DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone 117—Orange, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Signal International Texas GP, LLC (Shipbuilding), Orange, TX

The Foreign Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc., grantee of FTZ 117, submitted a notification of proposed production activity on behalf of Signal International Texas GP, LLC (Signal), located in Orange, Texas. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on January 10, 2013. The Signal facility is located at 91 Front Street, Orange (Orange County), Texas. A separate application for subzone status at the Signal facility was submitted and will be processed under Section 400.31 of the Board’s regulations. The facility is used for the construction and repair of oceangoing vessels. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b) of the regulations, FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Signal from customs duty payments on foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Signal would be able to choose the duty rate during customs payments on foreign status components that apply to oceangoing vessels (duty rate—free) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

Components and materials sourced from abroad include: coatings/resins, fittings, flanges, couplings, sleeves, anchors, wire, copper fittings, fasteners, aluminum rods/profiles, fittings, marine engines, boxes/crates/bins, handles, knobs, gaskets, tarpaulins, life jackets, insulation, plaster tiles, tableware, winches, ladders, hangers, pipes/fittings of lead and tin, flexible tubing of base metals, boilers, steam turbines and related parts, diesel engines and related parts, non-aircraft gas turbines, hydro jet engines, pumps and related parts, compressors, turbochargers, refrigeration/cooling equipment, electric motors, generators, evaporative air coolers, derricks, other machinery, valves, filters, liquid purifiers, sprayers, electrical ballasts, transformers, bearings, acoustic baffles, heaters, transmission shafts, propellers, starters, radio/TV/radar equipment, signaling devices, electrical components and panels, wiring harnesses, lamps, cables, mirrors, sonar apparatus, optical instruments, micrometers and calipers, thermostats, chronometers, regulators, controllers, and search lights (duty rate ranges from free to 6.7%). The production activity under FTZ procedures would be subject to the “standard shipyard restriction” applicable to foreign origin steel mill products (e.g., angles, pipe, plate), which requires that all applicable duties be paid on such items.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is March 4, 2013.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

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available to registered users at http://iaaccess.trade.gov and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at http://www.trade.gov/ia/. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Methodology

The Department has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Constructed export price is calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. In accordance with section 773(b) of the Act, we disregarded certain sales by Villares in the home market which were made at below-cost prices. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that a weighted-average dumping margin of 0.00 percent exists for Villares for the period February 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012.

Disclosure and Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit cases briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs. Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, filed electronically via IA ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the Department's electronic records system, IA ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of SSB from Brazil entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication as provided by section 751(a)(2) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Villares will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; (4) no cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 19.43 percent, the all-others rate established in the Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil, 59 FR 66914 (December 28, 1994). These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(b)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 14, 2013.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

1. Scope of the Order
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5. Constructed Export Price
6. Home Market Viability as Comparison Market
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