The meeting will be held July 6, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 6802, 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

If you plan to attend, please fax your name and company or organization affiliation to ATTN: NORTH KOREA BRIEFING, at (202) 482–6088. For further information contact Frank Ruggiero in BXA at (202) 482–1926 or 482–4252. Interested parties requiring special accommodations should also contact BXA in advance.

Background

On June 19, 2000, BXA published regulations easing sanctions on North Korea. This implemented the Administration's September 1999 decision to ease sanctions provided North Korea maintains its moratorium on testing long-range ballistic missiles. U.S. exporters may now export the vast majority of U.S. consumer products to North Korea without a license, including agricultural, medical, and low-level industrial goods and services. The Administration's sanctions easing program continues to require a license for items on the Commerce Control List (CCL), including additional items added to the CCL on June 19. Items on the CCL include multilaterally controlled items, as well as a range of lower-level products and technologies controlled for anti-terrorism and non-proliferation reasons.

Other Federal agencies took related measures. The Transportation Department published a rule lifting the ban on U.S. ships and aircraft transporting goods or traveling to North Korea. Previously, U.S. registered ships and aircraft were prohibited from engaging in such activities. The Treasury Department published rules allowing new financial, trade and other transactions with North Korea and its nationals. Treasury will require a notification and approval process for all imports from North Korea.

BXA has scheduled a meeting for July 6 to more fully explain to industry and other organizations the new rules for conducting business with North Korea.

James A. Lewis,

Director, Office of Strategic Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 32–2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 112—Colorado; Springs, CO; Application for Expansion and Request for Manufacturing Authority (Data Storage Systems)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Colorado Springs Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 112, requesting authority to reorganize and expand its existing zone space to include three new sites in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and requesting, on behalf of the Quantum Corporation and its subsidiaries (Quantum), authority to manufacture data storage drives under zone procedures within FTZ 112 (Colorado Springs Customs Service Station). 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 June 27, 2000.

FTZ 112 was approved on November 1, 1984 (Board Order 281, 49 FR 44936, 11/13/84). The zone currently consists of one site (2,270 acres) within the Colorado Centre industrial and commercial community on Drennan Road, in El Paso County, adjacent to the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport.

The applicant is now requesting authority to transfer 1017.22 acres from the current site to three proposed sites. The area to be removed from the zone is located within the current Site 1, the Colorado Centre and is north of Fontaine Boulevard, east of Powers Boulevard, south of Bradley Road, and west of Meridian Road. The expansion would include the following new sites: proposed *Site 2:* (55.84 acres) Arrowswest Business and Industrial Park, located along the Garden of the Gods High-Tech Corridor, Colorado Springs, Colorado; proposed *Site 3:* (202.94 acres) InterQuest Business and Industrial Park, located at the intersection of I–25 and InterQuest Parkway; and proposed *Site 4:* (1023.6 acres) Colorado Springs Airport, located at the intersection of Powers Boulevard and Drennan Road. The proposed expansion would add 265.48 acres to the zone.

The application also requests authority on behalf of Quantum to manufacture data storage systems within FTZ 112 (within the proposed expansion area). Quantum currently operates in three buildings (392,688 square feet) within proposed Site 3. The Quantum facilities are used for the manufacturing of DLTtape™ drives, solid state disk drives, ATL Products (DLTtape™ libraries) and Snap! Systems (file servers) (HTS 8471, duty free). Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing about 60% of all parts consumed in manufacturing) include: vulcanized rubber, packing materials of wood, plastic and paper, springs, data processing machines and parts, gaskets, electric motors and parts, electrical transformers, bearings, primary cells and batteries, prepared unrecorded media, insulated wire, measuring instruments and electrical apparatuses for switching electrical circuits (HTS 3923, 3926, 4016, 4819, 4821, 7320, 8471, 8473, 8484, 8485, 8501, 8503, 8504, 8506, 8523, 8536, 8544, and 9031, duty rate ranges from duty-free to 10.7%).

FTZ procedures would exempt Quantum from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. Some 27 percent of the plant's shipments are exported. On its domestic sales, Quantum would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to finished data storage drives (duty-free) for the foreign inputs noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed 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 September 5, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 18, 2000).

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, Export Assistance Center, 1625 Broadway, Suite 680, Denver, CO 80202

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

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Pierre V. Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–827]

Certain Cased Pencils From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of expedited sunset review: Certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On December 1, 1999, the Department of Commerce (''the Department'') published the notice of initiation of sunset review of the antidumping duty order on certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China (''PRC'') (64 FR 67247), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (''the Act''). On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and adequate substantive response filed on behalf of domestic interested parties and inadequate response (in this case, no response) from respondent interested parties, we determined to conduct an expedited sunset review. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we find that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels listed below in the section entitled Final Results of the Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eun W. Cho or James Meader, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1698 or (202) 482–3330, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Act 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 (''URAA''). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (1999). Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department Policy Bulletin 98:3—Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year (''Sunset'') Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) (Sunset Policy Bulletin).

Background

On December 1, 1999, the Department published the notice of initiation of sunset review of the antidumping duty order on certain cased pencils from the PRC (64 FR 67247). We invited interested parties to comment. On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and adequate substantive response filed on behalf of domestic interested parties and inadequate response (in this case, no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct an expedited sunset review. The Department is conducting this sunset review in accordance with sections 751 and 752 of the Act.

In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Act, the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.,* an order in effect on January 1, 1995). This review concerns a transition order within the meaning of section 751(c)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act. Therefore, on April 6, 2000, the Department determined that the sunset review of the antidumping duty order on certain cased pencils from the PRC is extraordinarily complicated and extended the time limit for completion of the final results of this review until not later than June 28, 2000, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.[1]

Scope of Review

The products covered by this investigation are certain cased pencils of any shape or dimension which are writing and/or drawing instruments that feature cores of graphite or other materials, encased in wood and/or man-made materials, whether or not decorated and whether or not tipped (*e.g.,* with erasers, etc.) in any fashion, and either sharpened or unsharpened. The pencils subject to this investigation are classified under subheading 9609.10.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (''HTSUS'').

Specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation are mechanical pencils, cosmetic pencils, pens, non-cased crayons (wax), pastels, charcoals, and chalks.[2]

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in substantive responses by parties to this sunset review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum (''Decision Memo'') from Jeffrey A. May, Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to Troy H. Cribb, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated June 28, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in B–099, the Central Records Unit, of the main Commerce building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at ia.doc.gov/frn. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

Final Results of Review

We determine that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the following percentage weighted-average margins:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
China First	8.60
Shanghai Lansheng Corp	19.36
Shanghai Foreign Trade Corp	11.15
Guangdong Stationery/Three Star Stationery [1]	0.00
Guangdong Stationery/all other producers [2]	53.65
PRC-wide	53.65

[1] Exported by Guangdong Stationery and produced by Three Star.

[2] Exported by Guangdong Stationery and produced by all other producers.

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to

[1] See Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-year Reviews, 65 FR 18058 (April 6, 2000).

[2] See Notice of Scope Rulings, 62 FR 62288 (November 21, 1997) (the Department determined that a plastic, quasi-mechanical pencil known as the Bensia pencil is outside the scope of the order); and Notice of Scope Rulings, 63 FR 29700 (June 1, 1998) (Naturally Pretty, a young girl's 10 piece dress-up vanity set, including two 3-inch pencils, is outside the scope of the order).