

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA

has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE [8/15/2017 through 8/23/2017]**

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Lemfco, Inc .....	100 South Commerce Street, Galena, IL 61036.	8/15/2017	The firm manufactures iron castings of up to 70 pounds.
Twin Oaks Industries, Inc .....	2001 West Grand Avenue, Salina, KS 67401	8/18/2017	The firm manufactures customized metal fabricated products, primarily of carbon steel and aluminum steel.
Optics Technology, Inc .....	3800 Monroe Avenue, Suite 6, Pittsford, NY 14534.	8/16/2017	The firm manufactures micro-optics and mechanics for high resolution imaging.
Mid-Mountain Materials, Inc .....	2731 77th Avenue Southeast, Suite 100; Box 800, Mercer Island, WA 98040.	8/18/2017	The firm manufactures precision coated fiberglass fabric, high-temperature resistant textiles and thermal insulation materials.
RPM Industries, Inc. d/b/a Promold Plastics.	91 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480 .....	8/23/2017	The firm manufactures custom parts and molds.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of Industry and Security**

**[Docket No. 170802716-7716-01]**

**National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments on the Potential Market Impact of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Materials Plan**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee, co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State, is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Stockpile Annual Materials Plan. The role of the Market Impact Committee is to advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions, conversions, and disposals involving the stockpile and related material research and development projects. Public comments are an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

**DATES:** To be considered, written comments must be received by October 5, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Eric Longnecker, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 3876, Washington, DC 20230, fax: (202) 482-5650 (Attn: Eric Longnecker), email: *MIC@bis.doc.gov*; and Landon Derentz, Energy Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Energy Resources, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520, fax: (202) 647-4037 (Attn: Landon Derentz), email: *DerentzL@state.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Parya Fenton, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-8228, fax: (202) 482-5650 (Attn: Parya Fenton), email: *MIC@bis.doc.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Revision Act of 1979, as amended (the Stock Piling Act) (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*), the Department of Defense's Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), as National Defense Stockpile Manager, maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs

of the United States for national defense. Section 9(b)(2)(G)(ii) of the Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98(h)(b)(2)(G)(ii)) authorizes the National Defense Stockpile Manager to fund material research and development projects to develop new materials for the stockpile.

Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the Committee) to “advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile. . . .” The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the U.S. Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, the Treasury, and Homeland Security, and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The FY 1993 NDAA directs the Committee to consult with industry representatives that produce, process, or consume the materials stored in or of interest to the National Defense Stockpile Manager.

As the National Defense Stockpile Manager, the DLA must produce an Annual Materials Plan proposing the maximum quantity of each listed material that may be acquired, disposed of, upgraded, converted, recovered, or sold by the DLA in a particular fiscal year. In Attachment 1, the DLA lists the quantities and type of activity (potential acquisition, potential disposal, potential

upgrade, potential conversion, potential recovery, or potential sale) associated with each material in its proposed FY 2019 Annual Materials Plan (“AMP”). The quantities listed in Attachment 1 are not acquisition, disposal, upgrade, conversion, recovery, or sales target quantities, but rather a statement of the proposed maximum quantity of each listed material that may be acquired, disposed of, upgraded, converted, recovered, or sold in a particular fiscal year by the DLA, as noted. The quantity of each material that will actually be acquired or offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time of the acquisition or offering, as well as on the quantity of each material approved for acquisition, disposal, conversion, recovery, or upgrade by Congress.

The Committee is seeking public comments on the potential market impact associated with the proposed FY 2019 AMP as enumerated in Attachment 1. Public comments are an important element of the Committee’s market impact review process.

**Submission of Comments**

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the quantities associated with the proposed FY 2019 AMP. All comments must be submitted to the addresses indicated in this notice. All comments submitted through email must include the phrase “Market Impact Committee Notice of Inquiry” in the subject line.

The Committee encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on October 5, 2017. The Committee will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered, if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured.

All comments submitted in response to this notice will be made a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public record. The Committee will seek to protect such information to the extent permitted by law.

The Office of Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, displays public comments on the BIS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Web site at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/foia>. This office does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. If you have technical difficulties accessing this Web site, please call BIS’s Office of Administration at (202) 482-1900 for assistance.

Dated: August 25, 2017.

