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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-12-2024]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 49;  
Authorization of Production Activity;  
Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC;  
(Pharmaceutical Products for  
Research and Development); Rahway,  
New Jersey**

On March 8, 2024, Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 49Y, in Rahway, New Jersey.

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 (89 FR 19295, March 18, 2024). On July 8, 2024, 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: July 8, 2024.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-028]

**Antidumping Duty Order on  
Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From the  
People's Republic of China: Final  
Affirmative Determination of  
Circumvention With Respect to R-  
410B, R-407G, and a Certain Custom  
Blend From the People's Republic of  
China**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of R-410B, R-407G, and a custom hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) blend of 50-percent R-125 and 50-percent R-134a (custom HFC blend) which are blended in the People's Republic of China (China) and further processed in the United States, are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) order on HFC blends from China.

**DATES:** Applicable July 11, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Benjamin Nathan, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3834.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On August 19, 2016, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD order on HFC blends from China.<sup>1</sup> On July 7, 2023, Commerce initiated a country-wide circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(ii) to determine whether imports of R-410B, R-407G, and the custom HFC blend which are blended in China and further processed in the United States, are circumventing the *Order* and, accordingly, should be covered by the scope of the *Order*.<sup>2</sup> On April 11, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its affirmative

<sup>1</sup> See *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 81 FR 55436 (August 19, 2016) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiries on the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 43275 (July 7, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*).

*Preliminary Determination* that imports of R-410B, R-407G, and the custom HFC blend which are blended in China using China-origin components and further processed in the United States are circumventing the *Order*.<sup>3</sup>

For a summary of events that occurred since the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for consideration in this final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>4</sup> The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

**Scope of the Order**

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is certain HFC blends. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

**Merchandise Subject to the Circumvention Inquiry**

This circumvention inquiry covers imports of HFC blends R-410B, R-407G, and a certain custom HFC blend which are blended in China using China-origin HFC components and further processed in the United States (inquiry merchandise).

**Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this circumvention inquiry in accordance with section 781(a) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.226. See *Preliminary Determination* for a full description of

<sup>3</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention with Respect to R-410B, R-407G, and a Certain Custom Blend from the People's Republic of China*, 89 FR 25568 (April 11, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China with Respect to Imports of R-410B and R-407G, and a Certain Custom Blend from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).