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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Foreign-Trade Zones Board [B-32-2014]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 75 – Phoenix, Arizona Notification of Proposed Production Activity Isola USA Corporation (Dielectric Prepreg and Copper-Clad Laminate) Chandler, Arizona

The City of Phoenix, Arizona, grantee of FTZ 75, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Isola USA Corporation (Isola), located in Chandler, Arizona. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on March 19, 2014.

A separate application for usage-driven site designation at the Isola facility was submitted and will be processed under Section 400.38 of the Board's regulations. The facility is used to produce customized dielectric prepreg and copper-clad laminate sheets used by its customers to fabricate multilayer printed circuit boards. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material 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 Isola from customs duty payments on the foreign status material used in export production. On its domestic sales, Isola would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to customized dielectric prepreg and copper-clad laminate sheets (duty rates -- 4.2% and 3%, respectively) for foreign-status electrical grade woven fiberglass rolls (HTSUS 7019.52.4010, duty rate – 7.3%). Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

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 [INSERT DATE 40 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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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