

Business Research and Development Survey

The BRDS collects annual data on spending for research and development activities by businesses. This survey replaced the Survey of Industrial Research and Development that had been collected since the 1950s. The BRDS collects global as well as domestic spending information, more detailed information about the R&D workforce, and information regarding intellectual property from U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles this information in accordance with a joint project agreement between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Census Bureau. The NSF posts the joint project's information results on their website.

Business and Professional Classification Report

The Business and Professional Classification Report collects one-time data on a firm's type of business activity from a sample of newly organized employer firms. The data are used to update the sampling frames for our current business surveys to reflect these newly opened establishments. Additionally, the business classification data will help ensure businesses are directed to complete the correct report in the economic census.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 45, OMB approved the surveys described in this notice under the following OMB control numbers: ABS, 0607-1004; ASM, 0607-0449; ARTS, 0607-0013; AWTS, 0607-0195; SAS, 0607-0422; Report of Organization, 0607-0444; Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey, 0607-0561; ACES, 0607-0782; BRDS, 0607-0912; and Business and Professional Classification Report, 0607-0189.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the current mandatory business surveys be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: June 24, 2019.

Steven D. Dillingham,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-42-2019]

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

Vision Technologies Marine, Inc. (Vision Tech) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on June 19, 2019.

Vision Tech already has authority to produce ocean-going vessels, offshore platforms, and floating docks within FTZ 92. The current request would add a finished product and a range of 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 and specific finished product described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Vision Tech 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 and in the existing scope of authority, Vision Tech would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to crown mounted compensators (duty-free). Vision Tech 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: Piston accumulators; various assemblies (cylinder; header; cable; junction box layout; sheave); various steel components (pressure vessels; adapters and adapter fittings; adapter rings; retaining rings; lip seals; nuts; cap screws; locking and closing plates; axle retainers; bearing pads; platform supports; pipe support brackets; shims; guide rails; platform and derrick frames; beams; links and link arms; liquid storage tanks; springs; clamps; test ports; U-bolts; threaded rods; rings; couplings; shackles); filter elements; return filter elements, hydrojet propulsion units; various rubber

components (O-rings; grommets; bumpers); stainless steel adapters and connectors; various valves (Y-block; copper ball; hydraulic and pneumatic; pressure; stainless steel in-line check); hydraulic power units; various plates (crown block support; clamp; steel cover; Teflon™); various pins (steel; pivot; bent); nameplates for cables; clamp spacers; various structural steel components (linkage arm supports; pressure vessel supports; aircraft warning light supports); lifting lugs; cylinder cradles; linkage arms; junction box supports; cabinet support frames; ventlines; ventline supports; lifting beams; transport beams; tape; pressure sensors; lubricants; adapters for hydrojets; adapters for propulsion units; various electrical components (termination boxes; cable; adhesives; sensors; connectors; control cabinets; plugs; sockets); various washers (nylon; steel; plastic; steel spring and lock; Teflon™); plastic clamps; pressure gauges; neoprene rubber shaft bearings; lighting junction box tubing adapters; synthetic rubber bumpers; filters; flanges for welding; fiberglass safety gates; eyes and eye turnbuckles; wire rope; safety wire rope; non-armor glands; armor glands; light bulbs; fluorescent lights; incandescent and LED lighting; plastic clamp bodies; and, urethane pipe sleeves (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.5%). The request indicates that tape will be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41), thereby precluding inverted tariff benefits on that item. The request also indicates that certain materials/components are subject to special duties under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (Section 232) and/or Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 232 and Section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status.

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 August 12, 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.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov or 202-482-1378.

Dated: June 26, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-79-2019]

Approval of Subzone Status; Maine Coast Shellfish LLC; York, Maine

On May 1, 2019, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the City of Waterville, grantee of FTZ 186, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 186, on behalf of Maine Coast Shellfish LLC, in York, Maine.

The application was processed in accordance with the FTZ Act and Regulations, including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (84 FR 19756-19757, May 6, 2019). 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 186B was approved on June 26, 2019, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 186's 2,000-acre activation limit.

Dated: June 26, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Notice of Partially Closed Meeting of the Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee

The Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee (SITAC) will meet on July 30, 2019, 9:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Remarks from the Bureau of Industry and Security Management.
3. Industry Presentations.
4. New Business.

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov no later than July 23, 2019.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that the materials be forwarded before the meeting to Ms. Springer.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 12, 2019 pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)), that the portion of this meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information contact Yvette Springer on (202) 482-2813.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Notice of Partially Closed Meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet on July 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between

Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

Agenda

Open Session

1. Opening Remarks and Introduction.
2. Presentation: "The Role of U.S. Engagement in China's Biotechnology Development"
3. Presentation: "Synthetic Gene-length DNA: Evolving Export Control Concerns"
4. Discussion about merging with MPETAC co-chairs
5. Open session report by regime representatives

Closed Session

6. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov no later than July 11, 2019.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via email.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on April 19, 2019, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and the U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.