

Section of the Committee. Each candidate must be a senior representative (e.g., Chief Executive Officer, Vice President, Regional Manager, Senior Director, etc.) of a U.S.-owned or controlled individual company, trade association, or private sector organization that is incorporated in and has its main headquarters in the United States and whose activities focus on the manufacture, production, commercialization and/or trade of goods and services for the energy industries in the United States and Mexico. Each candidate must also be a U.S. citizen or otherwise legally authorized to work in the United States and able to travel to Mexico or locations in the United States to attend official Council meetings, as well as independent U.S. Section and Committee meetings. In addition, the candidate may not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Nominations for membership in the U.S. Section of eligible individuals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- A demonstrated commitment by the entity to be represented to the Mexican market, including as applicable either through exports or investment.
- A demonstrated strong interest in Mexico and its economic development.
- The ability to offer a broad perspective and business experience specific to the energy industry to the discussions.
- The ability to address cross-cutting issues that affect the individual's entire energy industry sub-sector.
- The ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Council will be active.

U.S. Section members will also be selected on the basis of who is best qualified to carry out the anticipated objectives of the Council to:

- Promote increased two-way investment in the energy industry;
- Promote two-way trade in goods and services produced by and used in the energy industry, including the oil and gas, renewable energy, electricity, nuclear energy, and energy efficiency sub-sectors;
- Promote the development of binational value chains in the production of goods and services in the energy sector;
- Promote the development of modern energy infrastructure and bolster energy efficiency and security;
- Foster an enabling environment for the rapid development, deployment, and integration of new energy industry technologies—including

clean renewable energy technologies—into the marketplace;

- Improve competitiveness through innovation and entrepreneurship in the energy industry, to include the promotion of technology exchanges and research partnerships; and
- Partner in skills development to create solutions in training and education to address evolving energy industry workforce needs.

To the extent possible, members of the U.S. Section also should represent a cross-section of small, medium-sized and large firms.

U.S. Section members will receive no compensation for their participation in Council-related activities. Individual U.S. Section members will be responsible for all travel and related expenses associated with their participation in the Council, including attendance at Committee and Section meetings. Only appointed U.S. Section members may participate in official Council meetings; substitutes and alternates will not be designated. U.S. Section members are expected to serve for two-year terms, but may be reappointed.

To nominate an eligible individual for membership in the U.S. Section, please submit the following information as instructed in the **ADDRESSES** and **DATES** captions above:

- Name(s) and title(s) of the nominated individual(s);
- Name and address of represented entity's headquarters;
- Location of incorporation or establishment; size of the represented entity;
- As applicable, size of the company's export trade, investment, and nature of operations or interest in Mexico;
- And a brief statement of why the candidate should be considered, including information about the candidate's ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Council will be active.

All candidates will be notified of whether they have been selected once the application window closes and selection of U.S. Section members has been made.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

**Geri Word,**

*Director for the Office of North America.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[Application No. 90-8A007]

### Export Trade Certificate of Review

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to the United States Surimi Commission ("USSC").

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis ("OTEA"), issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to the United States Surimi Commission on February 10, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph E. Flynn, Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [etca@trade.gov](mailto:etca@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2016).

OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

### Description of Amended Certificate

*USSC's Export Trade Certificate of Review*

1. Remove the following members as Member of the Certificate: Alaska Ocean Seafood Limited Partnership; Highland Light Seafoods Limited Liability Company; and Alaska Trawl Fisheries, Inc.

2. Replace the existing Member American Seafoods Company with American Seafoods Company LLC, and add as new Members three entities

affiliated with American Seafoods Company LLC; American Seafoods Japan, Ltd.; AS Europe ApS; and American Seafoods China (Dalian) Ltd.

3. Add as new Members six entities that are affiliated with the existing Member Arctic Storm, Inc.: Arctic Storm International, Inc.; Arctic Fjord, Inc.; AF International, Inc.; Fjord Seafoods LLC; Arctic Storm Management Group LLC; and Fjord Fisheries General Partnership;

4. Replace the existing Member Glacier Fish Company with Glacier Fish Company LLC, and add as a new Member an affiliated company, ASM Export Co; and

5. Replace the existing Member The Starbound Limited Partnership with Starbound LLC, and add as new Members affiliated companies, NWPI, Inc. and Aleutian Spray Fisheries, Inc.

