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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet by webinar in an open session on Monday, May 8, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The VCAT is composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the NIST Director, a majority of whom are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations.

DATES: The VCAT will meet on Monday, May 8, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted by webinar. Please note instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Serena Martinez, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–1060, telephone number 301–975–2661. Mrs. Martinez’s email address is serena.martinez@nist.gov.


The purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to preview and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update of the Committee’s progress in addressing NIST’s role in the Administration’s priorities in the areas of trade, innovation and competitiveness through fundamental measurement research and development, and communications, and a discussion on next steps. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm.

Members of the public can listen to the discussion. The meeting is available to the public through a toll-free call-in number. When you register by email to Mrs. Serena Martinez, serena.martinez@nist.gov, with your name, organization affiliated with (if any), and email address, the toll-free call-in information, including passcode, will be provided to you. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Committee will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charges for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free call-in number. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee’s affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda by email to stephanie.shaw@nist.gov, no later than May 1, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST Web site at http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, and those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit written statements to VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899, via fax at 301–216–0529 or electronically to stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

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NIST Chief of Staff.

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submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Xerox from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Xerox would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to copiers/printers and certain components, xerographic bulk toner, toner cartridges and photoreceptors (duty rates range from duty-free to 6.5%) for the foreign-status materials/components noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad include particulate zinc stearate and sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate (duty rates, 4.6% and 6.5%).

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 May 10, 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.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane.Finver@trade.gov or [202] 482–1367.

Dated: March 27, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 24—Pittston, Pennsylvania, Authorization of Production Activity, Brake Parts Inc (Automotive Parts Kitting), Hazleton, Pennsylvania

On November 30, 2016, Brake Parts Inc submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 24E, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

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 88212–88213, December 7, 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 FTZ Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: March 27, 2016.

Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

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