

34.9375 inch or 34.1875 inch ordered width; or (3) CAT5 temper, 1.00/0.50 pound/base box coating, 107 pound/base box (0.0118 inch) thickness, and 30.5625 inch or 35.5625 inch ordered width; or (4) CADR8 temper, 1.00/0.50 pound/base box coating, 85 pound/base box (0.0093 inch) thickness, and 35.5625 inch ordered width; or (5) CADR8 temper, 1.00/0.25 pound/base box coating, 60 pound/base box (0.0066 inch) thickness, and 35.9375 inch ordered width; or (6) CADR8 temper, 1.00/0.25 pound/base box coating, 70 pound/base box (0.0077 inch) thickness, and 32.9375 inch, 33.125 inch, or 35.1875 inch ordered width.

- Electrolytically tin coated steel having differential coating with 1.00 pound/base box equivalent on the heavy side, with varied coating equivalents on the lighter side (detailed below), with a continuous cast steel chemistry of type MR, with a surface finish of type 7B or 7C, with a surface passivation of 0.5 mg/square foot of chromium applied as a cathodic dichromate treatment, with ultra flat scroll cut sheet form, with CAT5 temper with 1.00/0.10 pound/base box coating, with a lithograph logo printed in a uniform pattern on the 0.10 pound coating side with a clear protective coat, with both sides waxed to a level of 15–20 mg/216 sq. in., with ordered dimension combinations of (1) 75 pound/base box (0.0082 inch) thickness and 34.9375 inch x 31.748 inch scroll cut dimensions; or (2) 75 pound/base box (0.0082 inch) thickness and 34.1875 inch x 29.076 inch scroll cut dimensions; or (3) 107 pound/base box (0.0118 inch) thickness and 30.5625 inch x 34.125 inch scroll cut dimension.

- Tin-free steel coated with a metallic chromium layer between 100–200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and a chromium oxide layer between 5–30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>; chemical composition of 0.05% maximum carbon, 0.03% maximum silicon, 0.60% maximum manganese, 0.02% maximum phosphorous, and 0.02% maximum sulfur; magnetic flux density (Br) of 10 kg minimum and a coercive force (Hc) of 3.8 Oe minimum.

- Tin-free steel laminated on one or both sides of the surface with a polyester film, consisting of two layers (an amorphous layer and an outer crystal layer), that contains no more than the indicated amounts of the following environmental hormones: 1 mg/kg BADGE (BisPhenol—A Di-glycidyl Ether), 1 mg/kg BFDGE (BisPhenol—F Di-glycidyl Ether), and 3 mg/kg BPA (BisPhenol—A).

The merchandise subject to this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), under HTSUS subheadings 7210.11.0000, 7210.12.0000, 7210.50.0020, 7210.50.0090, 7212.10.0000, and 7212.50.0000 if of non-alloy steel and under HTSUS subheadings 7225.99.0090, and 7226.99.0180 if of alloy steel. Although the subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### District Export Council Nomination Opportunity

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

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for appointment to serve as a District Export Council member.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of individuals for consideration for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to serve as members of one of the 61 District Export Councils (DECs) nationwide. DECs are closely affiliated with the U.S. Export Assistance Centers (USEACs) of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS), which is part of the Global Markets unit within the International Trade Administration, and play a key role in the planning and coordination of export activities in their communities.

**DATES:** Nominations for individuals will be accepted through Sept 1, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Please contact the Director of your local USEAC for more information on DECs and the nomination process. You may identify your local USEAC by entering your zip code online at <https://trade.gov/commercial-service-offices-us>. The Director of your local USEAC can be identified by clicking the “Contact Us” tab. For general program information, contact Laura Barmby, National DEC Liaison, US&FCS, at (202) 482–2675.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** District Export Councils support the mission of US&FCS by facilitating the development of an effective local export assistance network, supporting the expansion of export opportunities for local U.S. companies, serving as a communication link between the business community and US&FCS, and assisting in coordinating the activities of trade assistance partners to leverage available resources. Individuals appointed to a

DEC become part of a select corps of trade professionals dedicated to providing international trade leadership and guidance to the local business community and assistance to the Department of Commerce on export development issues. DEC members are volunteers. DEC members are not special government employees. DEC members receive no compensation for their participation in DEC activities or reimbursement for travel and other personal expenses.

**Nomination Process:** Each DEC has a maximum membership of 35. There are currently vacancies on every DEC, with approximately half of the positions open on each DEC for the four-year term that begins on January 1, 2024, and runs through December 31, 2027. The online nomination form is available at <https://app.keysurvey.com/f/41667817/4d92/>. All potential nominees must complete the online nomination form linked above and consent to sharing of the information on that form with the DEC Executive Committee for its consideration, and consent, if appointed, to sharing of their contact information with other DEC members and relevant government agencies and private sector organizations with a focus on trade. Interested individuals are highly encouraged to reach out to the local USEAC Director to learn more about the DECs and to begin the application process as soon as possible.

