

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: January 2, 2003.

Anthony J. Meyer,

Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 1-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 57—Asheville, North Carolina, Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 57B Volvo Construction Equipment North America, Inc. (Construction Equipment)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Volvo Construction Equipment North America, Inc. (Volvo CENA), to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 57B, at the Volvo CENA plant located at sites in the Asheville, North Carolina area. The application was submitted pursuant to 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 January 7, 2003.

Subzone 57B was approved by the Board in 2000 at sites located at 2169 Hendersonville Rd. (U.S. Rt. 25), in

Skyland, North Carolina and at 1856 Hendersonville Rd., in Asheville. Authority was granted for the manufacture of articulated haulers and wheel loaders (Board Order 1164, 66 FR 28890, 5/25/2001).

Volvo CENA is now proposing to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures at Subzone 57B to include additional finished products (skid-steer loaders and compaction rollers). These finished products fall into categories which enter the United States duty-free. Volvo CENA's application indicates that foreign-sourced materials under the proposed expanded scope fall into categories which are already included in the scope of authority granted pursuant to the company's original subzone application (65 FR 47377, 8/2/2000).

Expanded subzone authority would exempt Volvo CENA from Customs duty payments on foreign components when used in export production of the new products. On its domestic sales, Volvo CENA would be able to choose the lower duty rate that applies to the new finished products for foreign components, when applicable.

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 is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the following addresses:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is February 12, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 27, 2003.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address Number 1 listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 521 East Morehead St., Suite 435, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Dated: January 7, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

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; Preliminary Results and Rescission in Part of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results and Rescission in Part of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has preliminarily determined that sales by the respondents in this review, covering the period December 1, 2000, through November 30, 2001, have been made below normal value (NV). In addition, pursuant to their requests, we are rescinding this review with respect to Orient International Holding Shanghai Foreign Trade Co., Ltd. (SFTC) and China First Pencil Co., Ltd. (CFP). Furthermore, we are preliminarily rescinding this review with respect to Kaiyuan Group Corporation (Kaiyuan) and Laizhou City Guangming Pencil-Making Co., Ltd. (Laizhou), because these companies reported that they made no shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the period of review (POR). If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department invites interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 13, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Stolz or Crystal Crittenden, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4474 and (202) 482-0989, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: