

public comment (81 FR 63469, September 15, 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: December 22, 2016.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-87-2016]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 87—Lake Charles, Louisiana; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Westlake Chemical Corporation; Subzone 87F (Polyethylene and Styrene); Sulphur, Louisiana**

Westlake Chemical Corporation (Westlake) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities within Subzone 87F in Sulphur, Louisiana. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on December 16, 2016.

The Westlake facilities are used for the production of petrochemicals, including polyethylene and styrene. 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 Westlake from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Westlake would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to low density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene and styrene (duty rates range from free to 6.5%) 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 1-hexene, benzene, and BHEB-(2,6-Di-t-butyl-4-ethyl phenol) (duty rates range from free to 5.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive

Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is February 14, 2017.

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 FTZ Board's Web site, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

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**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-57-2016]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 92—Harrison County, Mississippi; Authorization of Production Activity; TopShip, LLC (Shipbuilding); Gulfport, Mississippi**

On August 30, 2016, the Mississippi Coast Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 92, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of TopShip, LLC, within FTZ 92, in Gulfport, Mississippi.

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 62078-62079, September 8, 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, and subject to the following conditions:

(1) Any foreign steel mill products admitted to the zone for the TopShip, LLC, activity, including plate, angles, shapes, channels, rolled steel stock, bars, pipes and tubes, not incorporated into merchandise otherwise classified, and which is used in manufacturing, shall be subject to full customs duties in accordance with applicable law, unless the Executive Secretary determines that the same item is not then being produced by a domestic steel mill.

(2) TopShip, LLC, shall meet its obligation under 15 CFR 400.13(b) by annually advising the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary as to significant

new contracts with appropriate information concerning foreign purchases otherwise dutiable, so that the FTZ Board may consider whether any foreign dutiable items are being imported for manufacturing in the zone primarily because of FTZ procedures and whether the FTZ Board should consider requiring customs duties to be paid on such items.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-88-2016]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 68—El Paso, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; PGTEX USA, Inc. (Fiber Glass Fabrics); El Paso, Texas**

PGTEX USA, Inc. (PGTEX) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in El Paso, Texas, within FTZ 68. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on December 19, 2016.

The PGTEX facility is located within Site 3 of FTZ 68. The facility is used for the production of fiber glass fabrics used in a variety of applications: Wind turbine blades, sporting goods, autos, shipbuilding, building materials and aerospace. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished product described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include yarns (glass fiber) (HTSUS 7019.19), glass fibers (HTSUS 7019.90), and polyester yarn (HTSUS 5402.33) (duty rates range from 4.3 to 6.5%). The applicant indicates that these foreign-sourced materials/components will be admitted to the FTZ in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41). This would preclude inverted tariff benefits on such items on its domestic sales of fiber glass fabrics. Production under FTZ procedures could exempt PGTEX from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.