

Missouri, Customs port of entry. 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 February 27, 1998.

FTZ 15 was approved on March 23, 1973 (Board Order 93, 38 FR 8622, 4/4/73) and expanded on October 25, 1974 (Board Order 102, 39 FR 39487, 11/7/74); February 28, 1996 (Board Order 804, 61 FR 9676, 3/11/96); and, May 31, 1996 (Board Order 824, 61 FR 29529, 6/11/96). The zone project includes 5 general-purpose sites in the Kansas City, Missouri, port of entry area: *Site 1* (250,000 sq. ft.)—Midland International Corp. warehouse, 1690 North Topping, Kansas City; *Site 2* (2,815,000 sq. ft.)—Hunt Midwest surface/underground warehouse complex, 8300 N.E. Underground Drive, Kansas City; *Site 3* (10,000 acres)—Kansas City International Airport complex, Kansas City; *Site 4* (416 acres)—surface/underground business park (Carefree Industrial Park), 1600 N. M-291 Highway, Sugar Creek; and, *Site 5* (5.75 million sq. ft.)—CARMAR Underground Business Park and Surface Industrial Park (1000 acres) located at No. 1 Civil War Road, Carthage. Applications are currently pending with the Board for additional sites in Hermann and Chillicothe, Missouri (Docs. 44-97 and 82-97, respectively).

The applicant is now requesting authority to further expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site: Proposed *Site 8* (1,750 acres)—Richards-Gebaur Memorial Airport/Industrial Park complex, 1540 Maxwell, Kansas City. The facility (the former Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base) is now owned by the Kansas City Aviation Department, and has been designated as a state enterprise zone. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

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 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 11, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to May 26, 1998).

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

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 601 East 12th Street, Room 635, Kansas City, MO 64106.

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 4, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Special Access/Special Regime Export Declaration; Proposed Information Collection

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Lori E. Mennitt, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3009, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-3400, and fax number: (202) 482-0858.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The ITA-370P Form is necessary in order to implement the U.S. Special Textile Program with the Caribbean and Andean Trade Preference Act designated countries. The Special

Access Program was established to provide increased access to the United States market for textile products assembled abroad from fabric formed and cut in the United States.

Throughout the ITA-370P Form, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) is provided with certifications that U.S. formed and cut fabric is being exported to a participating country, assembled into a finished product, and imported back into the United States.

II. Method of Data Collection

Form ITA-370 P is a three part document with pre-carboned copies. Each part of the document, the Shipper's Declaration, the Assembler's Declaration, and the Importer's Declaration, is in the form of a certification which must be completed and signed by participating companies.

The ITA-370P form and the information collected on it are used by CITA and the U.S. Customs Service to determine whether merchandise exported for a participant Caribbean country is properly certified to enter under the Special Access Program; and to conduct audits to determine whether U.S. formed and cut fabric was used to produce the final product.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0179.

Form Number: ITA-370P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Companies participating in the Special Access Program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300-350 companies participate annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,350 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: The estimated annual cost for this collection is \$290,000.00 (\$150,000 for respondents and \$140,000 for federal government).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 2, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-806]

Silicon Metal From The People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of silicon metal from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China (PRC) in response to a request by a United States importer, Midland Exports, Ltd. This review covers shipments of this merchandise to the United States during the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between export price and NV.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gideon Katz or Maureen Flannery, Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 353, as they existed on April 1, 1996.

Background

The Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the PRC on June 10, 1991 (56 FR 26649). On June 11, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 31786) a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping order on silicon metal from the PRC covering the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

On June 28, 1997, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.2(k)(1), Midland Exports, Ltd., a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise, requested that we conduct an administrative review of Shaanxi Machinery & Equipment Corporation (Shaanxi) and Hinan Peng-Hua National Industries, Corporation (Hinan). We published a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review on August 1, 1997 (62 FR 41339). The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of silicon metal containing at least 96.00 but less than 99.99 percent of silicon by weight. Also covered by this review is silicon metal from the PRC containing between 89.00 and 96.00 percent silicon by weight but which contains a higher aluminum content than the silicon metal containing at least 96.00 percent but less than 99.99 percent silicon by weight. Silicon metal is currently provided for under subheadings 2804.69.10 and 2804.69.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) as a chemical product, but is commonly referred to as a metal. Semiconductor-grade silicon (silicon metal containing by weight not less than 99.99 percent of silicon and provided for in subheading 2804.61.00 of the HTS) is not subject to this review. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

This review covers the period June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1997.

Facts Available

We preliminarily determine that, in accordance with section 776(a) of the Act, the use of facts available is appropriate for Shaanxi and Hinan because these firms did not respond to the Department's antidumping questionnaire. Because necessary information is not available on the record with regard to sales by these two firms, the use of facts available is warranted.

Where a respondent has failed to cooperate to the best of its ability, section 776(b) of the Act authorizes the Department to use facts available that are adverse to the interests of that respondent, which may include information derived from the petition, the final determination, a previous administrative review, or other information placed on the record. As facts available, we are using the rate from the petition, as adjusted by the Department in the investigation of sales at less than fair value (LTFV), 139.49 percent.

Section 776(c) of the Act provides that when the Department relies on "secondary information," the Department shall, to the extent practicable, corroborate that information with independent sources reasonably at the Department's disposal. That Statement of Administrative Action (SAA) accompanying the URAA clarifies that the petition is "secondary information." See SAA at 870. The SAA also clarifies that "corroborate" means to determine whether the information used has probative value. *Id.* In accordance with this requirement, we corroborated the margin in the petition, to the extent practicable. (See Corroboration Memorandum from Gideon Katz to Edward Yang, March 2, 1998, on file in Room B-099 of the Commerce Department.)

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following dumping margin exists:

Manufacturer/exporter	Time period	Margin (percent)
PRC rate	6/1/96-5/31/97	139.49

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within 5 days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(c)(6). Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication in accordance with 19 CFR 353.38(b). Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs