

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[B-37-2017]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 114—Peoria, Illinois; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Bell Sports, Inc.; Subzone 114F; (Sports Equipment); Rantoul, Illinois**

Bell Sports, Inc. (Bell Sports) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Rantoul, Illinois, within Subzone 114F. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 15, 2017.

Bell Sports already has authority to produce certain sports equipment within Subzone 114F. The current request would add foreign status materials/components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Bell Sports from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Bell Sports would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to bicycle, motorcycle, football and baseball helmets; bicycle baby seats; bicycle car carrier racks; and, collectible football helmets (duty rates range from free to 10%) 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 polypropylene webbing for bike helmets, stainless steel pins, aluminum screws, LED lights for bike helmets, and knee and elbow pad sets (duty rates range from 2.5% to 6.2%). The request indicates that the polypropylene webbing for bike helmets (classified under HTSUS 5806.32) will be admitted to the subzone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41), thereby precluding inverted tariff savings on this item.

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 July 12, 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).

For further information, contact Diane Finver at [Diane.Finver@trade.gov](mailto:Diane.Finver@trade.gov) or (202) 482-1367.

Dated: May 26, 2017.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security****Change in Comment Deadline for Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Aluminum**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Technology Evaluation, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice on change in comment period for previously published notice of request for public comments and public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** On May 9, 2017, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), published the Notice of Request for Public Comments and Public Hearing on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Aluminum. The May 9 notice specified that the Secretary of Commerce initiated an investigation to determine the effects on the national security of imports of aluminum. This investigation has been initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended. (See the May 9 notice for additional details on the investigation and the request for public comments.) The May 9 notice also announced that the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing on the investigation on June 22, 2017 in Washington, DC (See the May 9 notice for additional details on the public hearing.) The deadline for the written comments was June 29, 2017. Today's notice moves the deadline for all written submissions up by six calendar days. Commenters now are encouraged to submit their comments by June 20, 2017, but all written submissions must be received by no later than June 23, 2017 to be considered in the drafting of the final report.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged to be submitted by June 20, but comments

must be received no later than June 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Brad Botwin, Director, Industrial Studies, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 1093, Washington, DC 20230 or by email to [Aluminum232@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Aluminum232@bis.doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Botwin, Director, Industrial Studies, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (202) 482-4060, [brad.botwin@bis.doc.gov](mailto:brad.botwin@bis.doc.gov). For more information about the section 232 program, including the regulations and the text of previous investigations, see [www.bis.doc.gov/232](http://www.bis.doc.gov/232).

Submit public comments to [Aluminum232@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Aluminum232@bis.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On May 9, 2017 (82 FR 21509), the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published the *Notice of Request for Public Comments and Public Hearing on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Aluminum*. The May 9 notice specified that on April 26, 2017, the Secretary of Commerce ("Secretary") initiated an investigation under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of aluminum. (See the May 9 notice for additional details on the investigation and the request for public comments.)

The May 9 notice also announced that the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing on the investigation on June 22, 2017 in Washington, DC. (See the May 9 notice for additional details on the public hearing.)

**Change in Comment Period Deadline**

The May 9 notice included a comment period deadline of June 29, 2017 and required that written statements related to the public hearing also be submitted by June 29, 2017. The Department of Commerce has determined at this time that it is warranted to shorten the written submission period by six calendar days. Today's notice specifies that commenters are encouraged to submit their comments by June 20, 2017, but all written submissions must now be received by no later than June 23, 2017 to be considered in the drafting of the final report. Submit public comments to [Aluminum232@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Aluminum232@bis.doc.gov).

Receiving comments by June 20, 2017 will assist the Commerce Department in