DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–67–2016]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 82—Mobile, Alabama; Authorization of Limited Production Activity; Airbus Americas, Inc. (Commercial Passenger Jet Aircraft Production); Mobile, Alabama.

On September 29, 2016, the City of Mobile, Alabama, grantee of FTZ 82, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Airbus Americas, Inc., within Site 1, in Mobile, Alabama. The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (81 FR 69780–69782, October 7, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that further review of part of the proposed activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized on a limited basis, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14, and further subject to a restriction requiring that the following foreign-status materials/components be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41): Pre-Preg NOMEX rigid flight accessory cases (HTSUS 4202.12); leather cases and pouches for storing equipment (HTSUS 4202.91); textile pouches for storing equipment (HTSUS 4202.92); leather pockets (HTSUS 4205.00); twill tape (HTSUS 5208.39); synthetic sowing yarn (HTSUS 5401.10); water absorbent felt (HTSUS 5602.10); synthetic braided cordage (HTSUS 5607.50); synthetic emergency escape rope and retaining cords (HTSUS 5609.00); synthetic fireproof gloves (HTSUS 6116.99); finished aircraft curtain and class divider assemblies (HTSUS 6303.92); and, life vests (HTSUS 6307.20).


Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration
[C–122–858]

Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 15, 2016, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a countervailing duty investigation on certain softwood lumber products from Canada. Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than February 21, 2017.

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits the Department to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner 3 makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. The Department will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On January 26, 2017, the petitioner submitted a timely request that we postpone the preliminary CVD determination. 4 The petitioner stated that it requests postponement “in light of the number of programs under investigation, the number of company and government respondents, and the expected complexity of the issues.” 5 In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and the Department finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, we are extending the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, i.e., to April 24, 2017. Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).


2 The actual deadline is February 18, 2017, which is a Saturday. The Department’s practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

3 In this investigation, the petitioner is the Committee Overseeing Action for Lumber International Trade Investigations or Negotiations.


5 Id.