DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S–49–2016]

Approval of Subzone Status; Rooms to Go (PR), Inc.; Toa Baja, Puerto Rico

On April 20, 2016, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the Puerto Rico Trade & Export Company, grantee of FTZ 61, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 61, on behalf of Rooms to Go (PR), Inc., in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico.

The application was processed in accordance with the FTZ Act and Regulations, including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (81 FR 24563, April 26, 2016). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary (15 CFR Sec. 400.36(f)), the application to establish Subzone 61R is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 61’s 1,821.07-acre activation limit.


Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 126—Reno, Nevada, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Tesla Motors, Inc., Subzone 203; (Lithium-Ion Batteries, Electric Motors and Stationary Energy Storage Systems), Sparks, Nevada

The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, grantee of FTZ 126, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf Tesla Motors, Inc. (Tesla), operator of Subzone 126D, for its facility located in Sparks, Nevada. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 20, 2016.

The facility is used for the production of lithium-ion batteries, electric motors and stationary energy storage 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 Tesla from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials and components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Tesla would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to lithium-ion batteries/cells/modules, electric motors, and stationary energy storage systems (duty rates—2.8% or 3.4%) for the foreign-status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Carbon black; silicone oxide; nickel cobalt; aluminum cathode material; coolants; ethyl methyl carbonate; ethylene carbonate; n-methyl-2-pyrrolidone; preparations based on carbon black; lubricants for gears; automatic transmission fluid lubricants; grease; adhesives; epoxy hardeners; graphite; joint compound; battery electrolyte; carbon black solution (AB paste); sealants; methacrylate-butadiene-styrene (MBS) copolymers; polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF); carboxymethylcellulose (CMC); electrical tape; polyethylene separators; polypropylene separators; plastic tubing/fittings for hoses/gap pads/bags/caps and closures/plugs/trays/baffle inserts/brackets/cable supports/cable ties/clips/fasteners/gaskets/heat shrink/mounts and fittings/o-rings/seals/pipes for stators/converters/plastic self-adhesive sheets in rolls/tapes/labels/stripes/butadiene-styrene-alkylmethacrylate copolymer; styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR); rubber hoses/o-rings/seals/bumpers/grommets/isolator bushings; labels; nickel-plated steel sheets; steel pipes for rotors/pipe bends and elbow fittings/other pipe fittings/tubefittings/mesh/bolts/screws/locknuts/nuts/plugs/studs/washers/dowel pins/springs/caps/clamps/retainer plates/pegs; copper profiles for rotors/bars for rotors/shield plates/foil/ferrules; brass standoff; nickel alloy plates; nickel copper tabs (copper ribbon); aluminum alloy bonding wire and sheets; aluminum foil/tube fittings/spacers/disk/clamps/plugs/cooling tubes/cable caps; tabular keys; metal hinges/brackets for motor vehicles/fittings for motor vehicles/brackets and mounts suitable for buildings/brackets/fittings/mounts/latches/spacers for rotors; braze rings; displacement pumps; electric oil pumps; centrifugal pumps; compressors; fans; parts of compressors; battery chillers; heat exchangers; radiator/condenser assemblies; parts of heat exchangers; parts of radiators; oil filters; housings for air filters; parts of air filters; parts of oil filters; air particle separators; pressure relief valves; check valves; breather valves; coolant manifolds; parts of breather valves; valve bodies; drive unit assemblies; bearing end bells; heat sinks for drive units; housings for motors; inverter gear cases; lamination for stators; motor gear cases; parts of bearing end bells; parts of encoders; parts of gear cases; parts of heat sinks to drive units; other parts of motors; rotor end caps; rotor shafts; rotor stacks; stators; electrical transformers; drive inverters; power supplies; ferrite beads; power inducers; doors for thermal power supplies; housings for drive inverters; parts of drive inverters; parts of...