**Eligibility and Appointment Criteria:** Appointment is based upon an individual's international trade leadership in the local community, ability to influence the local environment for exporting, knowledge of day-to-day international operations, interest in export development, and willingness and ability to devote time to DEC activities. Members must be employed as exporters or export service providers or in a profession which supports U.S. export promotion efforts. Members include exporters, export service providers and others whose profession supports U.S. export promotion efforts. DEC member appointments are made without regard to political affiliation. DEC membership is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States. As representatives of the local exporting community, DEC Members must reside in, or conduct the majority of their work in, the territory that the DEC covers. DEC membership is not open to Federal Government employees. Individuals representing foreign governments, including individuals registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, must disclose such representation and may be

disqualified if the Department determines that such representation is likely to impact the ability to carry out the duties of a DEC member or raise an appearance issue for the Department.

**Selection Process:** Nominations of individuals who have applied for DEC membership will be forwarded to the local USEAC Director for the respective DEC for that Director's consideration. The local USEAC Director ensures that all nominees meet the membership criteria. The local USEAC Director then, in consultation with the local DEC Executive Committee, evaluates all nominees to determine their interest, commitment, and qualifications. In reviewing nominees, the local USEAC Director strives to ensure a balance among exporters from a manufacturing or service industry and export service providers. A fair representation should be considered from companies and organizations that support exporters, representatives of local and state government, and trade organizations and associations. Membership should reflect the diversity of the local business community, encompass a broad range of business and industry sectors, and be distributed geographically across the DEC service area, and where possible, the Department of Commerce will also consider the ethnic, racial, and gender diversity and various abilities of the United States population.

For current DEC members seeking reappointment, the local USEAC Director, in consultation with the DEC Executive Committee, also carefully considers the nominee's activity level during the previous term and demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and effectively with other DEC members and US&FCS staff. As appointees of the Secretary of Commerce in high-profile positions, though volunteers, DEC Members are expected to actively participate in the DEC and support the work of local US&FCS offices. Those that do not support the work of the office or do not actively participate in DEC activities will not be considered for re-nomination.

The local USEAC Director, in consultation with the local DEC Executive Committee, determines which nominees to forward to the US&FCS Office of U.S. Field for further consideration for recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce. A candidate's background and character are pertinent to determining suitability and eligibility for DEC membership. Since DEC appointments are made by the Secretary, the Department must make a suitability determination for all DEC nominees. After completion of a

vetting process, the Secretary selects nominees for appointment to local DEC's. DEC members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Commerce.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1512 and 4721.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### **Certain Quartz Surface Products From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews; Global Stone**

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

**SUMMARY:** In response to a request from Global Stone Collection, LLC (Global Stone), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating changed circumstances reviews (CCR) of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain quartz surface products (quartz surface products) from the People's Republic of China (China) to determine whether the quartz surface products imported by Global Stone into the United States and exported by Bada Industries SDN BHD (Bada Industries) from Malaysia were manufactured in Malaysia with non-Chinese origin quartz slab.

**DATES:** Applicable June 26, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ajay Menon, AD/CVD Operations, Office IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0208.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On July 11, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the orders on quartz surface products from China.<sup>1</sup> On October 21, 2022, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the final results of a scope ruling regarding imports of quartz surface products manufactured in China and further processed in Malaysia, finding that such

imports are covered by the scope of the *Orders*.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, because exporters of quartz surface products from Malaysia export both subject and non-subject merchandise, Commerce established a scope certification process for all imports of quartz surface products from Malaysia. Specifically, Commerce set forth certification requirements for importers and exporters to permit imports from Malaysia produced from non-Chinese origin quartz slab not to be subject to suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements. In so doing, Commerce also determined that certain companies processing Chinese quartz slab in Malaysia, including Bada Industries, were ineligible to participate in this scope certification process.<sup>3</sup> However, Commerce indicated that these companies, including Bada Industries, could request reconsideration of their exclusion from the certification process in a future segment of the proceeding (e.g., in a CCR).<sup>4</sup>

On May 11, 2023, Global Stone submitted a letter requesting that Commerce conduct a CCR to reconsider Bada Industries' eligibility for the certification process, such that Bada Industries can certify that the quartz surface products imported by Global Stone are not produced from Chinese-origin quartz slab.<sup>5</sup> We received no comments from interested parties regarding the CCR Request.

##### **Scope of the Orders**

The products covered by the *Orders* are quartz surface products from China.<sup>6</sup> The products subject to the scope are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the following subheading: 6810.99.0010. Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 6810.11.0010, 6810.11.0070, 6810.19.1200, 6810.19.1400, 6810.19.5000, 6810.91.0000, 6810.99.0080, 2506.10.0010, 2506.10.0050, 2506.20.0010, 2506.20.0080, and 7016.90.1050. Although the HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description remains dispositive.

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China: Final Scope Ruling on Malaysian Processed Quartz Slab and Rescission of the Circumvention Inquiry*, 87 FR 64009, 64010 (October 21, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*, 87 FR at 64010.

<sup>5</sup> See Global Stone's Letter, "Request for Changed Circumstances Review of Bada Industries," dated May 11, 2023 (CCR Request).

<sup>6</sup> See *Orders*, 84 FR at 33055-33056, for a complete description of the scope.

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Quartz Surface Products from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 33053 (July 11, 2019) (*Orders*).