

counties, local governments, and planning agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,801.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Between 7 and 606 hours, estimated average 40 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 152,040.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$4,523,190.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Section 6.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Summarization of comments submitted in response to this notice will be included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. Comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*PRA Department Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-75-2017]

#### Approval of Subzone Status; Universal Metal Products, Inc.; Pharr, Texas

On May 10, 2017, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by McAllen Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 12, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 12, on behalf of Universal Metal Products, Inc., in Pharr, Texas.

The application was processed in accordance with the FTZ Act and Regulations, including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (82 FR 25240, June 1, 2017).

The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval. Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board Executive Secretary (15 CFR Sec. 400.36(f)), the application to establish Subzone 12B was approved on July 14, 2017, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 12's 873.5-acre activation limit.

Dated: August 8, 2017.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-351-851]

#### Silicon Metal From Brazil: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of silicon metal from Brazil. The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

**DATES:** Effective August 14, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Palmer or George Ayache, 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) 482-9068 or (202) 482-2623, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the notice of initiation of this investigation on April 4, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On May 16, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now August 7,

<sup>1</sup> See *Silicon Metal from Australia, Brazil, and Kazakhstan: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 16356 (April 4, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

#### Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is silicon metal from Brazil. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

#### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to the Department's regulations,<sup>4</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage, (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>5</sup> Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this preliminary determination, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup> The Department preliminarily is not modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See Appendix I.

<sup>2</sup> See *Silicon Metal from Australia, Brazil and Kazakhstan: Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 22490 (May 16, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination: Countervailing Duty Investigation of Silicon Metal from Brazil," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>5</sup> See *Initiation Notice*.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Silicon Metal from Australia, Brazil, Kazakhstan, and Norway: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations," dated June 27, 2017 (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).