

Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 16, 1999.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Port Director, Sacramento-Yolo Port District, 3251 Beacon Boulevard, Suite 210, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: July 19, 1999.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 38-99]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 72—Indianapolis, Indiana; Application for Subzone; SMC Pneumatics, Inc.; (Pneumatic Automation Products); Indianapolis, IN**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 72, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing and warehousing facilities of SMC Pneumatics, Inc. (SMC), located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on July 16, 1999.

SMC Pneumatics, Inc. has one site with 391 employees in Indianapolis, Indiana. The site (18.6 acres) is located at 3011 N. Franklin Road in Indianapolis, Indiana. The SMC plant is used for the manufacturing, processing, packaging and distributing of pneumatic automation products and components (primarily HTS 8412, 8413, 8481 and 9026, duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.3%). Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing about 95% of all parts consumed in manufacturing) include: screws, bolts, engine and motor parts, centrifuges, valves, bearings, electromagnets, insulated cables, and gauges (HTS 7318, 8412, 8421, 8481, 8482, 8505, 8544, 9026, duty rate ranges from duty-free to 9.9%). Some 2.3 percent of the plant's shipments are exported. FTZ procedures

would exempt SMC from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, SMC would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to finished pneumatic automation products (duty free to 5.3%) for the foreign inputs noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 28, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to October 13, 1999).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Customs Port of Entry—Indianapolis, Arms Comb Bldg #3, Rm. 30, Indianapolis, In 46251

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-852]

#### **Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Creatine Monohydrate From the People's Republic of China**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 30, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Blanche Ziv, Rosa Jeong, Annika O'Hara or Marian Wells, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202)

482-4207, (202) 482-3853, (202) 482-3798, and (202) 482-6309, respectively.

### 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 ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce ("Department") regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (April 1, 1998).

### Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that creatine monohydrate ("creatine") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 733 of the Act. The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

### Case History

Since the initiation of this investigation on March 10, 1999 (64 FR 11835), the following events have occurred:

On March 29, 1999, the United States International Trade Commission ("ITC") notified the Department of its affirmative preliminary injury determination in this case.

On March 30, 1999, the Department requested comments on the scope of this investigation from the petitioner, the respondents, the PRC's Embassy in Washington, D.C., and the PRC Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation ("MOFTEC"). On April 2, April 5, and April 19, 1999, we received comments on the scope from the petitioner and the respondents. Based on the parties' comments, the Department has revised the description of the scope of this investigation. Specifically, the Department removed from the scope language the Chemical Abstracts Service ("CAS") registry number for anhydrous creatine, which is chemically distinguishable from creatine monohydrate, the product produced and sold by the petitioner. As described in the June 25, 1999 memorandum from the Team to Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard W. Moreland ("Comments on Scope") which is on file in Import Administration's Central Records Unit, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, this change clarifies that the relief requested by petitioner is only with