

Board Executive Secretary (15 CFR 400.36(f)), the application to establish Subzone 123F is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13 and further subject to FTZ 123's 858-acre activation limit.

Dated: October 22, 2013.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**  
*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 8—Toledo, Ohio, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Whirlpool Corporation, Subzone 8I, (Washing Machines), Clyde and Green Springs, Ohio**

Whirlpool Corporation (Whirlpool) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Clyde and Green Springs, Ohio within Subzone 8I. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 17, 2013.

Whirlpool already has authority to produce standard and high capacity washing machines using certain imported components. The current request would add foreign-status 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 and 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 Whirlpool from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Whirlpool would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to washing machine seal and pump assemblies; washing machines; high-capacity washing machines; subassemblies of washing machines; transmission and camshafts for washing machines agitators; gears and gearing for speed changers related to washing machines; clutch assemblies for washing machines; gears and gearing for agitator/washing machine transmissions; motor/actuator assemblies for washing machines;

switch/button assemblies for washing machines; control panels for washing machines; control housing assemblies for washing machines; wire harness assemblies for washing machines; laundry pedestals; and, laundry pedestal subassemblies (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.7%) 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 additional components and materials sourced from abroad include: self-tapping screws, screws, bolts, washers, articles of steel, base metal mountings, housings for wax motors, appliance fans, water filters, various DC motors, various AC multi-phase motors, lamp sockets, halogen lamps, power cords, wire harnesses, carbon brush assemblies, pressure sensors and thermostats (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 8.6%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 9, 2013.

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 Board's Web site, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Whiteman at [Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov) or (202) 482-0473.

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**Elizabeth Whiteman,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **Renewable Energy Policy Business Roundtable in Livermore, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)'s International Trade Administration (ITA) is seeking representatives from 20 qualified U.S. companies to join Japanese industry

counterparts for a U.S.-Japan Renewable Energy Policy Business Roundtable on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Livermore, California. Senior level officials from DOC, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) will attend the Roundtable to provide policy updates, as well as to ensure that the exchange of views among the companies will be taken into consideration in the U.S.-Japan Clean Energy Policy Dialogue (Dialogue) that will be held during the same week and in other bilateral meetings throughout the year.

The Roundtable supports ITA's commitments contained in the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RE&EE) Export Initiative, which aims to significantly increase U.S. RE&EE exports under the National Export Initiative.

**DATES:** The roundtable will be held on December 11, 2013.

Participants must apply no later than November 15, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cora Dickson, Industry and Analysis, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries; Phone: 202-482-6083; Fax: 202-482-5665; Email: [Cora.Dickson@trade.gov](mailto:Cora.Dickson@trade.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### *Background:*

In December 2012, agencies of the Governments of the United States and Japan—DOE, DOC, and METI—convened the first bilateral Renewable Energy Policy Business Roundtable in Tokyo. Held in conjunction with the Dialogue, the Roundtable allowed the private sector to explore areas of mutual concern and share with government officials their experiences with the policy landscape of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Both governments agreed to hold a follow-up Roundtable in the United States. It should also be noted that the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan held a renewable energy financing workshop in February 2013 in Tokyo to further address issues highlighted by the Roundtable.

##### *Goals of Participation:*

- Gain a deeper understanding of the changing Japanese policy and regulatory landscape with respect to RE&EE;
- Interact with Japanese policymakers and private sector representatives active in the RE&EE sector;
- Provide perspectives on how to increase U.S.-Japan business partnerships in the RE&EE sector; and
- Enhance the bilateral Dialogue by identifying key policy issues and sharing best practices.

##### *Roundtable Structure:*

The Roundtable will be a daylong event. The morning plenary session will be held at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the afternoon breakout sessions will be held at the Livermore Valley Open Campus.

- Lunch will be provided.
- Interpretation will be provided.
- All participants are invited to a reception hosted by METI in the evening immediately after the Roundtable.

- All participants are also invited to optional, no-host events in Livermore the evening of December 10 with the Japanese delegation.

- Lodging costs will not be covered, but accommodations for the Roundtable participants will be offered at a hotel in Livermore at a group rate.

*Topics to be covered:*

- Renewable energy financing
- Rooftop solar deployment
- Transmission capacity and storage
- Smart grid deployment
- Distributed generation
- Energy efficiency for residential and commercial buildings

*Participation Requirements:*

All parties interested in participating in the Roundtable must complete and submit an application package for consideration by ITA. All applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. A minimum of 15 and maximum of 20 companies will be selected to participate in the Roundtable from the applicant pool. U.S. companies already doing business in Japan as well as U.S. companies seeking to enter the Japanese market for the first time may apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis in the order they are received.

Selected companies will be contacted with information about the final agenda and payment of the fees. Due to space limitations, only one participant per company can attend the Roundtable. Each participant may invite one (1) additional person to the Reception. Participants in the Roundtable are required to be pre-cleared for access to the facility. Additional clearance procedures are required for foreign visitors.

*Fees:*

After a company has been selected to participate in the Roundtable, a participation fee of \$500 is required. The Roundtable and related events may be cancelled at any time by the Department of Commerce and all contributions refunded. If, for any reason, a participant cancels their participation prior to the Roundtable,

the Department of Commerce, at its sole discretion, and upon its determination that it would be consistent with its authorities, may allow a partial refund of the contributed fee.

*Exclusions & Expenses:*

The Roundtable participation fee does not include any personal travel expenses such as lodging, most meals, incidentals, local ground transportation, and air transportation to/from the event location.

*Conditions for Participation:*

An applicant must send an email to [reee@trade.gov](mailto:reee@trade.gov) with the following information.

- Name of Applicant
- Company Name
- Company Description
- Company Location
- Business Phone Number

In addition, the applicant must address how he/she satisfies the four selection criteria listed below:

(1) Whether the applicant represents a U.S. company that fits one of the following profiles:

- Companies that manufacture technology or provide services in the renewable energy sector (particularly solar);
- Developers of renewable energy projects with global experience;
- Local utilities who are willing to share their experience with domestic policies; and
- Companies active in the smart grid and energy efficiency industries.

(2) The applicant's interest in the Japanese RE&EE sector;

(3) The applicant's ability to identify and discuss policy issues relevant to U.S. competitiveness in the renewable energy or smart grid sectors;

(4) Consistency of the applicant's experiences and background with the stated scope of the event (see "Topics to be Covered").

Diversity of company size and location may also be considered during the selection process. Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

**Timeline for Recruitment and Applications**

Recruitment for the Roundtable will begin immediately and conclude no later than November 15, 2013. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications and make selection decisions on a rolling basis beginning on or about October 28, 2013. Applications received after November 15, 2013 will be considered only if

space and scheduling constraints permit.

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**Edward A. O'Malley,**

*Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Tilefish Fishery; 2014 Tilefish Fishing Quota Specification**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the overall annual tilefish quota for the 2014 fishing year (November 1, 2013–October 31, 2014) will remain the same as it was in fishing year 2013. NMFS is required to notify the public of the overall annual quota levels for tilefish if the previous year's quota specifications remain unchanged.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Berthiaume, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9177; fax (978) 281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tilefish regulations at § 648.292 specify that NMFS notify the public in the **Federal Register** of the overall annual quota levels for tilefish if the previous year's quota specifications remain unchanged. The tilefish total allowable landings (TAL) for the 2014 fishing year will remain the same as the fishing year 2013 TAL of 1.995 million lb (904,917 kg). Five percent of the TAL (99,750 lb (45,246 kg)) is allocated to incidental catch, leaving 1,895,250 lb (859,671 kg) allocated to Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) holders.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 23, 2013.

**James P. Burgess,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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