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Elaine Parry,

Director, Office of Management, Technology and Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2011-0016]

Recovery Policy RP9523.4, Demolition of Private Structures

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting comments on Recovery Policy RP9523.4, *Demolition of Private Structures*.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified by docket ID FEMA-2011-0016 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Please note that this proposed policy is not a rulemaking and the Federal Rulemaking Portal is being utilized only as a mechanism for receiving comments.

Mail: Legislation, Regulations, & Policy Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472-3100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Brown, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, Amanda.Brown@dhs.gov, 202-646-3869.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice, which can be

viewed by clicking on the "Privacy Notice" link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You may submit your comments and material by the methods specified in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please submit your comments and any supporting material by only one means to avoid the receipt and review of duplicate submissions.

Docket: The proposed policy is available in docket ID FEMA-2011-0016. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for the docket ID. Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

II. Background

This policy provides guidance in determining the eligibility of demolition of private structures under the provisions of the Public Assistance Program. FEMA proposes to include the removal of slabs and/or foundations that were part of a demolished structure as an eligible demolition activity. This work is not eligible under FEMA's current policy.

FEMA seeks comment on the proposed policy, which is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> in docket ID FEMA-2011-0016. Based on the comments received, FEMA may make appropriate revisions to the proposed policy. Although FEMA will consider any comments received in the drafting of the final policy, FEMA will not provide a response to comments document. When or if FEMA issues a final policy, FEMA will publish a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** and make the final policy available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207; 44 CFR part 206.

David J. Kaufman,

Director, Office of Policy and Program Analysis, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2010-0048]

Recovery Policy RP9525.16, Research-Related Equipment and Furnishings

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the availability of the final policy RP9525.16, *Research-related Equipment and Furnishings*. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of availability and request for comments on August 13, 2010.

DATES: This policy is effective May 3, 2011.

ADDRESSES: This final policy is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and on FEMA's Web site at <http://www.fema.gov>. The proposed and final policy, all related **Federal Register** notices, and all public comments received during the comment period are available at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket ID FEMA-2010-0048. You may also view a hard copy of the final policy at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472-3100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Atkinson, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, or via e-mail at Deborah.Atkinson@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The intent of this policy is to identify the expenses associated with disaster-damaged research-related equipment and furnishings of eligible private nonprofit or public facilities that are eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance (PA) Program. FEMA requested review and comment on the draft policy from August 13, 2010, through September 13, 2010 (75 FR 49506). FEMA received and adjudicated the comments. While the final policy does not make significant substantive changes to the previously effective policy (dated April 30, 2007), the updated policy does include clarifying language in several sections. These clarifications include: additional language on FEMA authorities in section V; the addition of section VI.D on the application of existing PA insurance requirements; a minor clarification in VIII.A indicating that an active research program must support an eligible function; an update to VIII.B.1 that allows an applicant input on decisions regarding the genetic likeness of lab animals; the deletion document retention language in VIII.B.3, given that existing PA documentation requirements apply to all PA projects, including involving research-related equipment and furnishings; and a minor clarification in section VIII.F by citing the specific relevant provision in the regulations.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 5121–5207; 44 CFR part 206.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Notice of Issuance of Final Determination Concerning the Country of Origin of Certain Office Chairs

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of final determination.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) has issued a final determination concerning the country of origin of certain office chairs. Based upon the facts presented, CBP has concluded in the final determination that the U.S. is the country of origin of the office chairs for purposes of U.S. government procurement.

DATES: The final determination was issued on June 9, 2011. A copy of the final determination is attached. Any party-at-interest, as defined in 19 CFR 177.22(d), may seek judicial review of this final determination on or before July 15, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elif Eroglu, Valuation and Special Programs Branch: (202) 325–0277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on June 9, 2011, pursuant to subpart B of part 177, Customs Regulations (19 CFR part 177, subpart B), CBP issued a final determination concerning the country of origin of the SAYL task chair and the SAYL side chair which may be offered to the U.S. Government under an undesignated government procurement contract. This final determination, Headquarters Ruling Letter (“HQ”) H154135, was issued at the request of Herman Miller, Inc. under procedures set forth at 19 CFR part 177, subpart B, which implements Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511–18). In the final determination, CBP has concluded that, based upon the facts presented, the assembly of the SAYL task chair and the SAYL side chair in the U.S., from parts made in China, Canada, and the U.S., constitutes a substantial transformation, such that the U.S. is the country of

origin of the finished articles for purposes of U.S. government procurement.

