

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT
ASSISTANCE—Continued
[8/17/2021 through 9/7/2021]

| Firm name | Firm address | Date accepted for investigation | Product(s) |
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| Rose Electronics Distributing Company, LLC. | 2030 Ringwood Avenue, San Jose, CA 95131. | 8/24/2021 | The firm manufactures batteries. |
| RoMan Manufacturing, Inc | 861 47th Street Southwest, Wyoming, MI 49509. | 8/30/2021 | The firm manufactures electrical equipment. |
| Positive Connection, Inc | 374 Central Avenue, Taneyville, MO 65759. | 9/2/2021 | The firm manufactures wire harnesses for electrical circuits. |
| Chateau Bianca, Inc | 17485 Highway 22, Dallas, OR 97338 | 9/7/2021 | The firm produces wine. |

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.8 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Bryan Borlik,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–124, C–570–125]

Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 99cc and up to 225cc, and Parts Thereof, From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders—60cc up to 99cc Engines

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

SUMMARY: In response to allegations of circumvention from Briggs & Stratton, LLC, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating an anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of small vertical shaft engines with displacements between 60cc and up to 99cc (60cc up to 99cc engines) from the People's Republic of

China (China) are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain vertical shaft engines between 99cc and up to 225cc, and parts thereof (small vertical engines) from China.

DATES: Effective September 17, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin Luberda or Paul Litwin, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2185 and (202) 482–6002, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 30, 2021, Briggs & Stratton, LLC, the petitioner in the AD and CVD investigations, requested that Commerce initiate anti-circumvention inquiries with regard to 60cc up to 99cc engines that are exported to the United States from China.¹ The petitioner alleges that 60cc up to 99cc engines constitute merchandise altered in form or appearance in such minor respects that it should be included within the scope of the *Orders*² pursuant to section 781(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.225(i). In addition, the petitioner alleges that 60cc up to 99cc engines are later-developed merchandise and should be included within the scope of the *Orders* pursuant to section 781(d) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(j). On August 27, 2021, MTD Products Inc. (MTD), an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and importer,

¹ See Petitioner's Letter, "Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 99cc and 225cc, and Parts Thereof from China/Request for Anti-Circumvention Inquiries Pursuant to Section 781(c) and/or 781(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930," dated July 30, 2021 (Circumvention Allegation).

² See *Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 99cc and Up to 225cc, and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 86 FR 23675 (May 4, 2021) (*Orders*).

submitted comments requesting that Commerce reject the petitioner's request to initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry.³ On September 3, 2021, the petitioner submitted comments on MTD's request to decline initiating an anti-circumvention inquiry.⁴

Scope of the Orders

The products subject to these *Orders* are small vertical engines from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Orders*, see the appendix.

Merchandise Subject to the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry

This anti-circumvention inquiry covers small vertical shaft engines with displacements between 60cc and up to 99cc produced in China and exported to the United States.

Legal Framework

Section 781(c) of the Act provides that Commerce may find circumvention of an AD or CVD order when merchandise of the same class or kind as merchandise has been "altered in form or appearance in minor respects . . . whether or not included in the same tariff classification." Section 781(c)(2) of the Act provides an exception that "[p]aragraph 1 shall not apply with respect to altered merchandise if the administering authority determines that it would be unnecessary to consider the altered merchandise within the scope of the {order}."

While the Act is silent as to what factors to consider in determining whether alterations are properly considered "minor," the legislative history of this provision indicates that there are certain factors that should be considered before reaching a circumvention determination. In conducting a circumvention inquiry

³ See MTD's Letter, "Request to Reject Anti-Circumvention Inquiry Request," dated August 27, 2021.

⁴ See Petitioner's Letter, "Comments on Request to Reject Anti-Circumvention Inquiry Request," dated September 3, 2021.

under section 781(c) of the Act, Commerce has generally relied upon “such criteria as the overall physical characteristics of the merchandise, the expectations of the ultimate users, the use of the merchandise, the channels of marketing and the cost of any modification relative to the total value of the imported products.”⁵ Concerning the allegation of minor alteration under section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(i), Commerce examines such factors as: (1) Overall physical characteristics; (2) expectations of ultimate users; (3) use of merchandise; (4) channels of marketing; and (5) cost of any modification relative to the value of the imported products.⁶

