

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of March 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.

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[Docket 19-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 46—Cincinnati, OH; Application for Subzone Status, Pioneer Industrial Components, Inc., Facilities, (Automotive Audio Products), Springboro, OH

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Cincinnati Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 46, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the automotive audio products manufacturing facilities of Pioneer Industrial Components, Inc. (PIC), located in Springboro, Ohio. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on March 8, 1996.

The proposed subzone would consist of PIC's two facilities in southwest Ohio: Site 1—manufacturing plant (120,000 sq.ft./40 acres)—100 Pioneer Boulevard, Springboro (Warren County), Ohio, some 15 miles south of Dayton; and, Site 2—warehouse (12,800 sq.ft./6 acres)—315-317 Pioneer Boulevard, Springboro, about 4 blocks south of Site 1. The facilities (305 employees) are used to produce automotive compact disc (CD) players, cassette/radios, CD/radios, CD/cassette/radios, AM/FM radios, and audio amplifiers for export and the domestic market. The production process involves assembly, testing, quality control, and packaging. At the outset, some 60 percent of the components would be purchased from abroad, including: Inductors/coils, transformers, capacitors, resistors, transistors, insulators, PC boards, light emitting diodes, fuses, diodes, liquid crystal displays, integrated circuits, switches, knobs/buttons, relays, connectors, fasteners, and other parts of radio/CD players (duty rate range: free—9.8%).

Zone procedures would exempt PIC from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in the export production (about 30% of total). On its domestic sales, the company would be

able to choose the duty rates that apply to the finished automotive audio products (3.1-4.9%) for the foreign inputs noted above. The motor vehicle duty rate (2.5%) would apply to finished audio products that are shipped to U.S. motor vehicle assembly plants with subzone status for inclusion into finished motor vehicles under zone procedures. Zone procedures would also exempt certain merchandise from certain ad valorem inventory taxes. The application indicates that subzone status would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 14, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period May 29, 1996.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, District Office, Room 9504, 550 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002.

Dated: March 11, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.

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International Trade Administration

[C-201-505]

Porcelain-on-Steel Cookingware From Mexico; Final Results of New Shipper Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Final Results of New Shipper Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On January 19, 1996, the Department of Commerce (the

Department) published in the Federal Register its preliminary results of a new shipper administrative review of the countervailing duty order on porcelain-on-steel cookingware from Mexico for Esmaltaciones San Ignacio S.A. (San Ignacio). The review covers the period January 1, 1995 through June 30, 1995. We have completed this review and determine the net subsidy to be zero for San Ignacio. The Department will issue appropriate liquidation instructions to the U.S. Customs Service with respect to all shipments of the subject merchandise by San Ignacio.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Norma Curtis or Kelly Parkhill, Office of Countervailing Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 19, 1996, the Department published in the Federal Register (61 FR 1356) the preliminary results of its new shipper administrative review of the countervailing duty order on porcelain-on-steel cookingware from Mexico. The Department has now completed this administrative review pursuant to section 751 (a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and in accordance with interim regulations 19 CFR 355.22(j)(2) (60 FR 25130 (May 11, 1995)). We invited interested parties to comment on the preliminary results. We received no comments. The review covers the period January 1, 1995 through June 30, 1995. The review involves one company and nine programs.

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of porcelain-on-steel cookingware from Mexico. The products are porcelain-on-steel cookingware (except teakettles), which do not have self-contained electric heating elements. All of the foregoing are constructed of steel, and are enameled or glazed with vitreous glasses. During the review period, such merchandise was classifiable under item number 7323.94.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff

Schedule (HTS). The HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Programs

Based upon our analysis of the questionnaire response we determine the following: Programs Found Not To Be Used

- In the preliminary results, we found that San Ignacio did not apply for or receive benefits under the following programs during the period of review:
 - A. Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterio, S.N.C. (Bancomext)
 - B. Certificates of Fiscal Promotion (CEPROFI)
 - C. PITEX
 - D. Other Bancomext Preferential Financing
 - E. State Tax Incentives
 - F. Article 15 Loans
 - G. NAFINSA FOGAIN-type Financing
 - H. NAFINSA FONEI-type Financing
 - I. FONEI

Since we received no comments on our preliminary results, our findings remain unchanged in these final results.

Final Results of Review

For the period January 1, 1995 through June 30, 1995, we determine the net subsidy to be zero for San Ignacio. The Department will issue appropriate liquidation instructions to the Customs Service with respect to all shipments of the subject merchandise by San Ignacio.

The Department will also instruct the U.S. Customs Service to collect a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties of zero percent of the f.o.b. invoice price on all shipments of the subject merchandise from San Ignacio entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. The cash deposit rates for all other producers/exporters remain unchanged from the last completed administrative review.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 355.34(d). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(2)(B)).

Dated: March 5, 1996.
Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Titan II and IV Launch Vehicles at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application and proposed authorization for a small take exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Air Force for authorization to take small numbers of seals and sea lions by harassment incidental to launches of Titan II and Titan IV launch vehicles at Space Launch Complex 4 (SLC-4), Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA (Vandenberg). Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to authorize the Air Force to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of harbor seals, California sea lions, northern elephant seals, northern fur seals and Guadalupe fur seals in the vicinity of Vandenberg and the Northern Channel Islands (NCI) for a period of 1 year.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. A copy of the application, an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning one of the contacts listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources at 301-713-2055, or Irma Lagomarsino, Southwest Regional Office at 310-980-4016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the

incidental, but not intentional taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and regulations are issued.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s); will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses; and the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth.

On April 30, 1994, the President signed Public Law 103-238, The Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994. One part of this law added a new subsection 101(a)(5)(D) to the MMPA to establish an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment for a period of up to one year. The MMPA defines "harassment" as:

" * * * any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (a) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild; or (b) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering."

New subsection 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

Summary of Request

On January 24, 1996, NMFS received an application from the Air Force requesting an authorization for the harassment of small numbers of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) and possibly Guadalupe fur seals (*Arctocephalus townsendi*) in the vicinity of Vandenberg and on the NCI. These harassment takes would result from launchings of Titan II and Titan IV rockets. This authorization, if issued, would continue an authorization, issued, for a 5-year period under regulations, on August 22, 1991 (56 FR 41628) for Titan IV launches, that is scheduled to expire on September 23,