DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc. (Deer Park, TX) as a Commercial Gauger


ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of SGS North America, Inc. (Deer Park, TX), as a commercial gauger.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that SGS North America, Inc. (Deer Park, TX), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of October 04, 2019.

DATES: SGS North America, Inc. (Deer Park, TX) was approved as a commercial gauger. As of October 04, 2019. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for October 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Allison Blair, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 4150 Interwood South Parkway, Houston, TX 77032, tel. 281-560-2924.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, that SGS North America Inc., 900B Georgia Avenue, Deer Park, TX 77536, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. SGS North America, Inc. (Deer Park, TX) is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

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Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to CBPGaugersLabscbp.dhs.gov. Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2020–0016]

Meetings To Implement Pandemic Response Voluntary Agreement Under Section 708 of the Defense Production Act


ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is holding two meetings to implement the Voluntary Agreement for the Manufacture and Distribution of Critical Healthcare Resources Necessary to Respond to a Pandemic. The meetings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The second meeting will take place on Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Glenn, Office of Business, Industry, Infrastructure Integration, via email at OB3I@fema.dhs.gov or via phone at (202) 212-1666.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is provided as required by section 708(h)(8) of the Defense Production Act (DPA), 50 U.S.C. 4558(h)(8), and consistent with 44 CFR part 332. The DPA authorizes the making of “voluntary agreements and plans of action” with representatives of industry, business, and other interests to help provide for the national defense. The President’s authority to facilitate voluntary agreements with respect to responding to the spread of COVID–19 within the United States was delegated to the Secretary of Homeland Security in Executive Order 13911. The Secretary of Homeland Security further delegated this authority to the FEMA Administrator.

On August 17, 2020, after the appropriate consultations with the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, FEMA completed and published in the Federal Register a “Voluntary Agreement—Manufacture, Allocation, and Distribution of Critical Healthcare Resources Necessary to Respond to a Pandemic” (Voluntary Agreement). Unless terminated earlier, the Voluntary Agreement is effective until August 17, 2025, and may be extended subject to additional approval by the Attorney General after consultation with the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. The Agreement may be used to prepare for or respond to any pandemic, including COVID–19, during that time.

On December 7, 2020, the first plan of action under the Voluntary Agreement—the Plan of Action to Establish a National Strategy for the Manufacture, Allocation, and Distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Respond to COVID–19 (PPE Plan of Action)—was finalized. The PPE Plan of Action established several sub-committees under the

1 50 U.S.C. 4558(c)(1).
2 85 FR 18403 (Apr. 1, 2020).
3 DHS Delegation 009052 Rev. 00 (Dec. 8, 2020).
4 85 FR 50035 (Aug. 17, 2020). The Attorney General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, made the required finding that the purpose of the voluntary agreement may not reasonably be achieved through an agreement having less anticompetitive effects or without any voluntary agreement and published the finding in the Federal Register on the same day. 85 FR 50049 (Aug. 17, 2020).