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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-58-2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 23—Erie County, New York; Authorization of Production Activity; Cummins, Inc., Subzone 23D (Diesel and Gas Engines), Lakewood and Jamestown, New York

On August 28, 2017, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, grantee of FTZ 23, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Cummins, Inc., within Subzone 23D, in Lakewood and Jamestown, New York.

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 (82 FR 44557-44558, September 25, 2017). On December 26, 2017, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: December 28, 2017.

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-072]

Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable January 4, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petition

On November 30, 2017, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) Petition concerning imports of sodium gluconate, gluconic acid, and derivative product (GNA Products) from the People's Republic of China (China), filed in proper form on behalf of PMP Fermentation Products, Inc. (the petitioner).¹ The CVD Petition was accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) Petitions concerning imports of GNA Products from China and France. The petitioner is a domestic producer of GNA Products.²

On December 5, 2017, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain areas of the Petition.³ The petitioner filed responses to these requests on December 7, 2017, which included revised scope language.⁴ On December 14, 2017,

¹ See Letter from petitioner to the Secretary of Commerce "Petition for Antidumping and Countervailing Duties: Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China and France," dated November 30, 2017 (Petition).

² *Id.* Volume I of the Petition at 2.

³ See Letter from Robert Bolling, Program Manager, AD/CVD Operation, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions," dated December 5, 2017.

⁴ See Letter from petitioner to the Secretary of Commerce "Countervailing Duty Investigation of

Commerce had a conference call with the petitioner to discuss the scope of the investigation, and the petitioner filed revised scope language on December 15, 2017.⁵

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of China (GOC) is providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of GNA Products in China, and imports of such products are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic GNA Products industry in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petition is accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioner is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the CVD investigation that the petitioner is requesting.⁶

Period of Investigation

Because the Petition was filed on November 30, 2017, the period of investigation is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are GNA Products from

Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China: PMP's Response to the Department's Supplemental Questions on the Petition," dated December 7, 2017 (General Issues and China CVD Response).

⁵ See Memorandum from Celeste Chen, International Trade Analyst, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV to The File "Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petitions Covering Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China and France: Telephone Conversation Regarding Scope Language," dated December 14, 2017 (Phone Memorandum); see also letter from petitioner to the Secretary of Commerce "Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid and Derivative Products from the People's Republic of China and France: Petitioner's Amendment to Volume I of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petition," dated December 15, 2017 (Petitioner Scope Revision).

⁶ See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition" section, below.