

reimbursement for CSAC-related travel and lodging expenses.

2. The CSAC meets once or twice a year, budget permitting, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Director or Designated Federal Officer. CSAC meetings are open to the public in accordance with FACA.

3. Members must be able to actively participate in the tasks of the CSAC, including, but not limited to, regular meeting attendance, CSAC meeting discussant responsibilities, review of materials, as well as participation in conference calls, webinars, working groups, and/or special committee activities.

4. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks diverse CSAC membership.

Steven D. Dillingham, Director, Bureau of the Census approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 28, 2020.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-33-2020]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 137—Washington Dulles International Airport, Virginia; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; FN America, LLC (Disassembly of Machine Guns), Dulles, Virginia

CDS Air Freight Inc., an operator within FTZ 137 in Dulles, Virginia, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of FN America, LLC (FNA). The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 22, 2020.

The FNA facility is located within FTZ 137. The facility is currently used for the storage of firearms, but the company is requesting authority to remove parts from firearms stored at the facility. 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 FNA 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, FNA would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: Moving parts assemblies consisting of non-reciprocating sled and charging handle assemblies, non-reciprocating sled assemblies, charging handle assemblies, bolt assemblies, bolt carriers, bolt cam pins, firing pin retaining pin assemblies, return spring assemblies and firing pins; buttstock assemblies consisting of cap screw hexagonal socket heads, buttstock interface plates, buttstock rails, buttstock guide plates, large screw hexagonal countersunk heads, buttstock paddles, screw slotted pan heads, lock guide springs, lock springs, buttstock cheekrests, slotted spring type straight pins, buttstock plungers, buttstock interface pads and buttstock pads; takedown pin retaining clips; takedown pins; takedown hammers; automatic sears; automatic sear springs; cover plates; slotted spring type pins; magazine release buttons; magazine release springs; hammer spring guides; hammer springs; selector lever detents; selector lever spring detents; trigger module frames; locking plates; slotted spring type pins; bolt catch supports; bolt catch springs; bolt catches; magazine catch assemblies; magazine catches; magazine catch levers; trigger pins; hammer spring supports; and, drive rod indexes (duty-free). FNA 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 are machine guns (duty-free). The request indicates that the machine guns are subject to 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. The closing period for their receipt is July 13, 2020.

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.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482-0473.

Dated: May 28, 2020.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-119]

Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 225cc and 999cc, and Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable June 2, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leo Ayala, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3945.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 4, 2020, the Department of Commerce initiated the antidumping duty investigation on certain vertical shaft engines between 225cc and 999cc, and parts thereof from the People's Republic of China, covering the period of investigation (POI) July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than June 23, 2020.

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an antidumping 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

¹ See *Certain Vertical Shaft Engines between 225cc and 999cc, and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 85 FR 8809 (February 18, 2020).

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), a petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reason for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.²

On May 20, 2020, Briggs & Stratton Corporation, the petitioner in this investigation, submitted a timely request pursuant to section 733(c)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e) to postpone fully the preliminary determination. The petitioner stated that the purpose of its request was to provide Commerce with sufficient time to receive and analyze the questionnaire responses of the mandatory respondents, issue any supplemental questionnaires, and prepare an accurate preliminary dumping margin calculation.³

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner stated the reasons for its request, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to August 12, 2020.⁴ Pursuant to section 735(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, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: May 27, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-112]

Certain Collated Steel Staples From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain collated steel staples (collated staples) from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

DATES: Applicable June 2, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergio Balbontin or William Horn, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6478 or (202) 482-4868, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* in the LTFV investigation of collated staples from China on January 8, 2020.¹ For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Determination*, see the *Issues and Decision Memorandum*.²

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation is October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are collated staples from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

On November 4, 2019, we issued a *Preliminary Scope Memorandum*

¹ See *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 85 FR 882 (January 8, 2020) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying *Preliminary Decision Memorandum* (PDM).

² See Memorandum, "Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (*Issues and Decision Memorandum*).

making no changes to the scope of this and the companion countervailing duty (CVD) investigation.³ For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal comments submitted to the record for this final determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the *Final Scope Decision Memorandum*.⁴ Based on the comments received from interested parties, we are revising the scope of this investigation to exclude "hog rings." The scope in Appendix I reflects this change.

Verification

Commerce normally verifies information relied upon in making its final determination, pursuant to section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). However, on March 16, 2020, Commerce cancelled verification of the questionnaire responses submitted by Tianjin Hweschun Fasteners Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Tianjin Hweschun).⁵ During the course of this investigation, a Level 4 travel advisory was imposed for all of China, preventing Commerce personnel from traveling to China to conduct verification. Due to this, as well as the impending statutory deadline for the completion of the final determination, Commerce was unable to conduct verification in this case.

Pursuant to section 776(a)(2)(D) of the Act, in situations where information has been provided but the information cannot be verified, Commerce may use "facts otherwise available" in reaching the applicable determination. Accordingly, as Commerce was unable to proceed to verification in this investigation, we have relied on the information submitted on the record that we used in making the *Preliminary Determination*, as facts available in making our final determination.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

Commerce preliminarily determined in this investigation that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of collated staples from China shipped by Tianjin Hweschun, Tianjin Jin Xin Sheng Long Metal Products Co.,

³ See Memorandum, "Less-Than-Fair-Value and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum," dated November 4, 2019 (*Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum*).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Final Scope Determination Decision Memorandum," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (*Final Scope Decision Memorandum*).

⁵ See Memorandum, "Cancellation of Verification," dated March 16, 2020.

² See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 225cc and 999cc, and Parts Thereof, From the People's Republic of China: Petitioner's Request for Postponement Of The Preliminary Determination," dated May 20, 2020.

⁴ In this case, 190 days after initiation falls on August 12, 2020.