DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–64–2016]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 21—Dorchester County, South Carolina, Authorization of Limited Production Activity, Volvo Car US Operations, Inc. (Motor Vehicles and Related Parts), Ridgeville, South Carolina

On September 9, 2016, Volvo Car US Operations, Inc. (Volvo) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for its facility within FTZ 21, in Ridgeville, South Carolina.

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 66257–66259, September 27, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that further review of part of the proposed activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized on a limited basis, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.14, and further subject to a restriction requiring that the following foreign-status materials/components be admitted to the subzone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41): upholstery leather (HTSUS 4107.99); leather cases/bags (HTSUS 4107.99); felt strips (HTSUS 5602.10); manmade fiber felt shapes (HTSUS 5602.90); felt damping strips (HTSUS 5602.90); netting of twines or ropes (HTSUS 5608.19); manmade fiber twine/cordage/rope nettings (HTSUS 5608.90); nylon carpets (HTSUS 5703.20); tufted other manmade textile carpets/mats (HTSUS 5703.30); felt carpets (HTSUS 5704.90); manmade fiber tufted and non-tufted carpets/mats (HTSUS 5705.00); velcro strips (HTSUS 5806.10); vent pads of polyester fleece (HTSUS 5911.90); textile child seat protector covers (HTSUS 6708.99); textile sun shade curtains (HTSUS 8708.99); manmade fiber cargo nets (HTSUS 8708.99); textile seats/arm rests/head rests/seat belts and related parts (HTSUS 9401.90 and HTSUS 9403.90); and, textile child safety seat covers (HTSUS 9401.90).

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[S–153–2016]

Approval of Expansion of Subzone 100D; Thor Industries, Inc.; Jackson Center, Ohio

On November 1, 2016, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the Greater Dayton Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 100, requesting an expansion of Subzone 100D subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 100, on behalf of Thor Industries, Inc., in Jackson Center, Ohio.

The application was processed in accordance with the FTZ Act and Regulations, including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (81 FR 78773–78774, November 9, 2016). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval. Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board Executive Secretary (15 CFR Sec. 400.36(f)), the application to expand Subzone 100D is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 100’s 2,000-acre activation limit.

Dated: January 9, 2017.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 170106032–7037–01]

RIN 0694–XC035

Increase of Controls: Infrared Detection Items

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry with request for comments.

SUMMARY: On October 12, 2016, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published a final rule entitled “Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Fire Control, Laser, Imaging, and Guidance Equipment the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML).” This notice of inquiry is published to request comments from the public on the impact of further increasing certain controls implemented by that final rule.

DATES: Comments must be received by BIS no later than March 14, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this rule may be submitted to the Federal rulemaking portal (www.regulations.gov). The regulations.gov ID for this rule is: BIS–2017–0001. Please refer to RIN 0694–XC035 in all comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the ECCNs included in this rule, contact Christopher Costanzo at 202–482–0718 or Email Christopher.Costanzo@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 12, 2016, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published a final rule entitled “Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Fire Control, Laser, Imaging, and Guidance Equipment the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)” (81 FR 70320), hereafter referred to as the “October 12 final rule.” This final rule was preceded by two proposed rules published on May 5, 2015 (80 FR 25798) (“May 5, 2015 proposed rule”) and February 19, 2016 (81 FR 8421) (“February 19, 2016 proposed rule”). Revisions made by the October 12 final rule became effective on December 31, 2016. During the course of public comment and interagency discussion on the rule that became effective at the end of 2016, several ideas for new types of controls under the ITAR arose. Because these controls were not proposed earlier and not subject to public comment, they were not included in the October 12 final rule. Thus, the Department of State is publishing a notice of inquiry addressing those controls. Along with those possible new controls under the ITAR, this notice of inquiry requests comments from the public on the potential impact of increasing certain EAR controls established in the October 12 final rule. Items controlled in certain Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCNs) in Category 6 of the Commerce Control List (CCL) can be incorporated into foreign military commodities. To provide greater visibility into exports, reexports, and in-country transfers of such items, the October 12 final rule increased the scope of controls described in § 744.9 (Restrictions on