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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–49–2023]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 81; Authorization of Production Activity; Millipore Corporation; (Beverage Filtration and Purification Devices); Jaffrey, New Hampshire

On August 15, 2023, Millipore Corporation submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 81D, in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (88 FR 56794, August 21, 2023). On December 13, 2023, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including section 400.14.

Dated: December 13, 2023.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–63–2023]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 17, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Panasonic Energy Corporation of North America; (Lithium-Ion Battery Cells); De Soto, Kansas

Panasonic Energy Corporation of North America submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in De Soto, Kansas within FTZ 17. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on December 11, 2023.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/ components and specific finished product 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 finished product is finished lithium-ion battery cells (duty rate is 3.4%).

The proposed foreign-status materials and components include: graphite components (natural; synthetic; natural and synthetic blend); sealants; N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP); N-methylpyrrolidone with carbon black conductive agent; lithiated nickel oxide; silicon monoxide; lithiated silicate; silicon composite material; poly(vinylidene fluoride) binder (PVDF); polyacrylamide; sodium carboxymethyl cellulose thickener; polypropylene components (film with acrylic adhesive tape; gaskets; insulator); polyimide adhesive tape; polyethylene separators; styrene butadiene rubber latex; copper foil; nickel clad copper negative tabs; and, aluminum components (rolls; foil; rupture discs; cathode tabs) (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.5%). The request indicates that some components are subject to an antidumping/ countervailing duty (AD/CVD) order/ investigation if imported from certain countries. The Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.14(e)) require that merchandise subject to AD/CVD orders, or items which would be otherwise subject to suspension of liquidation under AD/ CVD procedures if they entered U.S. customs territory, be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign (PF) status (19 CFR 146.41). The request also indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232) or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 232 and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in PF status.

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 January 29, 2024.

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).

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**Juanita Chen,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–570–155]

#### Certain Pea Protein From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain pea protein (pea protein) from the People's Republic of China (China) during the period of investigation, January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable December 18, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Johnson and Laura Griffith, AD/ CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4793 and (202) 482–6430, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on August 7, 2023.<sup>1</sup> On September 8, 2023, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until December 11, 2023.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Pea Protein from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 88 FR 52116 (August 7, 2023) (Initiation Notice).

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Pea Protein from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 88 FR 62055 (September 8, 2023).