

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-5-2016]

**[Authorization of Production Activity, Foreign-Trade Subzone 279A, Thoma-Sea Marine Constructors, L.L.C. (Shipbuilding), Houma, Louisiana]**

On February 3, 2016, the Houma-Terrebonne Airport commission, grantee of FTZ 279, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board on behalf of Thoma-Sea Marine Constructors, L.L.C., operator of Subzone 279A, in Houma, Louisiana.

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 (81 FR 7500, February 12, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14, and the following special conditions:

(1) Any foreign steel mill products admitted to the zone for the Thoma-Sea Marine Constructors, L.L.C., activity, including plate, angles, shapes, channels, rolled steel stock, bars, pipes and tubes, not incorporated into merchandise otherwise classified, and which is used in manufacturing, shall be subject to full customs duties in accordance with applicable law, unless the Executive Secretary determines that the same item is not then being produced by a domestic steel mill.

(2) Thoma-Sea Marine Constructors, L.L.C., shall meet its obligation under 15 CFR 400.13(b) by annually advising the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary as to significant new contracts with appropriate information concerning foreign purchases otherwise dutiable, so that the FTZ Board may consider whether any foreign dutiable items are being imported for manufacturing in the zone primarily because of FTZ procedures and whether the FTZ Board should consider requiring customs duties to be paid on such items.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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**Foreign-Trade Zone 119—Minneapolis, Minnesota; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; SICK, Inc.; Subzone 119G; (Electronic Industrial Sensors, Encoders, Optical Readers and Monitoring Systems); Savage, Minnesota**

The Greater Metropolitan Area Foreign Trade Zone Commission, grantee of FTZ 119, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of SICK, Inc. (SICK), operator of Subzone 119G, at its facility located in Savage, Minnesota. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 17, 2016.

SICK already has authority to produce photo-electronic industrial automation sensors within Subzone 119G. The current request would add new finished products (encoders, zone control sensors, proximity sensors, integrated optical readers, data process monitoring/reporting systems) and certain foreign components and materials to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status 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 SICK from customs duty payments on the foreign status components and materials used in export production. On its domestic sales, SICK would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to photo-electronic industrial automation sensors, encoders, zone control sensors, proximity sensors, integrated optical readers, and data process monitoring/reporting systems (free, 2.6% or 2.7%) for the foreign status inputs noted below and in the existing scope of authority. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad are: adhesives of polymers; plastic labels; plastic gaskets/washers/seals; corrugated cartons; steel screws/bolts/nuts/washers; steel and brass nuts/bolts/screws; steel brackets; inductors; electrical connectors; and, metal clamps and brackets (duty rate ranges from free to 6.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 20, 2016.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's Web site, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

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## Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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**Subzone 230D; Authorization of Limited Production Activity; Klaussner Furniture Industries, Inc. (Upholstered Furniture); Asheboro and Candor, North Carolina**

On January 5, 2016, Klaussner Furniture Industries, Inc., operator of Subzone 230D, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign Trade-Zones (FTZ) Board for its facilities within Subzone 230D, in Asheboro and Candor, North Carolina.

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 (81 FR 3100, January 20, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that further review of part of the proposed activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized on a limited basis, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14, and further subject to a restriction requiring that foreign status upholstery leather including hides (classified within HTSUS Subheadings 4107.11, 4107.92, and 4107.99) be admitted to the subzone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

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