Section 781(d) of the Act provides that Commerce may initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether merchandise developed after an AD or CVD investigation is within the scope of the order(s). In conducting later-developed merchandise inquiries under section 781(d)(1) of the Act, Commerce will evaluate whether: (1) The general physical characteristics of the merchandise subject to the inquiry are the same as subject merchandise covered by the order(s); (2) the expectations of the ultimate purchasers of the merchandise subject to the inquiry are no different to the expectations of the ultimate purchasers of subject merchandise; (3) the ultimate use of the inquiry merchandise and subject merchandise are the same; (4) the channels of trade of both products are the same; and (5) there are any differences in the advertisement and display of both products.⁷ First, however, Commerce applies a commercial availability test to determine whether the merchandise subject to the inquiry was commercially available at the time of the investigation(s) (*i.e.*, the product was present in the commercial market or the product was tested and ready for commercial production).⁸

⁵ See *Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Mexico: Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry of Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 5405 (February 7, 2018) (citing S. Rep. No. 71, 100th Cong., 1st Sess. 100 (1987)).

⁶ *Id.*; and *Deacero S.A. de C.V. v. United States*, 817 F.3d 1332 (Fed. Cir. 2016)

⁷ See section 781(d)(1) of the Act.

⁸ See *Later-Developed Anticircumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of Antidumping Duty Order*, 71 FR 32033, 32035 (June 2, 2006), unchanged in *Later-Developed Merchandise Anticircumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 71 FR 59075 (October 6, 2006).

Analysis

After analyzing the record evidence and the petitioner's allegation, we determine that there is sufficient information to warrant the initiation of a minor alterations anti-circumvention inquiry, pursuant to section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(i). However, we determine that initiation of a later-developed merchandise anti-circumvention inquiry, pursuant to section 781(d) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(j), is not warranted. For a full discussion of the basis for our decision to initiate a minor alterations anti-circumvention inquiry, but not a later-developed merchandise anti-circumvention inquiry, see the Initiation Decision Memorandum.⁹ The Initiation Decision Memorandum is a public document, on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Initiation Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>.

Conclusion

Commerce will determine whether the merchandise subject to the inquiry (as described in the “Merchandise Subject to the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry” section above) is circumventing the *Orders* such that it should be included within the scope of the *Orders*, pursuant to section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(i).

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(l)(2), if Commerce issues a preliminary affirmative determination, we will then instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties, at the applicable rate, for each unliquidated entry of the merchandise at issue entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after the date of initiation of the inquiry.

Commerce will establish a schedule for questionnaires and comments on the issues related to the inquiry. In accordance with section 781(f) of the Act, to the maximum extent practicable, Commerce intends to issue its final determination within 300 days of the date of publication of this initiation.

⁹ See “Decision Memorandum for Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry,” dated concurrently with and hereby adopted by this notice (Initiation Decision Memorandum).

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is published in accordance with sections 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(i).

Dated: September 13, 2021.

Christian Marsh,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by these orders consists of spark-ignited, non-road, vertical shaft engines, whether finished or unfinished, whether assembled or unassembled, whether mounted or unmounted, primarily for walk-behind lawn mowers. Engines meeting this physical description may also be for other non-hand-held outdoor power equipment, including but not limited to, pressure washers. The subject engines are spark ignition, single-cylinder, air cooled, internal combustion engines with vertical power take off shafts with a minimum displacement of 99 cubic centimeters (cc) and a maximum displacement of up to, but not including, 225cc. Typically, engines with displacements of this size generate gross power of between 1.95 kilowatts (kw) to 4.75 kw.

Engines covered by this scope normally must comply with and be certified under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air pollution controls title 40, chapter I, subchapter U, part 1054 of the Code of Federal Regulations standards for small non-road spark-ignition engines and equipment. Engines that otherwise meet the physical description of the scope but are not certified under 40 CFR part 1054 and are not certified under other parts of subchapter U of the EPA air pollution controls are not excluded from the scope of this proceeding. Engines that may be certified under both 40 CFR part 1054 as well as other parts of subchapter U remain subject to the scope of this proceeding.

Certain small vertical shaft engines, whether or not mounted on non-hand-held outdoor power equipment, including but not limited to walk-behind lawn mowers and pressure washers, are included in the scope. However, if a subject engine is imported mounted on such equipment, only the engine is covered by the scope. Subject merchandise includes certain small vertical shaft engines produced in the subject country whether mounted on outdoor power equipment in the subject country or in a third country. Subject engines are covered whether or not they are accompanied by other parts.

