Interoperability, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2000, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2000 or via e-mail to nistsgfac@nist.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Authority

The Smart Grid Advisory Committee (Committee), is established to advise the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in carrying out duties authorized by section 1305 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110–140). The Committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Committee will provide input to NIST on the Smart Grid Standards, Priorities and Gaps; and provide input to NIST on the overall direction, status and health of the Smart Grid implementation by the Smart Grid industry including identification of issues and needs. The Committee’s input to NIST will be used to help guide Smart Grid Interoperability Panel activities and also assist NIST in directing research and standards activities. Upon request of the Director of NIST, the Committee will prepare reports on issues affecting Smart Grid activities.

II. Structure

The Director of NIST shall appoint the members of the Committee, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. Members shall be selected on the basis of established records of distinguished service in their professional community and their knowledge of issues affecting Smart Grid deployment and operations. Members shall serve as Special Government Employees. Members serve at the discretion of the NIST Director.

Members shall reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines and competencies involved in the Smart Grid deployment and operations and will come from a cross section of organizations. Members may come from organizations such as electric utilities, consumers, IT developers and integrators, smart grid equipment manufacturers/vendors, RTOs/ITOs, electricity market operators, electric transportation industry stakeholders, standards development organizations, professional societies, research and development organizations and academia.

The Committee shall consist of not fewer than 9 nor more than 15 members. The term of office of each member of the Committee shall be 3 years, except that vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy and that the initial members shall have staggered terms such that the Committee will have approximately 1/3 new or reappointed members each year.

Members who are not able to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Committee will have their membership terminated. Any person who has completed two consecutive full terms of service on the Committee shall be ineligible for appointment for a third term during the one year period following the expiration of the second term.

The Director of NIST shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among the members of the Committee. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson’s tenure shall be at the discretion of the Director of NIST. The Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence. In case a vacancy occurs in the position of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, the NIST Director will select a member to fill such vacancy.

III. Compensation

Members of the Committee shall not be compensated for their service, but will, upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq. while attending meetings of the Committee or subcommittees thereof, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the Chair, while away from their homes or regular place of business.

IV. Nominations

Nominations are sought from all fields involved in issues affecting the Smart Grid. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service. The field of expertise that the candidate represents he/she is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular field should come from organizations or individuals within that field. A summary of the candidate’s qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on Federal advisory boards and Federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the Committee, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Committee. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Committee membership. Registered lobbyists may not be members.

Date: January 7, 2010.

Marc G. Stanley,
Acting Deputy Director.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign–Trade Zones Board

Order No. 1657

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Reynolds Packaging LLC (Aluminum Foil Liner Stock), Louisville, Kentucky

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

Whereas, the Foreign–Trade Zones Act provides for “...the establishment...of foreign–trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign–Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign–trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special–purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of Foreign–Trade Zone 29, has made application to the Board for authority to establish a special–purpose subzone at the aluminum foil liner stock manufacturing and distribution facilities of Reynolds Packaging LLC, located in Louisville, Kentucky (FTZ Docket 12–2009, filed 3–25–2009);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the Federal Register (74 FR 14956, 4–2–2009) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

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

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to the manufacturing and distribution of aluminum foil liner stock and aluminum foil at the facilities of Reynolds Packaging LLC, located in Louisville, Kentucky (Subzone 29J), as described in the application and Federal Register notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of December 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign–Trade Zones Board.

Attest:
Pierre V. Duy,
Acting Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XT33
Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; 2010 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Lobster Harvest Guideline

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

ACTION: Notification of lobster harvest guideline.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the annual harvest guideline for the commercial lobster fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) for calendar year 2010 is established at zero lobsters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Harman, NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 808–944–2271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWHI commercial lobster fishery is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region. The regulations at 50 CFR 665.50(b)(2) require NMFS to publish an annual harvest guideline for lobster Permit Area 1, comprising of Federal waters around the NWHI.

Regulations governing the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument in the NWHI prohibit the unpermitted removal of monument resources (50 CFR 404.7), and establish a zero annual harvest guideline for lobsters (50 CFR 404.10(a)).

Accordingly, NMFS establishes the harvest guideline at zero lobsters for the NWHI commercial lobster fishery for calendar year 2010. Thus, no harvest of NWHI lobster resources is allowed.

Furthermore, the NMFS Regional Administrator determined that all 15 NWHI lobster limited entry permits held by vessel owners (i.e., permit holders) are no longer valid. This action complies with the final rule governing compensation to Federal commercial bottomfish and lobster fishermen due to fishery closures in the Monument (74 FR 47119, September 15, 2009). During December 2009 and January 2010, eligible NWHI lobster permit holders voluntarily accepted and received monetary payments, as authorized by Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–161). Thus, no fishing for NWHI lobster resources is allowed.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.


Emily H. Menashes,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

(A–570–949)
Wire Decking from the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 2010.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“Department”) preliminarily determines that wire decking from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the “Preliminary Determination” section of this notice. Pursuant to requests from interested parties, we are postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to not more than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination not later than 135 days after publication of the preliminary determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances Veith or Trisha Tran, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4295 or (202) 482–4852, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Initiation


The Department initiated this investigation on June 25, 2009. In the Initiation Notice, the Department notified parties of the application process by which exporters and producers may obtain separate-rate status in non–market economy (“NME”) investigations. The process requires exporters and producers to submit a separate–rate status application (“SRA”) and to demonstrate an absence of both de jure and de facto government control over its export activities. The SRA for this investigation was posted on the Department’s website http://ia.ita.doc.gov/ia–highlights-and–news.html on July 2, 2009. The due date for filing an SRA was August 31, 2009.

On July 31, 2009, the International Trade Commission (“ITC”) determined that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of wire decking from the PRC.

1 See Wire Decking from the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation, 74 FR 31691 (July 2, 2009) (“Initiation Notice”).
