

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.

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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.

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

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