

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the RBCS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBCS's estimate of the burden to collect the required information, including the validity of the strategy used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments on the paperwork burden may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522.

Telephone: (202) 690–4492. Email: *Thomas.dickson@usda.gov*. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
[10/1/2019 through 10/8/2019]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Novel Iron Works, Inc	250 Ocean Road, Greenland, NH 03840.	10/3/2019	The firm manufactures structural steel components.
Jerpak-Bayless Company	34150 Solon Road, Solon, OH 44139.	10/4/2019	The firm manufactures metal parts, primarily of steel.
Cider Riot, LLC	807 NE Couch Street, Portland, OR 97232.	10/8/2019	The firm manufactures hard cider.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone 8—Toledo, Ohio; Application for Production Authority; Arbor Foods Inc. (Blended Syrup); Toledo, Ohio

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 8, requesting production authority on behalf of Arbor Foods Inc. (Arbor), located in Toledo, Ohio. The application conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.23) was docketed on October 10, 2019.

The Arbor facility (over 40 employees, with two full-time employees for sugar blends) is located within Site 1 of FTZ 8. The facility is used for production of blended sugar. Arbor currently has FTZ authority to produce dry-blended sugar for the U.S. market, with a

“grandfathered” quantitative limit of 37.9 million pounds of imported “ex-quota” sugar. Arbor also has authority to produce blended syrup (aka wet-blended sugar) for export only—with no quantitative limit on use of ex-quota sugar for that export activity. Arbor's pending application seeks authorization to produce blended syrup for the U.S. market using up to the 37.9 million pounds of ex-quota sugar annually which, as noted above, is currently limited to production of dry-blended sugar.

On its domestic sales, production of blended syrup under FTZ procedures would allow Arbor to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to blended syrup (duty rate: 6.0%) for the foreign-status input (granular sucrose, either cane or beet, duty rate: 35.74 20B5; per kg). Arbor estimates that 54% of the blended syrup is comprised of the foreign-status component. Arbor would be able to avoid duty on the foreign-status component which becomes scrap/waste.