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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### USDA Forest Service Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Request for public input; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service has extended the deadline for receiving input into the development of the USDA Forest Service Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan from December 13, 2006, to December 29, 2006. The Strategy and Implementation Plan will help shape the agency's strategic role in a national effort to conserve open space. The Forest Service is interested in addressing the effects of the loss of open space on private forests; on the National Forests and Grasslands and surrounding landscape; and on forests in cities, suburbs, and towns. Input for the Strategy and Implementation Plan should focus on programs, research, partnerships, and/or policy recommendations that could be developed to conserve open space. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for more background on the loss of open space and the Strategy and Implementation Plan.

**DATES:** The Forest Service will review public input received no later than December 29, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Claire Harper, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry, Mail Stop Code 1123, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1123; via electronic mail to [openspace@fs.fed.us](mailto:openspace@fs.fed.us); or via facsimile to (202) 205-1271. The agency cannot confirm receipt of comments. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection. The public may inspect comments during regular business hours at the office of the Cooperative Forestry Staff, 4th Floor SE., Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1389 to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about the Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan and the loss of

open space, contact Claire Harper, USDA Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry, by telephone at (202) 205-1389 or by electronic mail at [openspace@fs.fed.us](mailto:openspace@fs.fed.us). For a summary of the Forest Service's current research, programs, and resources available to facilitate open space conservation, please review the Forest Service's publication entitled "Cooperating Across Boundaries: Partnerships to Conserve Open Space in Rural America." Electronic copies of this publication are available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/four-threats/documents/cooperatingacrossboundaries.pdf>, and hardcopies are available by contacting Claire Harper at [openspace@fs.fed.us](mailto:openspace@fs.fed.us).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

In 2003, Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth identified the loss of open space as one of four great threats facing our nation's forests and grasslands. Loss of open space is an issue that affects the sustainability of both the National Forests and Grasslands and private forests. Open space—including public and private land, wilderness and working land—provides a multitude of public benefits and ecosystem services we all need and enjoy. Three interrelated trends of conversion, fragmentation, and parcelization are jeopardizing the long term health and function of forests, limiting management options, and reducing opportunities for public enjoyment and use. To address the loss of open space threat, the Forest Service is building a national strategy to identify how the agency plans to focus its efforts on the issue. This strategy will provide actions and policy recommendations to conserve open space, with an emphasis on partnerships and collaborative approaches.

##### **II. Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan**

The Forest Service recognizes that it is not the only contributor to open space conservation; it is only one among many. The Forest Service also acknowledges that the agency's role in open space conservation is not to regulate development or land use, but is to provide expertise, resources, information, and programs. To help prioritize and focus the agency's efforts, the Forest Service plans to develop and refine an Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan to address the loss of open space.

Input for the Strategy and Implementation Plan should focus on programs, research, partnerships and/or

policy recommendations that could be developed to conserve open space. Specifically, input regarding the following three questions is most useful:

1. How can the Forest Service protect land from conversion to other uses;
2. How can the Forest Service assist private landowners and communities in maintaining and managing their land as sustainable forests and grasslands; and
3. How can the Forest Service mitigate the impacts of existing and new developments.

By receiving input from people with diverse interests and perspectives, the agency hopes to attain an array of viewpoints and ideas regarding the Open Space Conservation Strategy and Implementation Plan. Feedback from a range of interested individuals will assist the agency in developing a well-informed, focused, and effective strategy to address the loss of open space threat.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 46-2006]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 222—Montgomery, AL; Request for Manufacturing Authority; Arvin Meritor, Inc. (Automotive Parts)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 222, requesting authority on behalf of Arvin Meritor, Inc. (Arvin Meritor) to manufacture automotive parts under FTZ procedures within FTZ 222. The application was filed on December 5, 2006.

Arvin Meritor operates a facility (150 employees, annual capacity for up to 1.5 million door modules) within Site 1 of FTZ 222 located at 139 Folmar Parkway, within the Interstate Industrial Park. The proposed manufacturing activity would involve the use of foreign-sourced components (initially representing 42% of total materials) to produce door modules for the Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC plant (SZ 222A). Components include latch assemblies, adaptors and retainers, guide rails, handle brackets, module panels, pulleys, drums and drum parts, clamp assemblies, support brackets,

carrier plates, screws, spacers, washers, grommets, rivets and stoppers.

