

or depletion of backlogs of unfilled orders measures excess (or deficient) demand for manufactured products. The level of inventories, especially in relation to shipments, is frequently used to monitor the business cycle.

The M3 survey has been conducted monthly by the U.S. Census Bureau since 1957. The Advance Report on Durable Goods, Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders is an advance snapshot of the current value of manufacturing in the U.S. It is available about 18 working days after each month. The M3 survey also produces the Full Report on Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders. This report details information on the durable goods industries, and also includes the non-durable goods industries. In addition, the Full Report captures late receipts, and is available about 23 working days after each month. Beginning in 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau will be accelerating the non-durable manufacturing data in the advance high-level total manufacturing estimates for shipments and inventories. This additional data release will provide data users with early access to total manufacturing estimates, giving an early snapshot of the direction of this critical indicator. Prior to releasing the advance total manufacturing data, the U.S. Census Bureau submitted a memo of exception to the Office of Management and Budget. The advance statistics for shipments and inventories will be released at the same time as the Advance Report on Durable Goods Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders.

The notice in the **Federal Register** on September 3, 2020 (Volume 85, No. 172, Pages 54981–54982) announcing our plans to submit this request included information on the possible upcoming collection of a new module of business expectation. At this time, research and testing for an uncertainty pilot collection is still underway; once any concrete timeline is determined, a request for this additional module will be submitted.

The M3 survey provides an essential component of the current economic indicators needed for assessing the evolving status of the economy and formulating economic policy. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has designated this survey as a principal federal economic indicator. The shipments and inventories data are essential inputs to the gross domestic product (GDP), while the orders data are direct inputs to The Conference Board Leading Economic Index (LEI), which is a composite index

of ten key elements designed to monitor the business cycle (<https://www.conference-board.org/data/bcicountry.cfm?cid=1>). The GDP and the LEI would be incomplete without these data. Orders for durable goods are an important leading economic indicator. Businesses and consumers generally place orders for durable goods when they are confident the economy is improving. A durable goods report showing an increase in orders is a sign that the economy is trending upwards. Durable goods orders tell investors what to expect from the manufacturing sector, a major component of the economy. The M3 survey also provides valuable and timely domestic manufacturing data for economic planning and analysis to business firms, trade associations, research and consulting agencies, and academia.

The data are used for analyzing short- and long-term trends, both in the manufacturing sector and as related to other sectors of the economy. The data on value of shipments, especially when adjusted for change in inventories, measure current levels of production. New orders figures serve as an indicator of future production commitments. Changes in the level of unfilled orders, because of excess or shortfall of new orders compared with shipments, are used to measure the excess (or deficiency) in the demand for manufactured products. Changes in the level of inventories and the relation of these to shipments are used to project future movements in manufacturing activity. These statistics are valuable for analysts of business cycle conditions, including members of the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the Federal Reserve Board (FRB), the Department of the Treasury, The Conference Board, business firms, trade associations, private research and consulting agencies, and the academic community.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 182, and 193.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by

selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607–0008.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S–202–2020]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 18—San Jose, California; Application for Subzone Expansion; Lam Research Corporation; Fremont, California

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the City of San Jose, grantee of FTZ 18, requesting an expansion of Subzone 18F on behalf of Lam Research Corporation in Fremont, California. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of 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 November 12, 2020.

Subzone 18F consists of the following sites: Site 1 (29.28 acres)—4650 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, Alameda County; Site 4 (14.82 acres)—1 and 101 Portola Avenue, Livermore, Alameda County; Site 5 (7.3 acres)—7364 Marathon Drive and 7150 Patterson Pass Road, Unit G, Livermore, Alameda County; Site 7 (0.91 acres)—6757 Las Positas Road, Livermore, Alameda County; Site 8 (0.44 acres)—7888 Marathon Drive, Livermore, Alameda County; Site 9 (1.6 acres)—41707 Christy Street, Fremont, Alameda County; Site 11 (1.19 acres)—4050 Starboard Drive, Fremont, Alameda County; Site 12 (0.98 acres)—7650 Marathon Drive, Livermore, Alameda County; Site 13 (3.49 acres)—6551 West Schulte Road, Tracy, San Joaquin County; Site 14 (8.56 acres)—1201 Voyager Street, Livermore, Alameda County; and, Site 15 (2.77 acres)—20427 Corsair Boulevard, Hayward, Alameda County. The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the subzone to include an additional site (3.62 acres) located at 4405 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, Alameda County, which would be designated as Site 16. The expanded subzone would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 18.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Qahira El-Amin of the FTZ

Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is December 28, 2020. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 12, 2021.

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](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Qahira El-Amin at [Qahira.El-Amin@trade.gov](mailto:Qahira.El-Amin@trade.gov).

Dated: November 12, 2020.

**Andrew McGilvray,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-201-853]

#### Standard Steel Welded Wire Mesh From Mexico: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

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

**DATES:** Applicable November 18, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alice Maldonado at (202) 482-4682 or Melissa Kinter at (202) 482-1413, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On July 20, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of standard steel welded wire mesh (wire mesh) from Mexico.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than December 7, 2020.

<sup>1</sup> See *Standard Steel Welded Wire Mesh from Mexico: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 85 FR 45167 (July 20, 2020) (Initiation Notice).

#### Postponement of 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 LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1)(A)(b)(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<sup>2</sup> 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.

On November 2, 2020, the petitioners submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination in the LTFV investigation.<sup>3</sup> The petitioners stated that their requested postponement "will permit the agency to issue supplemental questionnaires to Aceromex, S.A. de C.V. (Aceromex) to clarify its initial responses and to accurately determine the magnitude of dumping that occurred during the period of investigation."<sup>4</sup>

For the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determination no later than January 26, 2021. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation 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).

<sup>2</sup> The petitioners are Insteel Industries, Inc.; Mid South Wire Company; National Wire LLC; Oklahoma Steel & Wire Co.; and Wire Mesh Corp.

<sup>3</sup> See Petitioners' Letter, "Standard Steel Welded Wire Mesh from Mexico—Petitioners' Request to Postpone Preliminary Determinations," dated November 2, 2020.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 2.

Dated: November 12, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-552-831]

#### Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

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

**DATES:** Applicable November 18, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ariela Garvett, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3609.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On July 20, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated the less-than-fair value (LTFV) investigation of imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube (copper pipe and tube) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam).<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than December 7, 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 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

<sup>1</sup> See *Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 85 FR 47181 (August 4, 2020).