

formats, for Commerce's online data resources?

5. How can Commerce better understand the needs of users for its data and the return on its investment in making its data more AI-ready?

Partnership Engagement

1. How can industry and academic stakeholders collaborate with the government to shape the design and dissemination of AI-ready open data?

2. What are the potential areas of partnership, and how can industry and academia contribute to enhancing data quality, integrity, and usefulness for AI purposes?

Data Integrity and Quality

1. What are best practices that industries have employed to enhance the integrity and accuracy of public data when used in AI applications? What are best practices for data verification and validation? What are best practices for conducting regular audits and quality checks of data used in AI applications?

2. How can we collectively address challenges related to authenticity bias, privacy, data quality, equity, and ethical use while maintaining transparency and accountability?

3. What security protocols can be developed to mitigate risks of unauthorized data access and manipulation?

4. How can Commerce promote transparency in data sourcing and processing methods to enhance trust and reliability? What is the expectation for reporting the quality of its data and how can we ensure that information will be carried through and presented to the end user?

5. What validation processes can be established to maintain and verify data accuracy and consistency?

6. How can Commerce facilitate comprehensive and transparent data documentation for replication and analysis?

Data Ethics

1. What steps are needed to establish clear legal and ethical guidelines for AI data usage, ensuring privacy rights, preserving property rights, and focusing on equitable outcomes?

2. What types of policies could Commerce implement to identify and mitigate biases in AI algorithms, including ensuring diverse data representation?

3. What are the best protocols for ethical data collection, processing, and storage that prioritize data integrity and accuracy?

Commerce invites your comments and insights on the above questions, as well

as any additional input you deem relevant.

Oliver Wise,

Chief Data Officer, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 2160]

Production Authority Not Approved; Foreign-Trade Zone 38; Teijin Carbon Fibers, Inc.; (Carbon Fiber); Greenwood, South Carolina

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Act provides for “. . . the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the FTZ Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the South Carolina State Ports Authority, grantee of FTZ 38, has requested production authority on behalf of Teijin Carbon Fibers, Inc., within FTZ 38 in Greenwood, South Carolina (B-52-2020, docketed August 6, 2020);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 49359, August 13, 2020; 85 FR 68557, October 29, 2020; 85 FR 81875, December 17, 2020; 86 FR 7695, February 1, 2021; 86 FR 10040, February 18, 2021; 86 FR 23672, May 4, 2021; 86 FR 33218, June 24, 2021; 86 FR 38010, July 19, 2021; 86 FR 48982, September 1, 2021; 88 FR 5853, January 30, 2023; 88 FR 12912, March 1, 2023) and the application, as amended, has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations have not been satisfied;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby does not approve the application, as amended, requesting to remove the restriction requiring that all foreign status 24,000 tow PAN fiber admitted for production activity be re-exported

(entry for U.S. consumption was not authorized) within FTZ 38 at the facility of Teijin Carbon Fibers, Inc., located in Greenwood, South Carolina, as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: April 12, 2024.

Dawn Shackelford,

Executive Director of Trade Agreements Policy & Negotiations, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S-68-2024]

Foreign-Trade Zone 80; Application for Subzone; Vitesco Technologies USA, LLC; Seguin, Texas

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the City of San Antonio, grantee of FTZ 80, requesting subzone status for the facility of Vitesco Technologies USA, LLC, located in Seguin, Texas. 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 April 11, 2024.

The proposed subzone (50 acres) is located at 3740 North Austin Street, Seguin, Texas. No authorization for production activity has been requested at this time. The proposed subzone would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 80.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Kolade Osho 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. The closing period for their receipt is May 28, 2024. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to June 11, 2024.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information Section" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Kolade Osho at Kolade.Osho@trade.gov.

Dated: April 11, 2024.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Renewal of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

ACTION: Notice of Renewal of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, the Department of Commerce announces the renewal of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (the Committee). The Committee shall advise the Secretary of Commerce regarding the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the competitiveness of U.S. exports of renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services.

