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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone 104—Savannah, Georgia; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by World Trade Center Savannah, LLC, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 104, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the FTZ Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on January 14, 2020.

FTZ 104 was approved by the FTZ Board on April 18, 1984 (Board Order 256, 49 FR 17789, April 25, 1984), reorganized under the ASF on January 12, 2011 (Board Order 1736, 76 FR 4865, January 27, 2011) and the ASF service area was expanded on June 10, 2013 (Board Order 1904, 78 FR 36165, June 17, 2013) and on March 12, 2015 (Board Order 1965, 80 FR 14940–14941, March 20, 2015). The zone currently has a service area that includes Bulloch, Bryan, Candler, Chatham, Columbia, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, Richmond, Screven, Tattnal, Toombs and Treulden Counties, Georgia.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the service area of the zone to include Burke County, Georgia, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the expanded service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed expanded

service area is adjacent to the Savannah, Georgia U.S. Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry

In accordance with the FTZ Board’s regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is March 27, 2020. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 13, 2020.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board’s website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov or (202) 482–0862.

Dated: January 16, 2020.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From the People’s Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order; Unfinished R–32/R–125 Blends

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that imports of unfinished blends of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) components R–32 and R–125 from the People’s Republic of China (China) are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) order on HFC blends from China. As a result, imports of blends of HFC components R–32 and R–125 from China will be subject to suspension of liquidation effective June 18, 2019. We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Medley or Jacob Garten, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement

and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4987 or (202) 482–3342, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce received information from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) relating to the *Order* on HFC blends from China regarding certain blends comprised of HFC components R–32 and R–125,¹ which closely resemble subject HFC blends from China.² On April 2, 2018, Commerce published a notice that it was opening a scope segment of the proceeding and provided an opportunity for interested parties to comment.³ On June 12, 2018, the American HFC Coalition (the petitioner) filed comments on the CBP entry packages;⁴ on June 18, 2018, Weitron, Inc. and Weitron International Refrigeration Equipment (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. (Weitron Kunshan) (collectively, Weitron) filed rebuttal comments.⁵

On August 14, 2018, the petitioner filed a request that, pursuant to section 781(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry regarding imports of unfinished blends of HFC components R–32 and R–125 from China that are further processed into finished HFC blends in the United States, which the petitioner alleged are circumventing the *Order*.⁶ On August 23, 2018, Weitron submitted rebuttal comments.⁷

¹ R–32 is also known as Difluoromethane; R–125 is also known as Pentafluoroethane.

² See *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 81 FR 55436 (August 19, 2016) (*Order*).

³ See *1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid from the People’s Republic of China; Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan; Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China; Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People’s Republic of China: Opening of Scope Segments and Opportunity to Comment*, 83 FR 13952 (April 2, 2018).

⁴ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Comments on Scope Segment for Certain R–32/R–125 Blends,” dated June 12, 2018.

⁵ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Weitron’s Response to American HFC Coalition’s Comments on Scope Segment, Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China,” dated June 18, 2018.

⁶ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People’s Republic of China: Scope Investigation Regarding Certain R–32/R–125 Blends: Request to Apply Section 781(a) to Prevent Circumvention,” dated August 14, 2018 (Initiation Request).

⁷ See Weitron’s Letter, “Weitron’s Response to Anti-Circumvention Allegation; Request to Reject, or Alternatively, Request for Extension of Time to Reply: Antidumping Duty Order on