Section 177.29, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 177.29), provides that notice of final determinations shall be published in the **Federal Register** within 60 days of the date the final determination is issued. Section 177.30, CBP Regulations (19 CFR 177.30), provides that any party-at-interest, as defined in 19 CFR 177.22(d), may seek judicial review of a final determination within 30 days of publication of such determination in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 9, 2011.

Sandra L. Bell,

Executive Director, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade.

Attachment

HQ H154135

June 9, 2011

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CATEGORY: Marking

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RE: U.S. Government Procurement; Title III, Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. § 2511); Subpart B, Part 177, CBP Regulations; Office Chairs

Dear Ms. Crosby:

This is in response to your correspondence of March 4, 2011, requesting a final determination on behalf of Herman Miller, Inc. (“Herman Miller”), pursuant to subpart B of part 177, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) Regulations (19 C.F.R. § 177.21 et seq.). Under the pertinent regulations, which implement Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 2511 et seq.), CBP issues country of origin advisory rulings and final determinations as to whether an article is or would be a product of a designated country or instrumentality for the purpose of granting waivers of certain “Buy American” restrictions in U.S. law or practice for products offered for sale to the U.S. Government.

This final determination concerns the country of origin of the SAYL task chair and the SAYL side chair (collectively, the SAYL office chairs). We note that Herman Miller is a party-at-interest within the meaning of 19 C.F.R. § 177.22(d)(1) and is entitled to request this final determination.

FACTS:

Herman Miller is a U.S. supplier of furniture products and accessories for home, office, healthcare and learning environments. The merchandise at issue is the Herman Miller SAYL task chair and the SAYL side chair. You state that Herman Miller engineered and designed the office chairs wholly within the U.S. The assembly of the office chairs, from U.S. and imported components, occurs in the U.S.

The SAYL task chair is intended for the principal occupant in an office and it swivels and has casters. The SAYL side chair is intended to serve as a guest chair in an office; it does not swivel, although it can be equipped with casters. Both SAYL office chairs have a variety of ergonomic features. For example, the SAYL task chair provides pelvic stabilization and the height may be adjusted and tilted to allow the body to naturally pivot at the ankles, knees, and hips. The seat depth adjusts. Two back support options are available to improve posture and lower back comfort. Three arm choices are also available—fixed, height-adjustable and fully-adjustable (i.e., pivot, fore/aft slide, in/out slide).

The SAYL chairs are offered in several aesthetic configurations: 1) upholstered back, 2) single surface elastomeric thermo-plastic urethane (“TPU”) (i.e., mesh) back, and 3) an injection molded hard plastic back (not the subject of this final determination request). All configurations offer two leg options: a four-leg base and a cantilever base.

The SAYL task chair, depending on its specific configuration, comprises approximately 35 components (excluding fasteners). The SAYL side chair, depending on its specific configuration, comprises approximately 15 components (excluding fasteners). All of the components are of U.S., Chinese, or Canadian origin.

You submitted the costed bills of materials for the SAYL task chair and the SAYL side chair. Each bill of material represents a different aesthetic configuration. The two types of SAYL office chairs share many of the same components. The components from China of the SAYL chairs include: casters, tilt assembly, cylinder, arm supports, and plastic back (including the TPU mesh). The component from Canada is a five-star base subassembly. The components from the U.S. include: foam seat assembly, crossing, seat pan, spine, pelvis, mid-back foam assembly, leg base, glides, back frame, arms, and back assembly.

You state that the manufacture of both types of SAYL office chairs involves similar processes. The production in the U.S. involves approximately 35 individual steps to convert the components into a finished chair. From start to finish, including quality testing and packaging, it takes approximately 19 minutes to manufacture the TPU mesh configuration and 17 minutes to manufacture the upholstered configuration.

TPU Mesh Configuration

You state that the production of both types of SAYL chairs with the TPU mesh configuration begins with Herman Miller receiving a sheet of Chinese-origin TPU mesh from its supplier in the exact size and shape requested by Herman Miller. The TPU mesh is placed in a custom-made machine, which is designed to stretch the mesh into the required shape.

Two arrow hangers are then added to the two top points of the TPU mesh. Using a special fixture, the hangers are pressed into place and the TPU mesh is stretched into a secure position in each hanger. Next, two strips of plastic featuring a dozen tabs are placed at the bottom of the TPU mesh, with