

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[B-59-2019]****Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 43—Battle Creek, Michigan; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; DENSO Manufacturing Michigan, Inc. (Automotive HVAC and Engine Cooling Products), Battle Creek, Michigan**

DENSO Manufacturing Michigan, Inc. (DMMI) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Battle Creek, Michigan. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 9, 2019.

The DMMI facility is located within FTZ 143. The facility is used for production of automotive HVAC and engine cooling components and systems. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt DMMI from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, DMMI would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: Fan assemblies; blower assemblies; shroud assemblies; HVAC units for automotive use; filter bases, heater cores, condensers, tubes, connectors, evaporators, joint blocks and separator sheets for automotive HVAC use; motor vehicle radiators; tubes, conduction assemblies, tanks, coolers, radiator assemblies, core plates, condensers, cores and core assemblies for use in motor vehicle radiators; and, oil coolers, duct assemblies and vents for use in motor vehicles (duty rate ranges from 1.4 to 2.5%). DMMI 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 components and materials sourced from abroad include: Automotive compressor oil; brazing compound; various plastic tubes, pipes and hoses (ethylene; propylene; polyvinyl chloride; rigid; flexible; not reinforced without fittings; with fittings; and, reinforced); plastic fittings; self-adhesive strips, gaskets and seals;

various plastic labels (ethylene and propylene); vulcanized fiber plastic seals; styrene plastic insulators; various plastic components (lids; caps; plugs; covers; valve stops; brackets; clamps; bushings; guides; doors; pipes; and, gaskets); various plates, sheets and strips (cellular and non-cellular rubber); various profiles, gaskets and seals (cellular and non-cellular rubber); various rubber tubes, pipes and hoses (not reinforced without fittings; not reinforced with fittings; and, reinforced with nylon braiding or polyester or aramid fibers without fittings); cellular rubber seals; various vulcanized rubber components (seals; o-rings; bushings; grommets; insulators; and, pipes); hard rubber bushings; paper name plates/labels; various wire (zinc plated or coated; stainless steel; and, alloy steel); circular cross-section alloy steel tubes, pipes and other hollows; various iron or steel components (seamless pipes; threaded self-tapping screws; bolts and their nuts/washers; machine screws; screws or bolts; threaded bolts or studs; threaded nuts; u-nuts; washers; pins; clamps; and, inserts, clips, clamps and seat cocks); various aluminum or aluminum alloy components (wire rolls; rectangular or square sheets; sheets; and, tubes and pipes); aluminum tube couplings, connectors, and pins; brackets, fin guards, supports and clamps of iron, steel, aluminum or zinc; brazing rings; fuel, lubricating or cooling pumps; hydraulic fluid, roller or other pumps; compressors; motors, fans and heat shields; fan shrouds, fan shroud inserts and spring clips; automotive HVAC units; various components for automotive HVAC units (caps; filter bases; heater cores; clips; filters; condensers; nylon dryer bags; pipes, hoses and tubes; evaporators; joint blocks; separator sheets and plates; tanks and cooling cases; connectors; cup plates; and, receiver assemblies); intercoolers and intercooler assemblies; intercooler support assemblies; intercooler ducts; air filters; air refrigerant filters; various valves (solenoid; regulator; and, expansion); ballcock mechanisms; valve magnets; valves with electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic or thermostatic actuators; various components for valves (cable controls; seat cocks; lever subassemblies; plates; damper subassemblies; and, shaft subassemblies); various valve components (doors; shafts; film; packing; and, tube and accessory assemblies); ball studs; electric motors under 18.65W; DC motors; electric heaters; various resistors (fixed and wire wound); thermistors; contactors and

relays; boards, panels, modules and other controllers and control assemblies; transistors; integrated circuits; wire harnesses; radiators and radiator assemblies; various radiator components (aluminum plates; tubes and pipes; conduction assemblies; caps; tanks and reserve tanks; oil coolers; core plates; condensers; cores; coolers; and, core subassemblies); various automotive components (oil coolers; hoses; clamps; duct assemblies; and, vents); thermostats; pressure switches; and, pressure sensors (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 8.6%; \$0.84/bbl). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to special 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 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. The closing period for their receipt is November 4, 2019.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov or 202-482-1378.

Dated: September 20, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[S-186-2019]****Foreign-Trade Zone 29—Louisville, Kentucky; Application for Subzone Expansion; Hitachi Automotive Systems America, Inc., Harrodsburg, Kentucky**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Louisville & Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of FTZ 29, requesting an expansion of Subzone 29F on behalf of Hitachi Automotive Systems America, Inc. in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. 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 Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on September 19, 2019.

Subzone 29F currently consists of the following sites: Site 1 (50 acres) 955 Warwick Road, Harrodsburg; Site 2 (1.56 acres) 601 Robinson Road, Harrodsburg; Site 3 (1.4 acres) 110 Morgan Soaper Road, Harrodsburg; and, Site 4 (20 acres) 1150 Mayde Road, Berea. The proposed expansion would add 34 acres to existing Site 1. No authorization for additional production activity has been requested at this time. The subzone would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 29.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman 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 Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is November 4, 2019. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to November 19, 2019.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482–0473.

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Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–533–887]

Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod From India: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that carbon and alloy steel threaded rod (CASTR) from India is being, or is likely

to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable September 25, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Huang or Annathea Cook, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4047 or (202) 482–0250, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on March 19, 2019.¹ On June 14, 2019, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now September 19, 2019.² For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. 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>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

¹ See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 84 FR 10034 (March 19, 2019) (Initiation Notice).

² See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India, Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 84 FR 27764 (June 14, 2019).

³ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is CASTR from India. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,⁴ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (scope).⁵ Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this investigation, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, see the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.⁶ The scope case briefs were due on August 28, 2019, 30 days after the publication of *CASTR from China Preliminary CVD Determination*.⁷ There will be no further opportunity for comments on scope-related issues.⁸

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated export prices and constructed export prices in accordance with section 772(a) and 772(b) of the Act. Commerce has calculated normal value in accordance with section 773(e) of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

⁴ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁵ See *Initiation Notice*.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from India, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China: Scope Comments Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determinations," dated July 22, 2019.

⁷ The scope case briefs were due 30 days after the publication of *Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 84 FR 36578 (July 29, 2019) (*CASTR from China Preliminary CVD Determination*). See the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum at 3. The deadline for the scope case briefs was Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Because the deadline for rebuttal briefs fell on Monday, September 2, 2019, a Federal holiday, the actual deadline for the scope rebuttal briefs was Tuesday, September 3, 2019. See 19 CFR 351.303(b)(1) ("For both electronically filed and manually filed documents, if the applicable due date falls on a non-business day, the Secretary will accept documents that are filed on the next business day.").

⁸ Parties were already permitted the opportunity to file scope case briefs. Case briefs, other written comments, and rebuttal briefs should not include scope-related issues. See Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum at 3.