

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1123]

Approval for Expanded Manufacturing Authority; (Automobile Transmissions) Within Foreign-Trade Subzone 229A; Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, Inc., Buffalo, West Virginia

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the West Virginia Economic Development Authority, grantee of FTZ 229, has requested authority on behalf of Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, Inc. (TMMWV), operator of FTZ 229A, at the TMMWV automobile engine manufacturing plant in Buffalo, West Virginia, to expand the scope of authority to include the manufacture of automobile transmissions under FTZ procedures within Subzone 229A (FTZ Doc. 52-99, filed 10-25-99);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 59160, 11-2-99);

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby approves the request subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of October 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-557-805]

Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request by the petitioner and two producers/exporters of the subject merchandise, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia. This review covers three manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States (Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd., Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmex Sdn. Bhd., Heveafil Sdn. Bhd., and Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd.). The period of review is October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below the normal value by each of the three companies subject to this review. If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who wish to submit comments in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irina Itkin, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0656.

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (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's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On October 20, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia (64 FR 56485).

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), on October 21, 1999, the petitioner, North American Rubber Thread, requested an administrative review of the antidumping order

covering the period October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999, for the following producers and exporters of extruded rubber thread: Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd. (Filati), Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmex Sdn. Bhd. (Heveafil), and Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd. (Rubberflex). On October 29, 1999, Filati and Heveafil also requested an administrative review.

On November 23, 1999, the Department initiated an administrative review for Filati, Heveafil, and Rubberflex (64 FR 67846 (Dec. 3, 1999)). The Department also issued questionnaires to each of these companies in November.

In March 2000, we received responses from Filati, Heveafil, and Rubberflex.

In June, July, and September 2000, we issued supplemental questionnaires to Filati, Heveafil, and Rubberflex. We received responses to these questionnaires in September 2000.

In October 2000, we issued additional supplemental questionnaires to Rubberflex. We received responses to these questionnaires in October 2000.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this review is extruded rubber thread. Extruded rubber thread is defined as vulcanized rubber thread obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm, which is 0.007 inch or 140 gauge, to 1.42 mm, which is 0.056 inch or 18 gauge, in diameter. Extruded rubber thread is currently classifiable under subheading 4007.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this review is dispositive.

Period of Review

The period of review (POR) is October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

Normal Value Comparisons

To determine whether sales of extruded rubber thread from Malaysia to the United States were made at less than normal value (NV), we compared the export price (EP) to the NV for Rubberflex, as specified in the "Export Price and Constructed Export Price" and "Normal Value" sections of this notice, below. We compared the constructed export price (CEP) to the NV for Filati and Heveafil, also as specified in those sections.

When making comparisons in accordance with section 771(16) of the Act, we considered all products sold in the home market as described in the "Scope of the Review" section of this