

Board Executive Secretary (15 CFR 400.36(f)), the application to establish Subzone 123F is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13 and further subject to FTZ 123's 858-acre activation limit.

Dated: October 22, 2013.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 8—Toledo, Ohio, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Whirlpool Corporation, Subzone 8I, (Washing Machines), Clyde and Green Springs, Ohio

Whirlpool Corporation (Whirlpool) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Clyde and Green Springs, Ohio within Subzone 8I. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 17, 2013.

Whirlpool already has authority to produce standard and high capacity washing machines using certain imported components. The current request would add foreign-status 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 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 Whirlpool from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Whirlpool would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to washing machine seal and pump assemblies; washing machines; high-capacity washing machines; subassemblies of washing machines; transmission and camshafts for washing machines agitators; gears and gearing for speed changers related to washing machines; clutch assemblies for washing machines; gears and gearing for agitator/washing machine transmissions; motor/actuator assemblies for washing machines;

switch/button assemblies for washing machines; control panels for washing machines; control housing assemblies for washing machines; wire harness assemblies for washing machines; laundry pedestals; and, laundry pedestal subassemblies (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.7%) for the foreign status inputs noted below and in the existing scope of authority. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The additional components and materials sourced from abroad include: self-tapping screws, screws, bolts, washers, articles of steel, base metal mountings, housings for wax motors, appliance fans, water filters, various DC motors, various AC multi-phase motors, lamp sockets, halogen lamps, power cords, wire harnesses, carbon brush assemblies, pressure sensors and thermostats (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 8.6%).

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 December 9, 2013.

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 Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Renewable Energy Policy Business Roundtable in Livermore, CA

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)'s International Trade Administration (ITA) is seeking representatives from 20 qualified U.S. companies to join Japanese industry

counterparts for a U.S.-Japan Renewable Energy Policy Business Roundtable on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Livermore, California. Senior level officials from DOC, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) will attend the Roundtable to provide policy updates, as well as to ensure that the exchange of views among the companies will be taken into consideration in the U.S.-Japan Clean Energy Policy Dialogue (Dialogue) that will be held during the same week and in other bilateral meetings throughout the year.

The Roundtable supports ITA's commitments contained in the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RE&EE) Export Initiative, which aims to significantly increase U.S. RE&EE exports under the National Export Initiative.

DATES: The roundtable will be held on December 11, 2013.

Participants must apply no later than November 15, 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

In December 2012, agencies of the Governments of the United States and Japan—DOE, DOC, and METI—convened the first bilateral Renewable Energy Policy Business Roundtable in Tokyo. Held in conjunction with the Dialogue, the Roundtable allowed the private sector to explore areas of mutual concern and share with government officials their experiences with the policy landscape of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Both governments agreed to hold a follow-up Roundtable in the United States. It should also be noted that the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan held a renewable energy financing workshop in February 2013 in Tokyo to further address issues highlighted by the Roundtable.

Goals of Participation:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the changing Japanese policy and regulatory landscape with respect to RE&EE;
- Interact with Japanese policymakers and private sector representatives active in the RE&EE sector;
- Provide perspectives on how to increase U.S.-Japan business partnerships in the RE&EE sector; and
- Enhance the bilateral Dialogue by identifying key policy issues and sharing best practices.

Roundtable Structure: