

(1) The organization or a member of its staff has 2 or more years experience successfully managing and operating a rehabilitation or weatherization type program: 10 points.

(2) The organization or a member of its staff has 2 or more years experience successfully managing and operating a program assisting very low- and low-income persons obtain housing assistance: 10 points.

(3) If the organization has administered grant programs, there are no outstanding or unresolved audit or investigative findings which might impair carrying out the proposal: 10 points.

(d) The proposed program will be undertaken entirely in rural areas outside Metropolitan Statistical Areas, also known as MSAs, identified by Rural Development as having populations below 10,000 or in remote parts of other rural areas (i.e., rural areas contained in MSAs with less than 5,000 population) as defined in § 1944.656 of 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N: 10 points.

(e) The program will use less than 20 percent of HPG funds for administration purposes:

- (1) More than 20%: Not eligible.
- (2) 20%: 0 points.
- (3) 19%: 1 point.
- (4) 18%: 2 points.
- (5) 17%: 3 points.
- (6) 16%: 4 points.
- (7) 15% or less: 5 points.

(f) The proposed program contains a component for alleviating overcrowding as defined in § 1944.656 of 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N: 5 points.

In the event more than one preapplication receives the same amount of points, those preapplications will then be ranked based on the actual percentage figure used for determining the points. Further, in the event that preapplications are still tied, then those preapplications still tied will be ranked based on the percentage for HPG fund use (low to high). Further, for applications where assistance to rental properties or cooperatives is proposed, those still tied will be further ranked based on the number of years the units are available for occupancy under the program (a minimum of 5 years is required). For this part, ranking will be based from most to least number of years.

Finally, if there is still a tie, then a lottery system will be used.

VII. Non-Discrimination Statement

USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental

status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), (202) 720-6382 (TDD). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender."

Dated: February 8, 2008.

Russell T. Davis,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Arizona State Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call at 2 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on March 3, 2008. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: Dialing 1-866-349-3556, access code: 34933357. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Angelica Trevino at the Commission's Western Regional Office, (213) 894-3437, by 3 p.m.,

Pacific Standard Time, on Friday, February 29, 2008.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office by April 3, 2008. The address is 300 N. Los Angeles St., Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Comments may be e-mailed to atrevido@usccr.gov. Records generated by this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Western Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, February 14, 2008.

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 6-2008]

Foreign-Trade Zone 42 Orlando, FL

Application for Expansion of Manufacturing Authority

Subzone 42A Mitsubishi Power Systems Americas, Inc.

(Power Generation Turbine Components)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, grantee of FTZ 42, on behalf of Mitsubishi Power Systems Americas, Inc. (MPSA), operator of Subzone 42A at the MPSA power generation turbine components repair/ manufacturing plant in Orlando, Florida, requesting an expansion of the scope of FTZ manufacturing authority to include new manufacturing capacity and finished products. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and section 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on February 6, 2008.

Subzone 42A was approved in 2002 for the manufacture and repair of large

gas-fired power generation turbine components (combustor baskets and transition pieces; up to 1,800 total units annually) at the MPSA plant (306 employees/15 acres/80,000 sq.ft. of production area) in Orlando, Florida (Board Order 1234, 67 FR 45456, 7–9–2002). The applicant currently requests that the scope of FTZ manufacturing authority be extended to include an additional 81,500 square feet of production area to accommodate additional production capacity (new total would be 161,500 sq.ft.), which will be added with a new facility within the existing boundaries of Subzone 42A. The new capacity would be used to manufacture and repair additional steam and gas turbine components. MPSA's existing FTZ authority for the manufacture of combustor baskets and transition pieces would remain unchanged.

Under the proposal, MPSA would manufacture stainless steel steam turbine blades and vanes (up to 2,200 total units per year) for the U.S. market and export. Activity would involve receiving foreign-origin semi-finished forgings (classified under HTSUS 8406.81, 8406.90) that would be machined, finished, and coated to produce finished steam turbine blades and vanes. Some 70 percent of the finished blades and vanes will be exported.

Expanded FTZ procedures would continue to exempt MPSA from customs duty payments on the foreign-origin inputs used in production for export. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to defer duty payments on the foreign inputs until they would be entered for U.S. consumption. FTZ procedures may also result in increased logistical/supply chain efficiencies for MPSA's distribution operations.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address: Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230–0002. The closing period for receipt of comments is April 21, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to May 5, 2008.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, Suite 100, 315 East Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801; and, at the Office of the Foreign–Trade

Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed above. For further information, contact Pierre Duy, examiner, at: pierre_duy@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482–1378.

Dated: February 6, 2008.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–912]

Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 20, 2008.

SUMMARY: We preliminarily determine that certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (“OTR tires”) from the People's Republic of China (“PRC”) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the “Preliminary Determination” section of this notice. Pursuant to requests from interested parties, we are postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to not more than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination not later than 135 days after publication of the preliminary determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel LaCivita or Charles Riggle, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4243 or 482–0650, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Case History

On June 18, 2007, Titan Tire Corporation, a subsidiary of Titan International, Inc. (“Titan”), and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL–CIO–CLC (“USW”) (collectively, “Petitioners”),

filed a petition in proper form on behalf of the domestic industry and workers producing OTR tires, concerning imports of OTR tires from the PRC (“Petition”).

The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) initiated this investigation on July 30, 2007.¹ In the *Notice of Initiation*, the Department applied a process by which exporters and producers may obtain separate-rates in non-market economy (“NME”) investigations. The process requires exporters and producers to submit a separate-rate status application (“SRA”).² However, the standard for eligibility for a separate rate (which is whether a firm can demonstrate an absence of both *de jure* and *de facto* government control over its export activities) has not changed. The SRA for this investigation was posted on the Department's Web site <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/ia-highlights-and-news.html> on August 10, 2007. The due date for filing an SRA was September 28, 2007.

On July 30, 2007, the Department issued quantity and value (“Q&V”) questionnaires to 94 companies. In addition, on July 30, 2007, the Department requested the assistance of the Government of the PRC (through the Ministry of Commerce) in transmitting the Department's Q&V questionnaire to all companies that manufacture and export subject merchandise to the United States, as well as to manufacturers that produce the subject merchandise for companies that were engaged in exporting subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (“POI”).

From August 8 to August 20, 2007, 30 exporters of the subject merchandise filed timely responses to the Department's Q&V questionnaire.³ One

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires From the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 43591 (August 6, 2007) (“*Notice of Initiation*”).

² See Policy Bulletin 05.1: Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigations Involving Non-market Economy Countries (April 5, 2005) (*Policy Bulletin* 05.1), available at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/policy/bull05-1.pdf>.

³ Aeolus Tyre Co., Ltd (“Aeolus”), Double Coin Holding Ltd. (“Double Coin”), Double Happiness Tyre Industries Corp., Ltd. (“Double Happiness”), Full-World International Trading Co., Ltd. (“Full-World”), GITI Tire (China) Investment Company Ltd. (“GITI”), Guizhou Tyre Co., Ltd. (“Guizhou Tyre”), Hebei Starbright Co., Ltd. (“Starbright”), Jiangsu Feichi Co., Ltd. (“Feichi”), KS Holding Company Limited (“KS Holding”), Laizhou Xiongying Rubber Industry Co., Ltd. (“Xiongying”), Oriental Tyre Technology Limited (“Oriental”), Qingdao Etyre International Trade Co., Ltd. (“Etyre”), Qingdao Hengda Tyres Co., Ltd. (“Hengda”), Qingdao Milestone Tyre Co., Ltd. (“Milestone”), Qingdao Qihang Tyre Co., Ltd.