*USSC's Export Trade Certificate of Review Now Lists Following Entities as Members Under the Amended Certificate*

1. American Seafoods Company LLC
2. American Seafoods Japan, Ltd.
3. AS Europe ApS
4. American Seafoods China (Dalian) Ltd.
5. Arctic Storm, Inc.
6. Arctic Storm International, Inc.
7. Fjord Fisheries General Partnership
8. Arctic Fjord, Inc.
9. AF International, Inc.
10. Fjord Seafood LLC
11. Arctic Storm Management Group LLC
12. Glacier Fish Company, LLC
13. ASM Export Co.
14. Starbound LLC
15. Aleutian Spray Fisheries, Inc.
16. NWPI, Inc.

Dated: February 17, 2016.

**Joseph E. Flynn,**

*Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-039]

#### **Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation**

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

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 16, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yasmin Bordas at (202) 482-3813, John

Corrigan at (202) 482-7438, and Emily Maloof at (202) 482-5649, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **The Petition**

On January 20, 2016, the Department of Commerce (Department) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of certain amorphous silica fabric (silica fabric) from the People's Republic of China (the PRC), filed in proper form on behalf of Auburn Manufacturing, Inc. (Petitioner). The CVD petition was accompanied by an antidumping duty (AD) petition, also concerning imports of amorphous silica fabric from the PRC.<sup>1</sup> Petitioner is a domestic producer of amorphous silica fabric.<sup>2</sup>

On January 28, 2016, the Department requested information and clarification for certain areas of the Petition.<sup>3</sup> Petitioner filed its response to this request on February 1, 2016.<sup>4</sup> On January 27, 2016, the Department determined to toll all deadlines four business days as a result of the Federal Government closure during snowstorm "Jonas," which is applicable to this initiation.<sup>5</sup>

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Petitioner alleges that the Government of the PRC (GOC) is providing countervailable subsidies (within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act) with respect to imports of amorphous silica fabric from the PRC, and that imports of amorphous silica fabric from the PRC are materially injuring, and threaten material injury to, the domestic industry producing amorphous silica fabric in the United States. Also, consistent with section

702(b)(1) of the Act, for those alleged programs on which we have initiated a CVD investigation, the Petition is accompanied by information reasonably available to Petitioner supporting its allegations.

The Department finds that Petitioner filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because it is an interested parties as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act, and that Petitioner has demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the investigation Petitioner is requesting.<sup>6</sup>

##### **Period of Investigation**

The period of the investigation is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.<sup>7</sup>

##### **Scope of the Investigation**

The product covered by this investigation is amorphous silica fabric from the PRC. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, see "Scope of Investigation" at Appendix I of this notice.

##### **Comments on Scope of the Investigation**

During our review of the Petition, the Department issued questions to, and received responses from, Petitioner pertaining to the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petition would be an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.<sup>8</sup>

As discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations,<sup>9</sup> we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope). The Department will consider all comments received from interested parties, and if necessary, will consult with interested parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination. If scope comments include factual information (*see* 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21)), all such factual information should be limited to public information. In order to facilitate preparation of its questionnaire, the Department requests all interested parties to submit such comments by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Monday, March 7, 2016, which is 20 calendar

<sup>1</sup> See "Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric from the People's Republic of China," dated January 20, 2016 (Petitions).

<sup>2</sup> See Volume I of the Petitions, at 2, and Exhibit I-1.

<sup>3</sup> See letter from the Department, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions," dated January 27, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> See letter from Petitioners, "Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric from the People's Republic of China: Amendment to Volume I of the Petition," dated February 1, 2016.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum for the Record from Ron Lorentzen, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Tolling of Administrative Deadlines as a Result of the Government Closure during Snowstorm 'Jonas,'" (January 27, 2016).

<sup>6</sup> See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition" below.

<sup>7</sup> See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

<sup>8</sup> See Memorandum to the File, "Phone Call with Counsel to Petitioner," dated February 10, 2016; *see also* Letter from Petitioner to the Department, "Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric from the People's Republic of China: Scope Clarification Letter," dated February 10, 2016; *see also* Memorandum to the File, "Phone Call with Counsel to Petitioner," dated February 12, 2016.

<sup>9</sup> See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).