FTZ procedures would exempt Arvin Meritor from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export to non-NAFTA countries. On domestic shipments transferred in-bond to U.S. automotive assembly plants with subzone status, no duties would be paid on the foreign-origin components used in automobile and light truck production until the finished vehicles are formally entered for consumption, at which time the finished automobile duty rate (2.5%) would be applied to the foreign-origin components. For the individual door modules withdrawn directly by Arvin Meritor for Customs entry, the finished automotive part rate (2.5%) could be applied to the foreign origin components (duty-free to 8.5%). The company indicates that it would also realize savings under FTZ procedures for the following reasons: duty deferral, duty exemption on scrap/waste, and logistical/paperwork efficiencies.

Public comment 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 February 12, 2007. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 27, 2007.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 950 22nd Street North, Suite 707, Birmingham, Alabama 35203; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2814B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002; Tel: (202) 482-2862.

Dated: December 5, 2006.

**Pierre V. Duy,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-122-840]

#### **Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada**

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

**SUMMARY:** On November 6, 2006, the Department of Commerce published a notice of initiation of a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod products from Canada. We have preliminarily concluded that 1) Ivaco Rolling Mills 2004 L.P. is the successor-in-interest to Ivaco Rolling Mills L.P.; and 2) Sivaco Ontario, a division of Sivaco Wire Group 2004 L.P., is the successor-in-interest to Ivaco Inc. As a result, Ivaco Rolling Mills 2004 L.P., and Sivaco Ontario, a division of Sivaco Wire Group 2004 L.P., (collectively "Ivaco") should receive the same antidumping duty treatment with respect to carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from Canada as Ivaco Rolling Mills L.P. and Ivaco Inc.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 14, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Audrey Twyman or Brandon Farlander, at (202) 482-3534 or (202) 482-0182, respectively; AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Background**

In its January 12, 2006 response to Section A of the Department's original questionnaire, Ivaco notified the Department that the assets of Ivaco, Inc. and all of its divisions (e.g., Sivaco Ontario, and Sivaco Quebec) had been purchased on December 1, 2004. As a result, the Department self-initiated a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from Canada. See *Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada*, 71 FR 64921 (November 6, 2006). On June 1, 2006, and October 27, 2006, the Department issued Ivaco supplemental questionnaires requesting further details on Ivaco's successor-in-interest claims.

The company's responses were received by the Department on July 6, 2006, and November 20, 2006.

#### **Scope of the Order**

The merchandise subject to this order is certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel, in coils, of approximately round cross section, 5.00 mm or more, but less than 19.00 mm, in solid cross-sectional diameter.

Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above-noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; and (e) concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are (f) free machining steel products (i.e., products that contain by weight one or more of the following elements: 0.03 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorus, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium).

Also excluded from the scope are 1080 grade tire cord quality wire rod and 1080 grade tire bead quality wire rod. Grade 1080 tire cord quality rod is defined as: (i) grade 1080 tire cord quality wire rod measuring 5.0 mm or more but not more than 6.0 mm in cross-sectional diameter; (ii) with an average partial decarburization of no more than 70 microns in depth (maximum individual 200 microns); (iii) having no non-deformable inclusions greater than 20 microns and no deformable inclusions greater than 35 microns; (iv) having a carbon segregation per heat average of 3.0 or better using European Method NFA 04-114; (v) having a surface quality with no surface defects of a length greater than 0.15 mm; (vi) capable of being drawn to a diameter of 0.30 mm or less with 3 or fewer breaks per ton, and (vii) containing by weight the following elements in the proportions shown: (1) 0.78 percent or more of carbon, (2) less than 0.01 percent of aluminum, (3) 0.040 percent or less, in the aggregate, of phosphorus and sulfur, (4) 0.006 percent or less of nitrogen, and (5) not more than 0.15 percent, in the aggregate, of copper, nickel and chromium.

Grade 1080 tire bead quality rod is defined as: (i) grade 1080 tire bead quality wire rod measuring 5.5 mm or more but not more than 7.0 mm in cross-sectional diameter; (ii) with an average partial decarburization of no more than 70 microns in depth (maximum individual 200 microns); (iii) having no non-deformable inclusions greater than 20 microns and no