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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[B-12-2023]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 81; Authorization of Production Activity; CAN-ONE (USA), Inc.; (Aluminum Beverage Cans); Nashua, New Hampshire**

On January 19, 2023, CAN-ONE (USA), Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 81F, in Nashua, New Hampshire.

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 (88 FR 8796, February 10, 2023). On May 19, 2023, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including section 400.14.

Dated: May 19, 2023.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C-533-916, C-508-815, C-580-917]

**Brass Rod From India, Israel, and the Republic of Korea: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations**

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

**DATES:** Applicable May 17, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**The Petitions**

On April 27, 2023, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received countervailing duty (CVD) petitions concerning imports of brass rod from India, Israel, and Korea filed in proper form on behalf of the American Brass Rod Fair Trade Coalition and its constituent members, Mueller Brass Co. and Wieland Chase LLC, U.S., producers of brass rod (collectively, the petitioners).<sup>1</sup> The CVD petitions were accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of brass rod from Brazil, India, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, and Korea.<sup>2</sup>

On May 2 and 10, 2023, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petitions.<sup>3</sup> On May 8 and 11, 2023, the petitioners filed timely responses to

<sup>1</sup> See Petitioners' Letter, "Brass Rod from Brazil, India, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, and South Korea: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petitions," dated April 27, 2023 (Petitions).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See Commerce's Letters, "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Brass Rod from Israel: Supplemental Questions," dated May 2, 2023; "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Brass Rod from Brazil, India, Israel, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, and South Africa and Countervailing Duties on Imports from India, Israel, and the Republic of Korea: Supplemental Questions," dated May 2, 2023 (General Issues Supplemental Questionnaire); "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Brass Rod from India: Supplemental Questions," dated May 2, 2023; and "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Brass Rod from Brazil, India, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, and South Africa and Countervailing Duties on Imports from India, Israel, and the Republic of Korea: Supplemental Questions," dated May 10, 2023.

these requests for additional information.<sup>4</sup>

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioners allege that the Government of India (GOI), the Government of Israel (GISR), and the Government of Korea (GOK) (collectively, Governments) are providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of brass rod in India, Israel, and Korea, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing brass rod in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating CVD investigations, the Petitions were accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioners supporting their allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioners filed the Petitions on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioners are interested parties as defined in sections 771(9)(C) and (F) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioners demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the requested CVD investigations.<sup>5</sup>

**Periods of Investigation**

Because the Petitions were filed on April 27, 2023, the periods of investigation (POI) for India, Israel, and Korea are January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.<sup>6</sup>

**Scope of the Investigations**

The merchandise covered by these investigations is brass rod from India, Israel, and Korea. For a full description of the scope of these investigations, see the appendix to this notice.

**Comments on the Scope of the Investigations**

On May 2 and 10, 2023, Commerce requested information from the petitioners regarding the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petitions is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic

<sup>4</sup> See Petitioners' Letters, "Brass Rod from Brazil, India, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, and South Korea: Amendment of Petitions and Response to Commerce's Supplemental Questions," dated May 8, 2023 (General Issues Supplement); and "Brass Rod from Brazil, India, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, and South Korea: Second Amendment of Petitions and Response to Commerce's Supplemental Questions," dated May 11, 2023 (Scope Supplement).

<sup>5</sup> See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition" section, *infra*.

<sup>6</sup> See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).