

Zone 191, requesting authority to expand FTZ 191 in the Palmdale, California, area, adjacent to the Los Angeles-Long Beach Customs port of entry. 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 filed on April 16, 2003.

FTZ 191 was approved on January 15, 1993 (Board Order 628, 58 FR 6614, 2/1/93), and expanded on November 4, 2002 (Board Order 1252, 67 FR 69715, 11/19/02). The zone project currently consists of the following ten sites in the Palmdale area: Site 1 (800 acres)—3 parcels within the 1,297 acre Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Industrial Park, Palmdale; Site 2 (87 acres)—Antelope Valley Business Park, Palmdale; Site 3 (30 acres)—Freeway Business Center, Palmdale; Site 4 (70 acres)—Palmdale Trade & Commerce Center, Palmdale; Site 5 (120 acres)—Fairway Business Park, Palmdale; Site 6 (140 acres)—Sierra Gateway Center, Palmdale; Site 7 (15 acres)—Pacific Business Park, Palmdale; Site 8 (20 acres)—Winnell Industrial Park, Palmdale; Site 9 (33 acres)—Park One Industrial Center, Palmdale; and, Site 10 (40 acres)—California City Airport Industrial Park, California City.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site at the Mojave Airport (*Proposed Site 11*—12 parcels, 91 acres) located at 1434 Flight Line, Mojave, California. The site is owned by the East Kern Airport District and includes airport jet fuel storage/distribution facilities. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the addresses below:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is June 23, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 7, 2003).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the first address listed above, and at the City of Palmdale's Office of Economic Development, 38250 N. Sierra Highway, Palmdale, California 93550.

Dated: April 16, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-570-881

Notice of Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances: Certain Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings From the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 22, 2003.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary determination of critical circumstances in the less than fair value investigation of certain malleable iron pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for imports of certain malleable iron pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anya Naschak, Ann Barnett-Dahl or Helen Kramer at (202) 482-6375, (202) 482-3833, or (202) 482-0405, respectively; Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless

otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 C.F.R. Section 351 (2002).

Background

On November 19, 2002, the Department initiated an investigation to determine whether imports of malleable iron pipe fittings (MPF) 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). *See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Certain Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China*, 67 FR 70579 (November 25, 2002) (Initiation Notice). On December 16, 2002, the International Trade Commission (ITC) published its preliminary determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of MPF from the PRC. *See Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China*, International Trade Commission, Investigation No. 731-TA-1021 (Preliminary), USITC Publication 3568 (ITC Preliminary Determination). On February 28, 2003, the petitioners in this investigation, Ward Manufacturing, Inc. and Anvil International, Inc. (collectively, petitioners) alleged that there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect critical circumstances exist with respect to the antidumping investigation of MPF from the PRC.

In accordance with 19 C.F.R. 351.206(c)(2)(i), because the petitioners submitted their critical circumstances allegations 20 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination, the Department must issue the preliminary critical circumstances finding not later than the date of the preliminary determination. In Policy Bulletin 98/4, issued on October 8, 1998, the Department stated that it may issue a preliminary critical circumstances determination prior to the date of the preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value, assuming sufficient evidence of critical circumstances is available (*see Policy Bulletin 98/4: Timing of Issuance of Critical Circumstances Determinations* (63 FR 55364)). In accordance with this policy, at this time we are issuing the preliminary critical circumstances decision in the investigation of MPF from the PRC for the reasons discussed below and in the concurrent decision memorandum. *See Memorandum to Barbara E. Tillman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration from Richard*