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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 2174]

#### Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone Not Approved—Iberia Parish, Louisiana

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 Foreign-Trade Zones 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 Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

*Whereas*, the Port of Iberia District (the applicant) made application to the Board (B-6-2024, docketed February 7, 2024) requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone under the ASF with a service area of the portions of Iberia Parish which lie within the boundaries of the Port of Iberia District and a proposed subzone, adjacent to the

Morgan City Customs and Border Protection port of entry;

*Whereas*, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 10031, February 13, 2024; 89 FR 102856, December 18, 2024) and the application was 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;

*Therefore*, the Board hereby does not approve the application of the Port of Iberia District.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

**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

[B-23-2025]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 196, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; RECARO Aircraft Seating Americas, LLC; (Aircraft Seats); Fort Worth, Texas

RECARO Aircraft Seating Americas, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in Fort Worth, Texas, within FTZ 196. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board’s regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on April 7, 2025.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board’s website—accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz). The proposed materials/components would be added to the production authority that the Board previously approved for the operation, as reflected on the Board’s website.

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include gas generators for airbag belt systems, electric storage batteries, electric light emitting diode (LED) light indicators, DC electric power units, and cable

wiring harnesses (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 3.4%). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 1702(a)(1)(B) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 1702), or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 1702 and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is May 21, 2025.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the “Online FTZ Information System” section of the Board’s website.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at [juanita.chen@trade.gov](mailto:juanita.chen@trade.gov).

Dated: April 8, 2025.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-201-845]

#### Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico: Preliminary Results of the 2022-2023 Administrative Review

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) selected two respondents for individual examination, Azucarera San Jose De Abajo S.A. (San Jose) and Santa Rosalia de la Chontalpa, SA de CV, and its affiliates (Santa Rosalia; collectively, Grupo BSM). Commerce preliminarily determines there are no attributable sales to serve as a basis for review of whether San Jose complied with the certain terms of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico, as amended (AD Agreement) during the period of review (POR) from December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023. We preliminarily determine that Grupo BSM, did not comply with the requirement to eliminate at least 85 percent of the dumping found in the investigation during the POR. Furthermore, we

consider Grupo BSM's noncompliant behavior to be serious and in need of remediation, and we will implement certain steps to address its noncompliance. Finally, Commerce preliminarily determines that the AD Agreement met the applicable statutory requirements during the POR.

**DATES:** Applicable April 11, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Buckles or Samantha Fino, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6230 or (202) 482–2861, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Commerce and Mexican producers/exporters accounting for substantially all imports of sugar from Mexico signed the AD Agreement under section 734(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), which suspended the underlying antidumping duty investigation, on December 19, 2014, and which was subsequently amended on January 15, 2020.<sup>1</sup>

On December 26, 2023, the American Sugar Coalition and its members (petitioners)<sup>2</sup> filed a timely request for an administrative review of the AD Agreement.<sup>3</sup> On February 9, 2024, Commerce initiated an administrative review for the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023.<sup>4</sup> On April 4, 2024, Commerce selected San Jose and Santa Rosalia as mandatory respondents.

##### Scope of the AD Agreement

The product covered by this AD Agreement is raw and refined sugar of all polarimeter readings derived from sugar cane or sugar beets. Merchandise covered by this AD Agreement is typically imported under the following headings of the HTSUS: 1701.12.1000, 1701.12.5000, 1701.13.1000, 1701.13.5000, 1701.14.1020,

1701.14.1040, 1701.14.5000, 1701.91.1000, 1701.91.3000, 1701.99.1015, 1701.99.1017, 1701.99.1025, 1701.99.1050, 1701.99.5015, 1701.99.5017, 1701.99.5025, 1701.99.5050, and 1702.90.4000.<sup>5</sup> The tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of this AD Agreement is dispositive.<sup>6</sup>

##### Methodology and Preliminary Results

Commerce has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(C) of the Act, which specifies that Commerce shall “review the current status of, and compliance with, any agreement by reason of which an investigation was suspended.” Pursuant to the AD Agreement, each signatory producer/exporter individually agrees that it will not sell subject merchandise at prices less than the reference prices established in Appendix I to the AD Agreement.<sup>7</sup> Each signatory producer/exporter also individually agrees that for each entry the amount by which the estimated normal value exceeds the export price (or the constructed export price) will not exceed 15 percent of the weighted average amount by which the estimated normal value exceeded the export price (or constructed export price) for all less-than-fair-value entries of the producer/exporter examined during the course of the investigation.<sup>8</sup> The signatory producers/exporters also individually agree to provide documentation upon request from Commerce<sup>9</sup> and provide certifications each quarter<sup>10</sup> to allow Commerce to monitor the AD Agreement. In addition, the signatory producers/exporters agree to incorporate into their sales contracts with Intermediary Customers<sup>11</sup> the obligation that such customers will abide by the terms of the AD Agreement.<sup>12</sup> Lastly, the signatory producers/exporters agree to ensure that

