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Please note that two paragraphs (39 and 40) have been added to this document that will be considered at the next meeting of the Steel Committee on 4-5 November 1998.

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II. Recent policy developments at the country level

Japan

39. An anti-dumping measure was imposed in February 1993 on ferrosilicon manganese produced in China, but the sunset clause was invoked at the end of January 1998, because the Japan Ferroalloy Association had not asked for an extension of the anti-dumping duty period and because there were no special circumstances that required an extension. Therefore, Japan is not imposing any anti-dumping measures on any countries now.

40. In April of this year, Japan began to implement measures to suspend only internationally competitive foreign products from the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) by considering such factors as the degree of economic progress of beneficiary countries and regions in recent years, the conditions of the Japanese industries concerned and the trends in other countries that are extending preferences. In particular, Japan removed from the GSP list steel products from South Korea and ferronickel from New Caledonia. In April 2004, Japan is scheduled to remove from the GSP list countries and regions that have been classified as high-income countries and regions in terms of per capita GNP for three straight years, according to World Bank statistics.