

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT MARCH 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008—Continued

| Firm | Address | Date accepted for filing | Products |
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| Cherek Machine & Tool Co., Inc. | 835 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut 06514. | 2/8/08 | Produces small machine parts and tooling. |
| Moon Woodturning, Inc. | 118 W. Watson Street, Pacific, MO 63069. | 1/30/08 | Custom Wood Turning Product. |
| Maryland Plastics, Inc. | 251 East Central Ave., Federalsburg, MD 21632. | 1/15/08 | Manufactures plastic consumer house wares and cutlery. |
| Marshall Engineering Product Company, LLC. | 3056 Walker Ridge Drive, Suite C, Grand Rapids, MI 49544. | 12/17/08 | Centrifugal and turbine pumps and similar steam and hydronic heating equipment. |
| Centerline Die & Engineering, LLC | 28661 Van Dyke Ave, Warren, MI 48093 | 2/22/08 | Tools and die. |
| The Green Company | 15550 W. 109th St., Lenexa, KS 66219 | 1/25/08 | Emblematic jewelry, awards and gifts. |
| LDC, Inc. | 30R Houghton St, Providence, RI | 2/26/08 | Products form sterling silver, 14KT gold and base metals. |
| Universal Forest Products | 26200 Nowell Road, Thornton, CA 95686. | 1/31/08 | Lumber remanufacturer and distributor. |
| H & H Propeller Shop, Inc. | Zero Essex Street, Salem, MA 01970 | 1/30/08 | Wide range of marine propulsion products and services. |
| Hiawatha Rubber Co. | 1700 67th Avenue N., Minneapolis, MN 55430. | 3/6/08 | Designs and manufactures products such as rubber rollers, roller covers Diaphragms, seals, gaskets and Related molded rubber products. |
| Fantasy Diamond Corp. | 1550 West Central, Chicago, IL 60607 ... | 3/3/08 | Manufactures pendants, earrings, bracelets and rings out of gold, diamonds and other precious stones. |
| Flux Studios, Inc. | 4001 Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, IL 60613. | 2/29/08 | Stainless steel and bronze decorative floor and wall tiles. |
| Simplomatic Manufacturing Company | 816 N. Kostner Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651. | 3/3/08 | Stamped metal and injection molded plastic components of mechanical seals, bearings and turbochargers. |
| Lynn Halfmann | H.C. 34—Box 187, Midland, TX 79706 | 2/19/08 | Combed and carded cotton for textile manufacturing. |
| R.L. Stowe Mills, Inc. | 100 N. Main Street, Belmont, NC 28012 | 2/29/08 | Manufactures and markets ring spun combed and open end cotton yarn, twisted yarn, corespun yarns, dyed and mercerized yarns. |

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Office of Performance Evaluation, Room 7009, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. Please follow the procedures set forth in section 315.9 of EDA's final rule (71 FR 56704) for procedures for requesting a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: March 19, 2008.

William P. Kittredge,

Program Officer for TAA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

**International Trade Administration
Mission Statement**

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, ITA.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Statement

Aerospace, Defense and Security Trade Mission to Athens, Greece October 7-10, 2008.

Mission Description: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service is organizing an Aerospace, Defense and Security Trade Mission, October 7-10, 2008, to Athens, Greece, with an optional stop in Tel Aviv, Israel, October 5-6, 2008. The mission will coincide with Defendory 2008 in Athens, where U.S. participants will meet with both Greek and Turkish business contacts. Defendory is one of the world's leading exhibitions for sea, land and air defense products and

technologies. The trade mission will target a broad range of aerospace, defense, and safety and security products and services, and will consist of customized one-on-one appointments at the Defendory exhibit site between U.S. participants and Greek customers/business partners, as well as Turkish customers/business partners. Delegation members may take advantage of the optional stop in Israel before the mission starts in Greece.

The goal of the mission will be to match participating U.S. companies with pre-screened agents, distributors, representatives, licensees, buyers, and joint venture partners, and where appropriate, arrange for appointments with government officials, traditionally large purchasers of products and services in the highlighted sectors. Consumers in Greece, Turkey and Israel have a strong affinity for U.S. products and services in these sectors.

Commercial Setting

Greece: Greece's allocation of gross domestic product (GDP) for defense is the highest in the European Union (EU).

A partner in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Greece is continuing to modernize the Hellenic Armed Forces and shift its force structure toward smaller, more flexible formations. To achieve this, the government has announced plans to spend more than \$3 billion by 2011, in addition to the \$8 billion it has spent in recent years on defense equipment. Greece provides U.S. defense firms with excellent opportunities as it pursues a number of high-priority programs, including new frigates, helicopters, missiles, fighters and “new generation” trainer aircraft.

The necessity for more and better security has resulted in increased market potential associated with the upgrading of Greek airport and port security, to be funded from the Greek national budget, EU funds, the Interregional Plan, and public-private partnerships. Opportunities for U.S. firms exist in a number of airport and port safety and security projects. The Greek civil aviation structure consists of 82 commercial airports, of which 38 are under the jurisdiction of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA). According to the HCAA, total airport traffic in Greece through 2006 reached 40 million travelers, and is expected to increase to more than 50 million by 2010. Greece has 123 cargo/passenger ports that handle passenger ships, cruise ships and cargo. The main ports, Piraeus and Thessaloniki, serve as a gateway to the Balkans.

Significant developments that will influence demand for port safety and security include equipment upgrades associated with the Container Security Initiative (CSI) and/or International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS), as well as the HCAA's plans for security upgrades. The ISPS Code defines mandatory measures to strengthen maritime security and prevent acts of terrorism against shipping and port facilities.

One offshoot of these requirements is the Greek Ministry of Merchant Marine's plans to announce, by the end of 2008, an international tender worth more than \$496 million for the design, implementation and operation of a fully integrated security system for 12 Greek national ports. The system will include surface, underwater and perimeter security according to the ISPS Code. A second tender will follow to cover the remaining Greek ports. U.S. companies enjoy an excellent reputation for high-quality equipment, advanced technology, superior technical proficiency, and expertise in the design and execution of large-scale security

projects. Innovative security products are in high demand.

Turkey: Located at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and the Middle East, Turkey is prepared to defend its national interest along many different fronts. Turkey maintains the second largest land force in NATO and second largest fleet of F-16s, second only to the United States. Turkey's role in NATO—including support of security and humanitarian operations, as well as regional crisis management—is one of the cornerstones of the nation's relationship with the United States. The FY 2007 Ministry of Defense (MOD) budget resulted in a 12% increase compared to FY 2006 and reached 13.2 billion in New Turkish Liras, constituting 2.1% of the gross national product (GNP). This does not include spending by either the Ministry of Interior's Gendarmerie or the Undersecretariat for Defense Industry procurements. Potential major procurements in 2008 are expected to include frigates, submarines, coastal surveillance radars, tactical wheeled vehicles, satellites, and air defense systems.

The safety and security market in Turkey is new and developing rapidly. The market size was estimated to be \$3 billion in 2007—approximately \$2.5 billion of which was devoted to physical security services such as private security guards, patrols, and training. Biometrics, closed circuit systems (CCTV), access detectors, and X-ray equipment are among the best prospects for equipment.

Israel: In the homeland security, defense and aerospace sectors, U.S. exporters are the preferred suppliers for Israeli companies. The attractive dollar exchange rate, sophisticated technologies, cultural affinities, and strong political and commercial bonds between the United States and Israel are the main factors why Israeli manufacturers look to do business with U.S. firms. Israel's security-awareness and high level of preparedness are the driving forces for the development of the country's cutting edge security industry, which in 2007 produced an estimated \$4.5 billion in equipment and services.

Israel is an attractive market for U.S. manufacturers of high-end equipment and of components that can be integrated into Israeli systems. The import market, estimated at \$510 million has a 70% U.S. market share. U.S. security equipment is often used for sensitive applications, by high-security industries and for key infrastructures and installations. The market offers good opportunities for

U.S. exporters of high-quality detection and screening systems, CCTV, sensors, biometric solutions, x-ray systems, and non-lethal weapons. For U.S. exporters of defense systems and components, Israel offers excellent market potential. Estimated total market size is \$3.5 billion, with imports totaling \$2.5 billion. Over 70 percent of the \$5.3 billion local production is exported. Import of defense items from the United States amounts to approximately \$2 billion. Many procurements are made with Foreign Military Financing (FMF), giving a distinct advantage to U.S. manufacturers, as FMF requirements call for 51-percent U.S. content in purchased equipment.

