



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
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Notification of Proposed Production Activity
Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc.
Subzone 29F
(Automotive Battery Management Systems)
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

The Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of FTZ 29, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. (HIAMS-HK), operator of Subzone 29F, at its facilities located in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 5, 2015.

HIAMS-HK already has authority to produce various automotive components, including electric-hybrid drive systems, mass air sensors, throttle bodies and chambers, starter motors, motor/generator units, alternators, distributors, static converters, inverter modules, rotors/stators, batteries, ignition coils, sensors and modules, fuel injectors, emissions control equipment, valves, pumps, and electronic control units for engines and transmissions within Subzone 29F. The current request would add a new finished product (automotive battery management systems) and foreign components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt HIAMS-HK from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, HIAMS-HK would be able to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to automotive battery management systems (1.7%) for the foreign status inputs noted below and in the existing scope of authority. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The components sourced from abroad are: battery management covers and bases (duty rate – 1.7%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is *[insert 40 days from date of publication]*.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

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