

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****Sensors and Instrumentation
Technical Advisory Committee; Notice
of Partially Closed Meeting**

The Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee will meet on December 5, 2000, 9:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

Agenda*Public Session*

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Committee organization.
3. Pending business.
4. Special reports.
5. New initiatives.
6. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
7. Summary and actions.

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 11, 1999, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions

relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. For more information contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: November 14, 2000.

Lee Ann Carpenter,
Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 1125]

**Approval for Expansion of Subzone
61D Merck, Sharp & Dohme Quimica
De Puerto Rico, Inc. Plant Arecibo,
Puerto Rico**

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Puerto Rico Exports Development Corporation, grantee of FTZ 61, has requested authority on behalf of Merck, Sharp & Dohme Quimica de Puerto Rico, Inc. (Merck), to add capacity and to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 61D at the Merck plant in Arecibo, Puerto Rico (FTZ Docket 49-2000, filed 8/10/00);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 51293, 8/23/00);

Whereas, pursuant to 15 CFR 400.32(b)(1), the Commerce Department's Assistant Secretary for Import Administration has the authority to act for the Board in making such decisions on manufacturing authority when the proposed activity is the same, in terms of products involved, to activity recently approved by the Board and similar in circumstances (15 CFR 400.32(b)(1)(i)); and,

Whereas, the FTZ staff has reviewed the proposal, taking into account the criteria of 15 CFR 400.31 and 400.32, and the Executive Secretary has recommended approval;

Now, Therefore, the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, acting for the Board pursuant to 15 CFR

400.32(b)(1), concurs in the recommendation and hereby approves the request subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including 15 CFR 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of November 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 1126]

**Approval for Expansion of Subzone
61E Merck, Sharp & Dohme Quimica
De Puerto Rico, Inc. Plant Barceloneta,
Puerto Rico**

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Puerto Rico Exports Development Corporation, grantee of FTZ 61, has requested authority on behalf of Merck, Sharp & Dohme Quimica de Puerto Rico, Inc. (Merck), to add capacity and to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 61E at the Merck plant in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico (FTZ Docket 50-2000, filed 8/10/00);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 51293, 8/23/00);

Whereas, pursuant to 15 CFR 400.32(b)(1), the Commerce Department's Assistant Secretary for Import Administration has the authority to act for the Board in making such decisions on manufacturing authority when the proposed activity is the same, in terms of products involved, to activity recently approved by the Board and similar in circumstances (15 CFR 400.32(b)(1)(i)); and,

Whereas, the FTZ staff has reviewed the proposal, taking into account the criteria of 15 CFR 400.31, and the Executive Secretary has recommended approval;

Now, Therefore, the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, acting for the Board pursuant to 15 CFR 400.32(b)(1), concurs in the recommendation and hereby approves the request subject to the FTZ Act and

the Board's regulations, including 15 CFR 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of November 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-846]

Brake Rotors From the People's Republic of China: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed-Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed-Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received information sufficient to warrant initiation of a changed-circumstances administrative review of the antidumping duty order on brake rotors from the People's Republic of China. Based on this information, we preliminarily determine that Laizhou Auto Brake Equipment Co., Ltd. is the successor-in-interest to Laizhou Auto Brake Equipments Factory for purposes of determining antidumping liability. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Smith or Terre Keaton, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1766 or (202) 482-1280, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the

Department of Commerce's ("the Department's") regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (April 2000).

Background

On April 17, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on brake rotors from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (62 FR 18740). On September 29, 2000, Laizhou Auto Brake Equipment Co., Ltd. ("LABEC") submitted information and documentation in support of its claim that it is the successor-in-interest to Laizhou Auto Brake Equipment Factory ("LABEF") and requested that the Department conduct a changed-circumstances review to determine whether LABEC should receive the same antidumping duty treatment as is accorded to LABEF with respect to the subject merchandise.

Scope of Review

The products covered by this review are brake rotors made of gray cast iron, whether finished, semifinished, or unfinished, ranging in diameter from 8 to 16 inches (20.32 to 40.64 centimeters) and in weight from 8 to 45 pounds (3.63 to 20.41 kilograms). The size parameters (weight and dimension) of the brake rotors limit their use to the following types of motor vehicles: automobiles, all-terrain vehicles, vans, recreational vehicles under "one ton and a half," and light trucks designated as "one ton and a half."

Finished brake rotors are those that are ready for sale and installation without any further operations. Semifinished rotors are those rotors which have undergone some drilling and on which the surface is not entirely smooth. Unfinished rotors are those which have undergone some grinding or turning.

These brake rotors are for motor vehicles and do not contain in the casting a logo of an original equipment manufacturer ("OEM") which produces vehicles sold in the United States (e.g., General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Honda, Toyota, and Volvo). Brake rotors covered in this review are not certified by OEM producers of vehicles sold in the United States. The scope also includes composite brake rotors that are made of gray cast iron which contain a steel plate but otherwise meet the above criteria. Excluded from the scope of the review are brake rotors made of gray cast iron, whether finished, semifinished, or unfinished, with a diameter less than 8 inches or greater than 16 inches (less than 20.32 centimeters or greater than 40.64 centimeters) and a weight less than 8

pounds or greater than 45 pounds (less than 3.63 kilograms or greater than 20.41 kilograms).

Brake rotors are classifiable under subheading 8708.39.5010 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this review is dispositive.

Separate Rates

In order to determine whether to initiate a changed-circumstances review with respect to LABEC, the Department as a matter of practice first must conduct a separate rates analysis of the company. In proceedings involving non-market economy ("NME") countries, the Department begins with a rebuttable presumption that all companies within the country are subject to government control and thus should be assessed a single antidumping duty deposit rate.

Based on information contained in its September 29, 2000, submission, LABEC is registered in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") as a limited liability company owned by private individuals. Thus, a separate rates analysis is necessary to determine whether LABEC is independent from government control (see *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Bicycles From the People's Republic of China* ("Bicycles") 61 FR 19026 (April 30, 1996)).

To establish whether a firm is sufficiently independent from government control, and therefore entitled to a separate rate, the Department analyzes each exporting entity under a test arising out of the *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sparklers from the People's Republic of China*, 56 FR 20588 (May 6, 1991) and amplified in the *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Silicon Carbide from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 22585 (May 2, 1994) ("Silicon Carbide"). Under the separate rates criteria, the Department assigns separate rates in NME cases only if the respondent can demonstrate the absence of both *de jure* and *de facto* governmental control over export activities.

1. De Jure Control

LABEC has placed on the administrative record documentation to demonstrate absence of *de jure* governmental control, including the 1994 "Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China," and the "Administrative Regulations of the People's Republic of China Governing