm to 75 mm
Thread Cutting screws	#4 to #24 (0.112" to 0.386")	3/8" to 3"	M3 to M10	10 mm to 75 mm
Thread Rolling screws	#4 to #24 (0.112" to 0.386")	3/8" to 3"	M3 to M10	10 mm to 75 mm
Self-drilling tapping screws	#4 to #24 (0.112" to 0.386")	3/8" to 3"	M3 to M10	10 mm to 75 mm
Machine screws	#4 to 3/8" (0.112" to 3/8")	3/8" to 8"	M3 to M10	10 mm to 200 mm
Flange screws	1/4" to 5/8"	3/8" to 4"	M6 to M16	10 mm to 100 mm

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The subject goods are properly classified under the following Harmonized System classification numbers:

7318.11.00.00	7318.15.90.12	7318.15.90.32
7318.12.00.00	7318.15.90.21	7318.15.90.39
7318.14.00.00	7318.15.90.29	7318.15.90.44
7318.15.90.11	7318.15.90.31	

Note:

- Hex socket cap screws and socket cap screws are specifically excluded. Hex cap screws as a whole are also excluded.
- "Lag bolts" are considered to be subject lag screws.
- There is a difference between wing screws and screws with wings; the former are excluded while the latter are, with the exception of machine screws with wings, included.
- Some fasteners designated as "bolts" are subject screws, namely flange bolts, bin bolts, grain bin bolts, square and hex lag bolts, and stove bolts.

The following carbon steel and stainless steel screws were excluded by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal's finding of January 7, 2005, and are therefore **not** subject goods:

- Acoustic lag screws
- Aster screws
- Chicago screws
- Collated screws
- Connector screws (kd)
- Decor screws
- Drawer handle screws
- Drive spikes RR
- Euro screws
- Hex socket cap screws
- Instrument screws
- Knurled head screws
- Machine screws with wings
- Optical screws
- Screw spikes RR
- Security screws
- Self-clinching studs
- Socket cap screws
- Socket set screws
- Square-head set screws
- Thumb screws
- U-drive screws
- Wing screws
- Screws imported under tariff item Nos. 9952.00.00, 9964.00.00, 9969.00.00 and 9972.00.00 for use in the manufacture of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and personal watercraft.

The following stainless steel screws were excluded by the Tribunal's finding of January 7, 2005, and are therefore **not** subject goods:

- Socket set shoulder screws
- T-U screws

