public questions and comments at 1 p.m. on March 30, 2012.

ADRESSES: The Committee meeting will take place at the L’Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20024. Written comments may be filed before or within a reasonable time after the meeting with the contact person identified herein at: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5029, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hubert Hamer, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, Telephone: (202) 690–8141, Fax: (202) 690–1311, or email: hubert.hamer@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, which consists of 20 members appointed from 7 categories covering a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests, has scheduled a meeting on March 29–30, 2012. During this time the Advisory Committee will discuss topics including the launch of the NASS National Operations Center, Annual NASS Program Priorities, Computer Assisted Personal Interview Technology Applications, Census of Agriculture Updates, Census Follow-on Survey Plans, and Cultural Transformation Initiatives.

The Committee meeting is open to the public. The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. All statements will become a part of the official records of the USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 2, 2012.

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1807]
Approval for Manufacturing Authority; Foreign-Trade Zone 177; Best Chair, Inc., d/b/a Best Home Furnishings, Inc. (Upholstered Furniture); Ferdinand, Cannelton, and Paoli, IN

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 Ports of Indiana, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 177, has requested manufacturing authority on behalf of Best Chair, Inc., d/b/a Best Home Furnishings, Inc., within FTZ 177 in Ferdinand, Cannelton, and Paoli, Indiana (FTZ Docket 22–2011, filed 3–17–2011);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the Federal Register (76 FR 16379, 3–23–2011) 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 would be satisfied, and that the proposal would be in the public interest if approval were subject to certain restrictions and conditions;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application for manufacturing authority under zone procedures within FTZ 177 on behalf of Best Chair, Inc., d/b/a Best Home Furnishings, Inc. (Best Home), as described in the application and Federal Register notice, is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

1. The annual quantitative volume of foreign micro-denier suede upholstery fabric finished with a hot caustic soda solution that Best Home may admit to FTZ 177 under nonprivileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.42) is limited to 2.28 million square yards.

2. Best Home must admit all foreign-origin upholstery fabrics other than micro-denier suede fabric finished with a hot caustic soda solution to the zone under domestic (duty-paid) status (19 CFR 146.43).

3. For the purpose of monitoring by the FTZ Staff, Best Home shall submit additional operating information to supplement its annual report data.

4. The authority for Best Home shall remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of approval by the FTZ Board.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 31st day of January 2012.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–912]


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

DATES: Effective Date: February 8, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background


Extension of Time Limit for Final Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”),
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–821–807]

Preliminary Negative Determination and Extension of Time Limit for Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order on Ferrovanadium and Nitrided Vanadium From the Russian Federation

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

SUMMARY: On May 2, 2011, pursuant to an allegation by AMG Vanadium, Inc. (AMG Vanadium), the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of vanadium pentoxide from Russia, which are converted into ferrovanadium in the United States are circumventing the antidumping duty order on ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium (ferrovanadium) from Russia.\(^3\) We preliminarily determine that the importation of vanadium pentoxide by the Evraz Group,\(^2\) which is toll-converted into ferrovanadium in the United States by the Bear Metallurgical Corporation (BMC), prior to sale to unaffiliated customers in the United States, does not constitute circumvention of the aforementioned order, within the meaning of section 781(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

DATES: Effective Date: February 8, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Goldberger or Rebecca Trainor, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4136 or (202) 482–4007, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 10, 1995, the Department published an antidumping duty order on ferrovanadium from Russia.\(^1\) On February 25, 2011, AMG Vanadium requested that the Department initiate an anticircumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(a) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.225(c) and (g), to determine whether imports of vanadium pentoxide from Russia, produced by Evraz Group member OAO Vanady-Tula, that are processed into ferrovanadium in the United States under a tolling agreement with the unaffiliated processor, BMC, and sold by Evraz Group member EMNA to unaffiliated U.S. customers, are circumventing the antidumping duty order on ferrovanadium from Russia. AMG Vanadium submitted additional information in support of its request on March 16, 2011.

On May 2, 2011, the Department initiated the anticircumvention inquiry with respect to the Evraz Group’s imports of vanadium pentoxide which are toll-converted into ferrovanadium by BMC in the United States. See Initiation Notice. In June 2011, the Department issued questionnaires to the Evraz Group and BMC. The Evraz Group and BMC responded to their respective questionnaires in July 2011. The Department issued supplemental questionnaires to each company in August 2011. The Evraz Group and BMC responded to these supplemental questionnaires in August and September 2011, respectively.

In September 2011, the Department conducted verifications at EMNA and BMC. In October 2011, the Department issued verification reports.\(^4\)

AMG Vanadium submitted comments for consideration in the preliminary determination of this inquiry on December 19, 2011. On January 6, 2012, the Evraz Group and BMC submitted comments in response to AMG Vanadium’s submission.

Scope of the Order

The products subject to this order are ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium, regardless of grade, chemistry, form or size, unless expressly excluded from the scope of this order. Ferrovanadium includes alloys containing ferrovanadium as the predominant element by weight (i.e., more weight than any other element, except iron in some instances) and at least 4 percent by weight of iron. Nitrided vanadium includes compounds containing vanadium as the predominant element, by weight, and at least 5 percent, by weight, of nitrogen. Excluded from the scope of the order are vanadium additives other than ferrovanadium and nitrided vanadium, such as vanadium-aluminum master alloys, vanadium chemicals, vanadium waste and scrap, vanadium-bearing raw materials, such as slag, boiler residues, fly ash, and vanadium oxides.

The products subject to this order are currently classifiable under subheadings 2850.00.20, 7202.92.00, 7202.99.50, 8112.40.00, and 8112.40.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Scope of the Anticircumvention Inquiry

The product subject to this anticircumvention inquiry is vanadium pentoxide (\(\text{V}_2\text{O}_5\)) from Russia, which is usually in a granular form and may contain other substances, including silica (\(\text{SiO}_2\)), manganese, and sulfur, and which is converted into ferrovanadium in the United States. Such merchandise is classifiable under subheading 2825.30.0010 of the HTSUS. This

\(^1\) See Initiation of Anticircumvention Inquiry on Antidumping Duty Order on Ferrovanadium and Nitrided Vanadium From the Russian Federation, 76 FR 26243 (May 6, 2011) (Initiation Notice).


\(^3\) See Notice of Antidumping Order: Ferrovanadium and Nitrided Vanadium From the Russian Federation, 60 FR 35550 (July 10, 1995).

\(^4\) See Memorandum to The File entitled “Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of the Evraz Group S.A.”, dated October 7, 2011 (Evraz Verification Report), and Memorandum to The File entitled “Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Bear Metallurgical Company” dated October 7, 2011 (BMC Verification Report).