The Committee's work on renewable energy will focus on technologies, equipment, and services to generate electricity, produce heat, and power vehicles from renewable sources such as solar, wind, biomass, hydropower, geothermal, and hydrogen. The Committee's work on energy efficiency will focus on technologies, services, and platforms that provide system-level energy efficiency to electricity generation, transmission, and distribution. These include smart grid technologies and services, as well as equipment and systems that increase the resiliency of power infrastructure such as energy storage. Climate solutions in the energy sector, such as low-carbon hydrogen production, clean energy transportation, and virtual power plants are also within the scope of the Committee. For the purposes of this Committee, covered goods and services will not include vehicles, feedstock for biofuels, or energy efficiency as it relates to consumer goods or buildings. Non-fossil fuels that reduce carbon consumption (*e.g.*, liquid biofuels and pellets) are included. This notice also requests nominations for membership.

DATES: Applications or nominations for members must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Friday May 31, 2024. After that date,

the International Trade Administration (ITA) may continue to accept nominations under this notice to fill any vacancies that may arise.

ADDRESSES: Applications or nominations may be emailed to Cora.Dickson@trade.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cora Dickson, Designated Federal Officer, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce; phone 202-482-6083; email Cora.Dickson@trade.gov. Interested parties can also view Committee documents on the REEEAC website at <http://trade.gov/reeeac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee shall consist of up to 30 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance and based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the Committee. Members shall represent U.S. companies, U.S. trade associations, U.S. private sector organizations, and civil society groups with activities focused on the export competitiveness of U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services. The Committee shall also represent the range of company or organizational roles in the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, including, for example, project developers, technology integrators, financial institutions, and manufacturers. Members of the Committee are selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the Committee as set forth in the Charter and in a manner that ensures that the Committee is balanced in terms of points of view, industry subsector, geography, and company size. The diverse membership of the Committee assures perspectives reflecting the breadth of the Committee's responsibilities, and, where possible, the Department of Commerce will also consider the ethnic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity diversity and various abilities of the United States population.

Members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary from the date of appointment to the Committee to the date on which the Committee's charter terminates. Members serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of a U.S. entity or U.S. organization, as well as their particular subsector; they are, therefore, not Special Government Employees.

Members of the Committee must not be registered as foreign agents under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. No member may represent a company that is majority owned or controlled by a foreign government entity (or foreign government entities). Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services or reimbursed for their travel expenses.

If you are interested in applying or nominating someone else to become a member of the Committee, please provide the following information:

(1) Sponsor letter on the company's, trade association's or organization's letterhead containing the name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and email address) of the individual who is applying or being nominated;

(2) An affirmative statement that the nominee will be able to meet the expected time commitments of Committee work. Committee work includes (1) a commitment to attend quarterly committee meetings (two in-person meetings lasting one day each and two virtual meetings lasting 2-4 hours each), (2) undertaking additional work outside of full committee meetings including regular participation in virtual subcommittee meetings, and (3) frequently drafting, preparing, or commenting on proposed recommendations to be evaluated at Committee meetings;

(3) Short biography of nominee, including credentials;

(4) Brief description (not brochures or other marketing collateral) of the company, trade association, or organization to be represented and its business activities, company size (number of employees and annual sales), and export markets served;

(5) An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all Committee eligibility requirements.

The attendance record of a nominated individual who has served on the Committee will be taken into consideration for reappointment. In principle, appointed Committee members should be absent from the Committee meetings (virtual or in-person) no more than once a year, for example, due to illness, family emergency, weather delays, etc. In-person meetings will not be held in a hybrid format. ITA will endeavor to announce in-person meetings sufficiently in advance for the members to adjust their travel plans or schedules accordingly.

See the **ADDRESSES** and **DATES** captions above for how and the deadline to submit nominations.