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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-47-2023]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 183; Authorization of Production Activity; Flextronics America, LLC; (Automatic Data Processing Machines); Austin, Texas

On July 28, 2023, Flextronics America, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 183C, in Austin, Texas.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (88 FR 50833, August 2, 2023). On November 27, 2023, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including section 400.14.

Dated: November 27, 2023.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-904]

#### Certain Activated Carbon From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

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

**SUMMARY:** As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department

of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain activated carbon (activated carbon) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of this AD order.

**DATES:** Applicable November 24, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Palmer, 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.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On April 27, 2007, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD order on activated carbon from China.<sup>1</sup> On June 1, 2023, the ITC instituted,<sup>2</sup> and Commerce initiated,<sup>3</sup> the third sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail should the order be revoked.<sup>4</sup>

On November 24, 2023, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 20988 (April 27, 2007) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Activated Carbon from China; Institution of a Five-Year Review*, 88 FR 35926 (July 3, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 35832 (June 1, 2023).

<sup>4</sup> See *Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Third Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 66810 (September 28, 2023).

<sup>5</sup> See *Certain Activated Carbon from China*, 88 FR 82397 (November 24, 2023) (*ITC Final Determination*); see also *Certain Activated Carbon from China*, Inv. No. 731-TA-1143 (Third Review), USITC Publication 5035 (November 2023).

#### Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is certain activated carbon. Certain activated carbon is a powdered, granular, or pelletized carbon product obtained by "activating" with heat and steam various materials containing carbon, including but not limited to coal (including bituminous, lignite, and anthracite), wood, coconut shells, olive stones, and peat. The thermal and steam treatments remove organic materials and create an internal pore structure in the carbon material. The producer can also use carbon dioxide gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) in place of steam in this process. The vast majority of the internal porosity developed during the high temperature steam (or CO<sub>2</sub> gas) activated process is a direct result of oxidation of a portion of the solid carbon atoms in the raw material, converting them into a gaseous form of carbon.

The scope of the *Order* covers all forms of activated carbon that are activated by steam or CO<sub>2</sub>, regardless of the raw material, grade, mixture, additives, further washing or post-activation chemical treatment (chemical or water washing, chemical impregnation or other treatment), or product form. Unless specifically excluded, the scope of the *Order* covers all physical forms of certain activated carbon, including powdered activated carbon (PAC), granular activated carbon (GAC), and pelletized activated carbon.

Excluded from the scope of the *Order* are chemically activated carbons. The carbon-based raw material used in the chemical activation process is treated with a strong chemical agent, including but not limited to phosphoric acid, zinc chloride, sulfuric acid, or potassium hydroxide that dehydrates molecules in the raw material, and results in the formation of water that is removed from the raw material by moderate heat treatment. The activated carbon created by chemical activation has internal porosity developed primarily due to the action of the chemical dehydration agent. Chemically activated carbons are typically used to activate raw materials with a lignocellulosic component such as cellulose, including wood, sawdust, paper mill waste and peat.

To the extent that an imported activated carbon product is a blend of steam and chemically activated carbons, products containing 50 percent or more steam (or CO<sub>2</sub> gas) activated carbons are