E. Description of Subject Merchandise and Requested Scope of Investigation

1. Requested Scope of Investigation

The following language describes the imported merchandise that Petitioners intend to cover in this investigation:

> The merchandise covered by these investigations is fresh mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus* ("fresh mushrooms"). This includes – but is not limited to – fresh mushrooms of the species *Agaricus bisporus*, which are commonly referred to as button mushrooms, chestnut mushrooms, cremini or crimini mushrooms, baby bellas, portabella or portobello mushrooms, table mushrooms, or as white or browns. Fresh mushrooms include whole mushrooms, as well as mushrooms that have been sliced, diced, or separated into stems and pieces prior to importation. Fresh mushrooms may also be imported in bulk or loose form, or may be imported in individual containers packaged for retail sale. The scope of these investigations includes all fresh mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus*, whether or not organic, and irrespective of age, cut, color, size, species, or packaging.
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> Subject merchandise may be cleaned, washed, inspected, subjected to metal detection, sliced, diced, or de-stemmed, and/or vacuum cooled prior to importation, but otherwise undergoes minimal further processing. The scope of these investigations covers fresh mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus* regardless of end use, including both mushrooms destined for the fresh market and mushrooms intended for food processing.
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> Fresh mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus* are currently classifiable under HTSUS statistical reporting number 0709.51.0100. Although the HTSUS statistical reporting number is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

2. Physical Characteristics and Uses

a. Product Description

The merchandise covered by this Petition is fresh mushrooms of the genus *Agaricus*, which includes the species *Agaricus bisporus* and *Agaricus campestris* among its most prominent members. *Agaricus bisporus* is commonly known as the cultivated mushroom, and is

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