

exceed their reported share interest in cotton acres on the farm;

(2) CCC confirms the shares are consistent with the acreage report to protect the interests of tenants and sharecroppers and at no time will payments be issued for total shares exceeding 100 percent of the total cotton acres reported on the farm, and where lease agreements exist under which terms are determined to be a share lease, according to 7 CFR part 1412, for cotton, neither the landlord, tenant, nor sharecropper will receive 100 percent of CGCS payment for the farm;

(3) If determined necessary and requested by the FSA county office committee, the applicant provided a copy of the lease agreement; and

(4) CCC determines that the payment shares do not circumvent either the provisions of this NOFA or the provisions of 7 CFR part 1400.

The result of an approved application will be a CGCS payment, consistent with the terms specified in this NOFA and the payment application. All applications are subject to the approval by FSA on behalf of CCC, and FSA will not approve ineligible applications.

#### Provisions Requiring Refund to FSA

In the event that any application for a CGCS payment resulted from erroneous information or a miscalculation, the payment will be recalculated and the participant must refund any excess payment to FSA with interest to be calculated from the date of the disbursement to the participant. If, for whatever reason, FSA determines that the applicant misrepresented either the acreage or share of cotton acreage or both, or if the CGCS payment would exceed the participant's payment based upon correct acreage and share, the application will be disapproved and the full CGCS payment for that crop and participant will be required to be refunded to FSA with interest from the date of disbursement. If any corrections to the 2016 cotton crop acres or shares are made to the acreage report and would have resulted in a lower CGCS payment, the applicant will be required to refund the difference with interest from date of disbursement.

The liability of anyone for any penalty or sanction resulting from a CGCS application, or for any refund to FSA or related charge is in addition to any other liability of such person under any civil or criminal fraud statute or any other provision of law including, but not limited to: 18 U.S.C. 286, 287, 371, 641, 651, 1001, and 1014; 15 U.S.C. 714; and 31 U.S.C. 3729.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), OMB approved an emergency information collection request on CGCS for 6 months under OMB control number of 0560-0287 so FSA can begin the application period upon publication of this NOFA.

#### Environmental Review

Because this is a one-time payment for commodities that is not connected to the management of existing operations (consistent with 7 CFR 799.31(b)(6)(iii)), there are no measurable individual or cumulative impacts to the human environment, as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act and, as such, no Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. Consistent with the nature and anticipated impacts of this action, this NOFA serves as documentation of the programmatic environmental compliance decision for this federal action.

#### Federal Assistance Programs

The title and number of the Federal assistance programs, as found in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, to which this NOFA applies is:

10.118 Cotton Ginning Cost Share Program.

**Steven J. Peterson,**

*Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### Meeting of Bureau of Economic Analysis Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Economic Analysis, Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, we are announcing a meeting of the Bureau of Economic Analysis Advisory Committee. The meeting will address proposed improvements to BEA's economic accounts and provide an update on recent statistical developments.

**DATES:** Friday, May 18, 2018. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Suitland Federal Center, which is located at 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gianna Marrone, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Suitland, MD 20746; telephone number: (301) 278-9798.

**Public Participation:** This meeting is open to the public. Because of security procedures, anyone planning to attend the meeting must contact Gianna Marrone of BEA at (301) 278-9798 in advance. The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for foreign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gianna Marrone at (301) 278-9798.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established September 2, 1999. The Committee advises the Director of BEA on matters related to the development and improvement of BEA's national, regional, industry, and international economic accounts, especially in areas of new and rapidly growing economic activities arising from innovative and advancing technologies, and provides recommendations from the perspectives of the economics profession, business, and government.

Date: February 20, 2018.

**Brian C. Moyer,**

*Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-15-2018]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 38— Charleston, South Carolina; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC (Hybrid Passenger Vehicles); Spartanburg, South Carolina

BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC (BMW MC) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on February 27, 2018.

BMW MC already has authority to produce gasoline and diesel-powered

motor vehicles, motor vehicle bodies, stamped body parts, and lithium ion batteries within FTZ38A. The current request would add hybrid passenger vehicles and foreign-status materials/components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components and finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt BMW MC from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below and in the existing scope of authority, BMW MC would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to previously authorized finished products and hybrid passenger vehicles (duty rate 2.5%). BMW MC would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad include: Lubricating grease; touch-up paint; polyester band; rubber window guides; rubber seals; weather and damping strips of non-cellular rubber; tool bags of man-made fibers; acrylic coated cloth tape; warp knit fabric; seat protectors; mica seals; fiberglass heat shields; steel insertion brackets (similar to staples); aluminum alloy tube connectors; aluminum threaded fasteners (such as bolts, screws, nuts, washers); cylinder coils; gearbox oil coolers; cupholder warmers; parts of heat exchange units (multi-flow adaptors/connectors used to connect pipes or hoses to the battery cooler assembly); fire extinguishers; car jack cranks; card readers for common interface (CI) plus card to receive special television (TV) channels in the vehicle; housed ball bearings; inductors; actuators; Bluetooth antennas; speakers; audio frequency amplifiers; radar sensors; radios; acoustic warning signals; LED lighting; integrated lighting circuits; lens TV contour illumination; range-finding sensors; checking/locking fixtures; temperature sensors; weather sensors; oxygen sensors; voltage power testers; and, battery sensors (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 17.6%).

The request indicates polyester band, acrylic coated cloth tape, warp knit fabric, and seat protectors will be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41), thereby

precluding inverted tariff benefits on such items.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is April 17, 2018.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at [juanita.chen@trade.gov](mailto:juanita.chen@trade.gov) or 202-482-1378.

Dated: March 1, 2018.

**Andrew McGilvray,**  
Executive Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-403-805]

#### **Silicon Metal From Norway: Affirmative Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Final Determination of No Sales, and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of silicon metal from Norway are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). In addition, we determine that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of the subject merchandise. The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. The final dumping margins of sales at LTFV are listed below in the "Final Determination" section of this notice.

**DATES:** Applicable March 8, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brittany Bauer, 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) 482-3860.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

On October 12, 2017, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* of sales at LTFV of silicon metal from Norway.<sup>1</sup> Commerce exercised its discretion to toll deadlines affected by the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018. If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the final determination of this investigation is now February 27, 2018.<sup>2</sup> A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is adopted by this notice.<sup>3</sup>

## Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is silicon metal from Norway. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, see the "Scope of the Investigation" in Appendix I of this notice.

## Scope Comments

During the course of this investigation, Commerce received numerous scope comments from interested parties. Prior to the *Preliminary Determination*, Commerce issued a Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum<sup>4</sup> to address these comments. Since the *Preliminary Determination*, Globe Specialty Metals, Inc., (the petitioner) submitted a case brief and interested parties submitted

<sup>1</sup> See *Silicon Metal From Norway: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 82 FR 47475 (October 12, 2016) (*Preliminary Determination*) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum for The Record from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Silicon Metal From Norway," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Silicon Metal from Australia, Brazil, Kazakhstan, and Norway: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations," dated June 29, 2017 (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).