For purposes of these orders, an unfinished engine covers at a minimum a sub-assembly comprised of, but not limited to, the following components: Crankcase, crankshaft, camshaft, piston(s), and connecting rod(s). Importation of these components together, whether assembled or unassembled, and whether or not accompanied by additional components such as a sump, carburetor spacer, cylinder head(s), valve train, or valve cover(s), constitutes an unfinished engine for purposes of these orders. The inclusion of other products such as spark plugs fitted into the

cylinder head or electrical devices (e.g., ignition coils) for synchronizing with the engine to supply tension current does not remove the product from the scope. The inclusion of any other components not identified as comprising the unfinished engine subassembly in a third country does not remove the engine from the scope.

Specifically excluded from the scope of these orders are “Commercial” or “Heavy Commercial” engines under 40 CFR 1054.107 and 1054.135 that have (1) a displacement of 160 cc or greater, (2) a cast iron cylinder liner, (3) an automatic compression release, and (4) a muffler with at least three chambers and volume greater than 400 cc.

The engines subject to these orders are predominantly classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheading 8407.90.1010. The engine subassemblies that are subject to this investigation enter under HTSUS 8409.91.9990. The mounted engines that are subject to this investigation enter under HTSUS 8433.11.0050, 8433.11.0060, and 8424.30.9000. Engines subject to this investigation may also enter under HTSUS 8407.90.1020, 8407.90.9040, and 8407.90.9060. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only, and the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Domestic and International Client Export Services and Customized Forms Renewal

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 6, 2021, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service, Commerce.

Title: Domestic and International Client Export Services and Customized Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0625–0143.

Form Number(s): ITA–4096P.

Type of Request: Renewal submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 33,333 (annual).

Needs and Uses: The International Trade Administration’s (ITA) U.S. Commercial Service (CS) is mandated by Congress to broaden and deepen the U.S. exporter base. The CS accomplishes this by providing counseling, programs, and services to help U.S. organizations export and conduct business in overseas markets. This information collection package enables the CS to provide appropriate export services to U.S. exporters and international buyers.

The Commercial Service (CS) offers a variety of services to enable clients to begin exporting/importing or to expand existing exporting/importing efforts. Clients may learn about our services from business related entities such as the National Association of Manufacturers, Federal Express, State Economic Development offices, the internet or word of mouth. The CS provides a standard set of services to assist clients with identifying potential overseas partners, establishing meeting programs with appropriate overseas business contacts, and providing due diligence reports on potential overseas business partners. The CS also provides other export-related services considered to be of a “customized nature” because they do not fit into the standard set of CS export services but are driven by unique business needs of individual clients.

The dissemination of international market information and potential business opportunities for U.S. exporters are critical components of the Commercial Service’s export assistance programs and services. U.S. companies conveniently access and indicate their interest in these services by completing the appropriate forms via ITA and CS U.S. Export Assistance Center websites.

The CS works closely with clients to educate them about the exporting/importing process and to help prepare them for exporting/importing. When a client is ready to begin the exporting/importing process our field staff provide counseling to assist in the development of an exporting strategy. We provide fee-based, export-related services designed to help client export/import. The type of export-related service that is proposed to a client depends upon a client’s business goals and where they are in the export/import process. Some clients are

at the beginning of the export process and require assistance with identifying potential distributors, whereas other clients may be ready to sign a contract with a potential distributor and require due diligence assistance.

Before the CS can provide export-related services to clients, such as assistance with identifying potential partners or providing due diligence, specific information is required to determine the client’s business objectives and needs. For example, before we can provide a service to identify potential business partners, we need to know whether the client would like a potential partner to have specific technical qualifications, coverage in a specific market, English or foreign language ability or warehousing requirements. This information collection is designed to elicit such data so that appropriate services can be proposed and conducted to most effectively meet the client’s exporting goals. Without these forms the CS is unable to provide services when requested by clients.

The forms ask U.S. exporters standard questions about their company details, export experience, information about the products or services they wish to export and exporting goals. A few questions are tailored to a specific program type and will vary slightly with each program. CS staff use this information to gain an understanding of client’s needs and objectives so that they can provide appropriate and effective export assistance tailored to an exporter’s particular requirements.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; and Federal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Public Law 15 U.S.C. *et seq.* and 15 U.S.C. 171 *et seq.*

This information collection request may be viewed at 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and