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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-45-2020]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 26—Atlanta, Georgia; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Ricoh Electronics, Inc. (Toner Products, Thermal Paper and Film); Lawrenceville and Buford, Georgia**

Ricoh Electronics, Inc. (Ricoh) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Lawrenceville and Buford, Georgia. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 13, 2020.

Ricoh already has authority to produce copiers, printers, toner cartridges, related toner products, and thermal paper and film products within Subzone 26H. The current request would add foreign-status materials/components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Ricoh from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, Ricoh would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to copiers, printers, toner cartridges, related toner products, and, thermal paper and film (duty rate ranges between duty-free and 5.8%). Ricoh would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad include: Carnauba wax; titanium dioxide mixture (titanium

dioxide, methyltrimethoxy silane, and trifluoropropyltrimethoxysilane); wax ester; carnauba wax/rice bran wax blend; ethylene propylene copolymer wax; polyester resin; acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) resin; polystyrene (PS) resin; PS/ABS resin; flame retardant additive (polyethylene terephthalate/titanium dioxide mixture); and, plastic damp bags (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.5%). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is August 31, 2020.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Diane Finver at [Diane.Finver@trade.gov](mailto:Diane.Finver@trade.gov) or (202) 482-1367.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-44-2020]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 208—New London, Connecticut; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the New London Foreign Trade Zone Commission, grantee of FTZ 208, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to

the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on July 13, 2020.

FTZ 208 was approved by the FTZ Board on June 26, 1995 (Board Order 746, 60 FR 35893, July 12, 1995).

The current zone includes the following site: *Site 1* (133 acres)—New London State Pier, State Pier Road, New London.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would be New London County, Connecticut, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed service area is within and adjacent to the New London Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone to include its existing site as a "magnet" site. No subzones/usage-driven sites are being requested at this time. The application would have no impact on FTZ 208's previously authorized subzone.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is September 21, 2020. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to October 5, 2020.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

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