Israel has a large and modern air force, successful international and regional airlines, hundreds of registered general aviation and sport aircraft, and an advanced aerospace industry. Israeli defense companies have developed and manufactured combat aircraft, business jets, missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, space launchers, and satellites. Over the years, Israel has become a world leader in many aerospace fields.

Mission Goals: The trade mission's goal is to provide market entry or increased sales in the mission markets for U.S. aerospace, defense and/or safety and security firms, as well as first-hand market information and access to potential business partners.

Mission Scenario: The delegation will spend five days in Athens. In cooperation with CS Ankara and CS Istanbul, Turkish distributors, agents and other appropriate business partners will be invited to meet with the mission participants in Athens. Mission participants may participate in an optional mission stop in Tel Aviv, Israel, where the CS will arrange one-on-one appointments with potential Israeli customers and/or business partners and provide briefings on the Israeli market. Companies opting to stop first in Israel will pay Gold Key Service fees directly to CS Tel Aviv.

In Greece, the U.S. Commercial Service will provide a market briefing highlighting opportunities in the aerospace, defense and/or safety and security sectors; schedule one-on-one appointments at the Defendory show site with potential Greek and Turkish business partners; participate in the Defendory hospitality events to introduce participants to key business and industry officials; provide interpreters as needed; and provide hotel/airport transfers for the mission participants.

Criteria for Participation

- Relevance of the company's business line to the mission's scope and goals.
- Potential for business in the selected markets.
- Timeliness of the company's completed application, participation agreement, and payment of the mission participation fee.
- Provision of adequate information on the company's products and/or services and communication of the company's primary objectives to facilitate appropriate matching with potential business partners.
- Certification that the firm's products and/or services are manufactured or produced in the United States or if manufactured/produced outside of the United States, the product/service should be marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service.

Any partisan political activities of an applicant, including political contributions, will be entirely irrelevant to the selection process. Recruitment will be conducted on a first come-first served basis and will close approximately six weeks prior to the mission. The mission participation fee will be U.S. \$3,000 per company. The rates for the Israel option are \$735 for the first day of appointments and \$360 for the second day of appointments. The participation fee does not include the cost of travel, lodging, and most meals. Participation is open to the first 10 qualified U.S. companies. Applications received after the recruitment deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dmitry Vladimirov, AD/CVD Operations, Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0665.

Background

The Department of Commerce (the Department) published an antidumping duty order on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand on August 9, 2004. See *Antidumping Duty Order: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Thailand*, 69 FR 48204 (August 9, 2004). On August 2, 2007, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand for the period August 1, 2006, through July 31, 2007. See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 72 FR 42383 (August 2, 2007). On August 31, 2007, KYD, Inc., a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review with respect to King Pac Industrial Co., Ltd. On August 31, 2007, The Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bag Committee and its individual members, Hilex Poly Co., LLC and Superbag Corporation, the petitioner in this proceeding, also requested that the Department conduct an administrative review with respect to King Pac Industrial Co., Ltd., Kor Ratthanakit Co., Ltd., Master Packaging Co., Ltd., Naraipak Co., Ltd., and Polyplast (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

On September 25, 2007, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand for the period August 1, 2006, through July 31, 2007. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for*

Revocation in Part, 72 FR 54428, 54429 (September 25, 2007). On December 6, 2007, the Department decided to limit its examination of requested companies to King Pac Industrial Co., Ltd., Naraipak Co., Ltd., and Polyplast (Thailand) Co., Ltd., pursuant to section 777A(c)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. See Memorandum to Laurie Parkhill entitled "Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand – Respondent Selection," dated December 6, 2006. The preliminary results of this administrative review are currently due no later than May 2, 2008.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published in the **Federal Register**. If it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review by the current deadline of May 2, 2008. We received a below-cost allegation and are currently conducting a below-cost investigation for one of the respondents, which will require us to analyze and incorporate the information from recently filed submissions. Further, we require additional time to verify information submitted by certain respondents in this administrative review.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review by 60 days to July 1, 2008.

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777 (i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 18, 2008.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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