

duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status components noted below, Kubota would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to agricultural and specialty vehicles (duty-free). Kubota 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 include: Bonnet bands; radio kits; hour meters; and, air conditioning units (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.5%). The request indicates that bonnet bands will be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41), thereby precluding inverted tariff benefits on such items. The request also indicates that certain components are subject to special duties under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is December 9, 2019.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Christopher Wedderburn at [Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov](mailto:Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov) or (202) 482-1963.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-66-2019]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 122—Corpus Christi, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Cheniere Energy, Inc. (Liquified Natural Gas Processing), Portland, Texas**

The Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, submitted a notification of proposed production

activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (Cheniere), located in Portland, Texas. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 16, 2019.

The applicant has submitted a separate application for FTZ designation at the Cheniere facility under FTZ 122. The facility will be used for liquified natural gas processing. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material 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 Cheniere from customs duty payments on the foreign-status gaseous natural gas (duty-free) used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status gaseous natural gas, Cheniere would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to liquified natural gas and stabilized gas condensate (duty rates are duty-free and 10.5 cents/barrel, respectively). Cheniere would be able to avoid duty on the foreign-status material which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The request indicates that gaseous natural gas is subject to special duties under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is December 9, 2019.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-112]

#### **Certain Collated Steel Staples From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation**

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

**DATES:** Applicable October 29, 2019.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On July 3, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of certain collated steel staples from the People's Republic of China.<sup>1</sup> The deadline for the preliminary determination is November 13, 2019.

##### **Postponement of Preliminary Determinations**

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce 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. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 84 FR 31833 (July 3, 2019).