DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[B–41–2016]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 249—Pensacola, Florida; Authorization of Production Activity; GE Renewables North America, LLC (Wind Turbine Nacelles and Hubs); Pensacola, Florida

On May 23, 2016, GE Renewables North America, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for its facility within Subzone 249A, in Pensacola, Florida. The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (81 FR 39626–39627, June 17, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: September 20, 2016.
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zones Board
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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 177—Evansville, Indiana; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Best Chairs, Inc. d/b/a Best Home Furnishings (Upholstered Furniture); Ferdinand, Cannetland and Paoli, Indiana

Best Chairs, Inc. d/b/a Best Home Furnishings (Best Home) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Ferdinand, Cannetland and Paoli, Indiana within FTZ 177. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 14, 2016. The Best Home facilities are located within Sites 5, 6, and 7 of FTZ 177 and currently have authority to conduct cut-and-sew activity using certain foreign micro-denier suede upholstery fabrics and polyurethane fabrics to produce upholstered furniture and related parts (upholstery cover sets) on a restricted basis (Board Order 1807 and Doc. B–35–2014). Board Order 1807 authorized the production of upholstered furniture (sodas, sectionals, loveseats, chairs, and recliners) for a five-year period, with a scope of authority that only provides FTZ savings on a limited quantity (2.28 million square yards per year) of foreign origin, micro-denier suede upholstery fabric finished with a hot caustic soda solution process. Doc. B–35–2014 expanded the company’s scope of authority to include certain polyurethane fabrics. All foreign upholstery fabrics other than micro-denier suede finished with a hot caustic soda solution process, polyurethane fabrics backed with ground leather, and wet coagulation process, 100 percent polyurethane coated fabrics used in Best Home’s production within FTZ 177 are subject to full customs duties.

The current request seeks to extend Best Home’s existing FTZ authority indefinitely (with no increase in the company’s annual quantitative limit of 2.28 million square yards) and to add foreign-status leather and non-textile foreign-status components to the scope of authority. This request also seeks to clarify certain HTSUS numbers that apply to the company’s existing authority for micro-denier suede upholstery fabric finished with a hot caustic soda solution process. 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 Best Home from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Best Home would be able to apply the finished upholstery cover set (i.e., furniture part) or finished furniture duty rate (free) for the authorized fabrics and additional components (indicated below). Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components sourced from abroad include: Micro-denier suede fabric finished with a hot caustic soda solution process, upholstery leather; linear actuators and motors; transformers; power adaptors; handset controllers; power cables; and, Y-cables (duty rate ranges from 1.6% to 17.2%). The request indicates that upholstery leather will be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41), thereby precluding inverted tariff benefits on upholstery leather. All other foreign, unauthorized upholstery fabrics or other components used in the production activity would continue to be admitted to the zone in domestic (duty paid) status.

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 November 2, 2016.

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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Dated: September 19, 2016.
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
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Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People’s Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on drawn stainless steel sinks from the People’s Republic of China for the period of review January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, based on the timely withdrawal of requests for review.

DATES: Effective September 23, 2016.
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