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Commerce Department Terminates Section 232 Investigation into Mobile Crane Imports

WASHINGTON...On November 23, 2020, Secretary Ross terminated an investigation, which was initiated under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act, into whether imports of mobile cranes threaten to impair U.S. national security. The investigation was terminated following a September 8, 2020 request from the applicant, The Manitowoc Company, Inc., to withdraw its application and terminate the investigation, citing a changing economic environment due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Secretary initiated the investigation in May that included a public comment period. After consideration of Manitowoc's request for withdrawal, the Secretary determined that it was appropriate to terminate the investigation. The Department of Commerce published a *Federal Register* notice informing the public of this decision on December 18, 2020.

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