

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[B-65-2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 92—Harrison County, Mississippi; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Vision Technologies Marine, Inc. (Ocean-Going Vessels) Pascagoula, Mississippi

The Mississippi Coast Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 92, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Vision Technologies Marine, Inc., located in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 10, 2017.

The Vision Technologies Marine, Inc., facility is located within Site 6 of FTZ 92. The facility is used for the construction, repair and refurbishing of ocean-going vessels. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), 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 Vision Technologies Marine, Inc., from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, Vision Technologies Marine, Inc., would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: Cargo vessels; passenger vessels; tankers; refrigerated vessels; offshore service vessels; fishing vessels; tugs and pusher craft; dredgers; offshore drilling or production platforms; floating docks; lifeboats; military vessels; and, hulls (duty-free). Vision Technologies Marine, Inc., would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Polymer adhesives; floor bonding and coating; plastic tubes and joints for generator sets; plastic flooring; pipe segment insulation; plastic generator set spare parts; rubber hoses with fittings; sealing rings; curtains; oil booms; rock wool; glass partitions; steel bulb flats; pressure vessels; fire dampers; galvanized steel pipe supports; steel flanges; marine doors; steel hatch covers; deck

transverse stoppers; small steel drums; steel gas cylinders; steel metadisc fasteners; steel washers; steel fasteners; man-holes; ladders, raceways and ramps; expansion bellows; deck socket fittings; hatch covers; aluminum profiles; aluminum wall and ceiling panels; copper nickel flanges; bobbins; handrails; hollow aluminum profiles; aluminum profiles for door and window frames; tin battery boxes and parts; marine door parts; door mounts; aluminum cofferdams; aluminum electrodes; chlorine dosing units; diesel engines; strainers; diesel engine parts; propulsion parts; ride control system parts; ride control systems; cables; stern tube assemblies; fuel oil separators; marine engine spare parts; silencers; propulsion equipment; marine engine seals; main foil assemblies; vulkan shafts; engine manifolds; ride controllers; fuel pumps; reciprocating pumps; rotary pumps; heaters; hydraulic driving systems; N2 booster compression units; blower fans; stock rudder blades; ventilation equipment; cooling plants; heat exchangers; potable water skids; intake filters; water separators; food waste handling system pumps; nitrogen generators; electric winches; winches; straddle carriers; davits; deck machinery; ships spare bushings; computerized monitoring systems; solid waste processors; controls; thrusters; compressors; cooling pumps; pressure valves; solenoid valves; non-return valves; safety relief valves; butterfly and ball valves; hydraulic actuated valves; composite parts; shaft bearings; combined ball and roller bearing kits; shafts; gears; couplings; mechanical seals for water jets; propeller blades and systems; propeller shafts; anti-vibration mounts; propeller nozzles; AC multi-phase electric motors; electric motors not exceeding 373 kW; electrical generators with output exceeding 750 kVA; auxiliary engine generator sets; davit parts; transformers; converter cabinet units; power supplies; horns; bells; gongs; windshield wiper parts; computer parts; hot water calorifiers; ESD shore connections; electrical equipment; central control units; power supplies; control system containers; breakers electrical parts; electrical terminals; bridge firefighting control panels; control and alarm boards; distribution panels; 20A, 20V power supplies; switchboards; electrical components; electrical cables; vibration control equipment; marine evacuation equipment; life boats; marine evacuation system life rafts and components; high pressure flow meters; gas detection systems; inert gas systems;

hydraulic power units; helm chairs; table brackets and plates; seats and accessories; furniture; seat parts; searchlights; bathroom modules; and, bilge water separators (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 11.3%). The request indicates that curtains will be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) or domestic status (19 CFR 146.43), thereby precluding inverted tariff benefits on such items. The production activity under FTZ procedures would be subject to the “standard shipyard restriction” applicable to foreign origin steel mill products, which requires that Vision Technologies Marine, Inc., pay all applicable duties 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 December 4, 2017.

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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Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 134—Chattanooga, Tennessee; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Volkswagen Group of America—Chattanooga Operations, LLC (Passenger Motor Vehicles), Chattanooga, Tennessee

Volkswagen Group of America—Chattanooga Operations, LLC (VW) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee, within FTZ 134. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 13, 2017.

VW already has authority to produce passenger motor vehicles within Site 3 of FTZ 134. The current request would add foreign status materials/components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt VW from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, VW would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to passenger motor vehicles (duty rate—2.5%). VW would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad are anti-theft alarm sensors and unframed mirror glass (duty rates—1.3% and 7.8%, respectively).

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 December 4, 2017.

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.

For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov or (202) 482-0862.

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 153—San Diego, California; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Plantronics, Inc. (Electronics/Telecommunications) San Diego, California

Plantronics, Inc. (Plantronics), submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in San Diego, California. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 13, 2017.

Plantronics' facility is located within Site 8 of FTZ 153. The facility is used for manufacturing, assembling, programming, testing, packaging, final stage processing, warehousing, repairing, and distribution of audio communication devices.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), 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 Plantronics from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, Plantronics would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to corded headsets, wireless headsets, telephonic apparatuses, telecommunication cables, and speakers (duty-free to 2.4%). Plantronics would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Cables with connectors; microphones; plastic headbands, printed circuit boards; headset parts; speakers; printed circuit boards; lithium ion polymer batteries; power supplies; printed paperboard insert holders; bound user guides/manuals; labels with adhesive; labels non-self-adhesive; printed paperboard boxes for packaging; corrugated cardboard master shipping boxes; corrugated cardboard shipping boxes; formed plastic packaging encapsulating the product; polyurethane bags for packaging, and plastic self-adhesive

tape for sealing (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.8%).

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 December 4, 2017.

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable October 24, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 20, 2017, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the less-than-fair-value investigations of imports of fine denier polyester staple fiber (PSF) from the PRC, India, Korea,