

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the RBCS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBCS's estimate of the burden to collect the required information, including the validity of the strategy used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments on the paperwork burden may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522.

Telephone: (202) 690–4492. Email: *Thomas.dickson@usda.gov*. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Bette Brand,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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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: 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 the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' 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 OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[10/1/2019 through 10/8/2019]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Novel Iron Works, Inc	250 Ocean Road, Greenland, NH 03840.	10/3/2019	The firm manufactures structural steel components.
Jerpbak-Bayless Company	34150 Solon Road, Solon, OH 44139.	10/4/2019	The firm manufactures metal parts, primarily of steel.
Cider Riot, LLC	807 NE Couch Street, Portland, OR 97232.	10/8/2019	The firm manufactures hard cider.

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 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. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

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.

Irette Patterson,

Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–63–2019]

Foreign-Trade Zone 8—Toledo, Ohio; Application for Production Authority; Arbor Foods Inc. (Blended Syrup); Toledo, Ohio

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 8, requesting production authority on behalf of Arbor Foods Inc. (Arbor), located in Toledo, Ohio. The application conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.23) was docketed on October 10, 2019.

The Arbor facility (over 40 employees, with two full-time employees for sugar blends) is located within Site 1 of FTZ 8. The facility is used for production of blended sugar. Arbor currently has FTZ authority to produce dry-blended sugar for the U.S. market, with a

“grandfathered” quantitative limit of 37.9 million pounds of imported “ex-quota” sugar. Arbor also has authority to produce blended syrup (aka wet-blended sugar) for export only—with no quantitative limit on use of ex-quota sugar for that export activity. Arbor's pending application seeks authorization to produce blended syrup for the U.S. market using up to the 37.9 million pounds of ex-quota sugar annually which, as noted above, is currently limited to production of dry-blended sugar.

On its domestic sales, production of blended syrup under FTZ procedures would allow Arbor to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to blended syrup (duty rate: 6.0%) for the foreign-status input (granular sucrose, either cane or beet, duty rate: 35.74 20B5; per kg). Arbor estimates that 54% of the blended syrup is comprised of the foreign-status component. Arbor would be able to avoid duty on the foreign-status component which becomes scrap/waste.

Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help expand the plant's sugar blend operations and allow Arbor to "reactivate" its commercial activity.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Juanita Chen and Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff are designated examiners to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is December 16, 2019. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 31, 2019.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov or 202-482-1378, or Elizabeth Whiteman at elizabeth.whiteman@trade.gov or 202-482-0473.

Dated: October 10, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-64-2019]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 33— Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Steelite International USA, Inc. (Hospitality Industry Serveware); New Castle, Pennsylvania

Steelite International USA, Inc. (Steelite) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in New Castle, Pennsylvania. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 3, 2019.

The Steelite facility is located within FTZ 33. The facility will be used for production of tableware and serveware for the hotel and restaurant industries.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Steelite from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, Steelite would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: brass faucet body for juice dispenser combined with shank; buffet transport cart; buffet display cart; buffet display with melamine trays; carving board set with heat lamp; chafer for use with a grill (butane, electric, or Sterno®); chrome-plated chafer knob; coffee urn (electric heat); glass shelving for buffet display with stainless steel stand; granite carving board with stainless steel frame; ice box with plastic inserts; complete induction food warming table; complete induction heating stand; polycarbonate carving board with stainless steel frame; buffet set including wooden risers, steel stand with glass shelves, and induction warmers with their parts; cast iron chafer (for use with any heat source); various steel products (heat lamp; induction chafer; chafer with electric heat; soup heater (electric heat)); various stainless steel products (insulated coffee urn; body for insulated coffee urn with faucet, clamp, and faucet seal washer; chafer and frame (used with electric heat and Sterno®); insulated coffee urn cover; juice dispenser cover with knob; ice box with plastic inserts; ice cream box; insulated milk container; pastry stand with trays; circular seafood display (elevated platter); bucket; plastic coated buffet riser; carving station frame; beverage tub); various polycarbonate juice dispensers (with stainless steel frame and stand; with stainless steel faucet and without cover; with silver-plated stainless steel cover and stand; with stainless steel cover and stand; with stainless steel cover and wood stand; with stainless steel frame); various polycarbonate juicers (with stainless steel cover and stand; with stainless steel frame; with stainless steel frame and wood stand); various iron or steel products (portable grill; grill cooker for use with solid fuel; Sterno® chafer; Sterno® grill riser box; Sterno® chafer frame; stand for portable grill with aluminum plate and iron or steel frame); various silver-plated stainless steel products (faucet insert set for chafer; insulated urn; circular seafood

display (elevated platter); stand for polycarbonate juice dispenser; round grill chafer cover; coffee pot); and, various wood products (juice dispenser stand; buffet display set (primarily wooden with minority stainless steel risers and glass shelves); carving board) (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 7.2%). Steelite would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: various aluminum components (disk for chafers and/or soup heaters to regulate heat; pastry stand with shelves; plate for butane cooker and carving board frame; plate for induction warmer set; tray); base for stainless steel pastry stand; buffet display cart and/or transport cart components (bungee strap (elastic); foam liner); burner holder for induction chafer; ceramic tile; chrome-plated faucet body set for juice dispenser; double-sided Velcro®; electric heat plate for induction warmer; electric heater and/or heater plate for use with chafers; electric toggle switch for heat lamp; electric wire; faucet nut and juicer shank for juice dispenser; glass shelving for buffet display; granite carving board; insulated wire nut; nut for insulated coffee urn; iron rod base for buffet display; melamine tray; on and off plate for toggle switch for heat lamp; porcelain pan for chafer; power cord and plug; PVC rod; raw steel buffet stand; ring terminal; silicone adhesive; silicone seat cup; stem for stainless steel chrome-plated faucet; strain relief fitting for heat lamp; thread lock adhesive; frame for multi-use chafer stainless steel with silver plating; heat lamp light bulb; cast iron chafer; various steel components (base of heat lamp; handle for carving board set; buffet display cart and/or transport cart and its parts (divider; frame; glass trunk; shelf; ID tag; bumper rail); electric heating food warmer; heat lamp shade; heat plate for induction warmer; induction chafer without stand; induction warmer; induction warmer adapter; induction warmer stand and frame; induction warming plate; lamp socket; grill grate for induction warmer set; bridge for buffet table; magnetic socket holder for buffet table; adapter to convert Sterno® holder to electric heater holder; ring for juice dispenser faucet nuts; plastic-coated buffet riser; warming plate for induction chafer; induction heater; induction heater adapter; heat lamp post; induction heater carving station); various brass components (chafer knob;