**Richard Ashooh,**

*Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.*

**Attachment 1**

**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019 ANNUAL MATERIALS PLAN**

Material	Unit	Quantity	Footnote
<b>Potential Disposals:</b>			
Beryllium Metal .....	ST	6	.....
Chromium, Ferro .....	ST	23,500	.....
Chromium, Metal .....	ST	200	.....
Germanium Scrap .....	kg	5,000	.....
Manganese, Ferro .....	ST	50,000	.....
Manganese, Metallurgical Grade .....	SDT	322,025	(1)
Nickel Based Alloys .....	Lbs	150,000	.....
Platinum .....	Tr Oz	8,380	.....
PGM—Iridium .....	Tr Oz	489	.....
Tantalum Carbide Powder .....	Lb Ta	3,777	.....
Tantalum Scrap .....	Lbs	190	.....
Titanium Based Alloys .....	Lbs	75,000	.....
Tungsten Metal Powder .....	LB W	275,738	(1)
Tungsten Ores and Concentrates .....	LB W	3,000,000	.....
Zinc .....	ST	7,993	.....
<b>Potential Acquisitions:</b>			
Antimony .....	MT	1,100	.....
Boron Carbide .....	MT	1,000	.....
High Modulus High Strength Carbon Fibers .....	MT	72	.....
Carbon Fibers .....	m <sup>2</sup>	5,000	.....
CZT (Cadmium Zinc Tellurium substrates) .....	cm <sup>2</sup>	32,000	.....
Dysprosium .....	MT	0.5	.....

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019 ANNUAL MATERIALS PLAN—Continued

Material	Unit	Quantity	Footnote
Electrolytic Manganese Metal .....	MT	3,000	.....
Europium .....	MT	35	.....
Ferro-niobium .....	MT	209	.....
Lithium Ion Precursors .....	kg	19,000	.....
Rare Earths Elements .....	MT	416	( <sup>3</sup> )
Rare Earth Magnet Feedstock .....	MT	100	( <sup>3</sup> )
Rayon .....	MT	600	.....
Silicon Carbide Fibers .....	Lbs	875	.....
TATB (Triamino-Trinitrobenzene) .....	LB	48,000	.....
Tantalum .....	Lb Ta	33,990	.....
Tin .....	MT	40	.....
Tungsten Rhenium Metal .....	kg	5,000	.....
Yttrium Oxide .....	MT	10	.....
Potential Conversions (Upgrade, rotation, reprocessing, etc.):			
Beryllium Metal .....	ST	5	.....
CZT (Cadmium Zinc Tellurium substrates) .....	cm <sup>2</sup>	32,000	.....
High Modulus High Strength Carbon Fibers .....	MT	72	.....
Dysprosium .....	MT	0.5	.....
Europium .....	MT	35	.....
Germanium Scrap .....	kg	5,000	.....
Iridium Catalyst .....	Lbs	50	.....
Rare Earths Elements .....	MT	416	( <sup>3</sup> )
Silicon Carbide Fibers .....	Lbs	875	.....
Tin .....	MT	804	.....
Potential Recovery from Government Sources:			
Bearing Steel .....	MT	50	.....
E-Waste .....	MT	50	( <sup>2</sup> )
Gadolinium Oxide .....	MT	4	.....
Germanium (Scrap) .....	kg	5,000	.....
Iridium Catalyst (Scrap) .....	Lbs	50	.....
Lithium Ion Precursors .....	MT	25	.....
Magnesium Metal .....	MT	10	.....
Nickel Based Alloys .....	Lbs	150,000	.....
Rare Earth Elements—Magnets .....	MT	100	.....
Rhenium Metal .....	kg	500	.....
Permanent Magnet Alloys .....	kg	500	.....
Tantalum .....	MT	10	.....
Titanium Based Alloys (Scrap) .....	Lbs	75,000	.....
Yttrium Aluminum Garnet Rods (Scrap) .....	kg	250	.....
Zirconia Oxide .....	MT	4	.....

Footnote Key:

<sup>1</sup> Actual quantity will be limited to remaining inventory.

<sup>2</sup> Strategic and Critical Materials collected from E-Waste.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes acquisition of yttrium, dysprosium and europium as these rare earths were requested under separate legislation.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C-489-832]

**Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Turkey: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to

producers and exporters of carbon and alloy steel wire rod (wire rod) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey). The period of investigation is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

**DATES:** Applicable September 5, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Justin Neuman or Omar Qureshi, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3813 or (202) 482-7438, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The Department published the

notice of initiation of this investigation on April 26, 2017.<sup>1</sup> On June 5, 2017, the Department postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation and the revised deadline is now August 25, 2017.<sup>2</sup> For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision

<sup>1</sup> See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy and Turkey: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 19213 (April 26, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Italy and the Republic of Turkey: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 82 FR 25771 (June 5, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from the Republic of Turkey,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).