Other Sugar<sup>13</sup> is tested for polarity by a laboratory approved by CBP upon entry into the United States and that the importers of record report the polarity test results for each entry to Commerce within 30 days of entry.<sup>14</sup>

After reviewing the information received from the respondent companies in their questionnaire and supplemental questionnaire responses, we preliminarily determine that except for as explained below the respondents were generally in compliance with the AD Agreement during the POR, that the AD Agreement is functioning as intended, and that the AD Agreement met the statutory requirements under sections 734(c) and (d) of the Act during the POR. However, we preliminarily find that there are no attributable sales to serve as a basis for review of whether San Jose complied with certain terms of the AD Agreement, *i.e.*, the Reference Prices<sup>15</sup> and the requirement to eliminate at least 85 percent of the dumping, during the POR. In addition, we preliminarily find that Grupo BSM did not comply with the requirement to eliminate at least 85 percent of the dumping during the POR.

We intend to address what we have found to be serious noncompliance by Grupo BSM with an “action plan” outlined in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Commerce’s next steps will include: verification of Grupo BSM’s questionnaire responses; formal consultations with the Signatories to the AD Agreement under Section VII.E.2 (Operations Consultations); additional monitoring of Grupo BSM; and consideration of the selection of Grupo BSM in a future administrative review. These measures are necessary to ensure compliance with the AD Agreement and that any potential administrative challenges to effective monitoring are diminished.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is 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 Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed

<sup>1</sup> See *Sugar from Mexico: Suspension of Antidumping Investigation*, 79 FR 78039 (December 29, 2014); *see also Sugar from Mexico: Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 85 FR 3620 (January 22, 2020) (collectively, AD Agreement).

<sup>2</sup> The members of the American Sugar Coalition are as follows: American Sugar Cane League, American Sugarbeet Growers Association, American Sugar Refining, Inc., Florida Sugar Cane League, Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc., Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, and the United States Beet Sugar Association.

<sup>3</sup> See Petitioners’ Letter, “Request for Administrative Review,” dated December 26, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 8641 (February 8, 2024).

<sup>5</sup> Prior to July 1, 2016, merchandise covered by the AD Agreement was also classified in the HTSUS under subheading 1701.99.1010. Prior to January 1, 2020, merchandise covered by the AD Agreement was also classified in the HTSUS under subheadings 1701.14.1000 and 1701.99.5010.

<sup>6</sup> For a complete description of the Scope of the AD Agreement, *see* Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2022–2023 Administrative Review: Sugar from Mexico,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>7</sup> See AD Agreement at Section VI and Appendix I.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at Section VI.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* at Sections VII.B.1, VII.B.2, and VII.B.4.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at Section VII.C.4.

<sup>11</sup> “Intermediary Customer” is defined in Section II.N of the AD Agreement.

<sup>12</sup> See AD Agreement at Section VII.C.5.

<sup>13</sup> “Other Sugar” is defined Section II.F of the AD Agreement.

<sup>14</sup> See AD Agreement at Section VII.C.6.

<sup>15</sup> “Reference Price” is defined at Section II.G of the AD Agreement.

directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>. Commerce also addresses certain issues, which require discussion of business proprietary information, in separate memoranda which we incorporate into the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>16</sup>

### Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information from Grupo BSM relied upon in making its final determination.

### Public Comment

Interested parties may submit case briefs not later than seven days after the date on which the verification report is issued in this administrative review.<sup>17</sup> Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>18</sup> Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.<sup>19</sup>

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.<sup>20</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>21</sup>

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a

hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants and whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, unless extended.

### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

**Christopher Abbott,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the Agreement
- IV. Preliminary Results of Review
- V. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-533-935]

#### **Hard Empty Capsules From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Antidumping Duty Determination; Withdrawal**

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

**DATES:** Applicable April 11, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine Smith or Gordon Struck, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade

Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; (202) 482-0557 or (202) 482-8151, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On April 1, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) erroneously published a duplicate **Federal Register** notice titled *Hard Empty Capsules from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*. Commerce is withdrawing the above-mentioned notice, **Federal Register** Doc. 2025-05538.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(f) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: April 4, 2025.

**Christopher Abbott,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-201-846]

#### **Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico; Preliminary Results of the 2023 Administrative Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the signatory, the Government of Mexico (GOM), and the respondent companies selected for individual examination, respectively, Azucarera San Jose De Abajo S.A. and Santa Rosalia de la Chontalpa, SA de CV, were in compliance with the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico, as amended (CVD Agreement) during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Commerce also preliminarily determines that the CVD Agreement met the applicable statutory requirements during the POR.

**DATES:** Applicable April 11, 2025.

<sup>16</sup> See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 6-8 and fn. 47 and 59.

<sup>17</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

<sup>18</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

<sup>19</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>20</sup> We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>21</sup> See *APO and Service Final Rule*.