

Washington 98115. The hearing in Anchorage will be held in the auditorium of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, which is located at 121 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

ADDRESSES: Send requests to speak and written copies of the oral presentation to Steven C. Goldman, Director, Office of Chemical and Biological Controls and Treaty Compliance, Room 2093, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C., 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Kritzer, Manager, Short Supply Program, Office of Chemical and Biological Controls and Treaty Compliance, Room 2089, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20230, Telephone (202) 482-0894, Fax (202) 482-0751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 15, 1995, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) published a notice in the Federal Register (60 FR 64412) announcing its intention to hold public hearings on the environmental and economic affects of lifting the ban on the export of Alaskan North Slope (ANS) crude oil. The notice proposed four hearings. The notice also identified the issues on which the Department is interested in obtaining the public's views. It also set forth the procedures for public participation in the hearings. On December 28, BXA canceled the hearings because of the shutdown of the Federal Government. The hearings have been rescheduled as described in Section II of this notice.

The hearings are pursuant to legislation that the President signed (Public Law 104-58) authorizing exports of Alaskan North Slope (ANS) crude oil when transported in U.S.-flag tankers. The statute requires the President to consider the results of an "appropriate environmental review" and other issues prior to making his national interest determination. The Department is soliciting public comments as described in the December 15, 1995 Federal Register notice.

II. Public Hearings and Comment Procedures

The hearings will be held in Washington, D.C. on February 7, 1996; Seattle, Washington, on February 9, 1996; and Anchorage, Alaska on February 12, 1996. The hearings will

commence at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. Requests to speak must be submitted by February 5, 1996. In the event the Department is not open for normal business during the new hearing dates, the hearings will be rescheduled.

The hearing in Washington, D.C. will be held in room 6009 of the Herbert Hoover Building which is located at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230. The hearing in Seattle will be held in Building 9 Auditorium, at the NOAA Western Regional Center which is located at 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, Washington 98115. The hearing in the auditorium of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art which is located at 121 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

The Department encourages interested participants to present their views orally at the hearings. Any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearings must submit a brief written request to the Department of Commerce at the address indicated in the **ADDRESS** section of this notice. The written request must be received by BXA no later than February 5, 1996. The written requests to participate in the public hearings should describe the individual's interest in the hearing and, where appropriate, explain why the individual is a proper representative of a group or class of person that has such an interest. In addition, the request to speak should contain a daytime phone number where the person who will be making the oral presentation may be contacted before the hearing. On the day of the hearing, speakers should bring 2 copies of the summary of their oral presentation to the hearing address indicated in the **DATES** section of this notice.

Persons may submit written comments for the record if they are unable to attend the hearings.

Copies of the request to participate in the public hearings will be maintained at the Bureau of Export Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4525, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-5653. The records in this facility may be copied in accordance with the regulations published in Part 4 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 4.1 *et seq.*). Information about the inspection and copying of records may be obtained from Mr. Ted Zois, the Bureau of Export Administration's Freedom of Information Officer, at the above address and telephone number between

the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Each speaker may be limited to 10 or 15 minutes depending on the number of presenters. Comments may respond to the questions posed in Section I of the December 15, 1995 notice or any other related issue.

A Commerce official will preside at the hearings. Representatives from other Federal agencies participating in the review also will attend the hearings. Only those conducting the hearing may ask questions.

Any further procedural rules for the proper conduct of the hearing will be announced by the presiding officer.

Dated: January 23, 1996.

Sue E. Eckert,

Assistant Secretary for Export Administration
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Bureau of Export Administration Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee will be held February 15, 1996, 9:00 a.m., Room 1617M-2, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. This Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

Agenda

Closed Session 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

1. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

General Session 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

2. Welcome and introductions.
3. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
4. Review of progress on resolution of action items.
5. Discussion on Committee organization.
6. Discussion on ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) and router issues.

Closed Session 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

7. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting is open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the

meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded at least one week before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, TAC Unit/OAS/EA Room 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 10, 1995, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information or copies of the minutes call Lee Ann Carpenter, 202-482-2583.

Dated: January 19, 1996.

Lee Ann Carpenter,
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[ORDER NO. 798]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Pier 1 Imports, Inc. (Distribution Facility); Grove City, Ohio

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade

zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the Rickenbacker Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 138, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the distribution facility of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., located in Grove City, Ohio, was filed by the Board on February 8, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 4-95, 60 FR 9005, 2/16/95); and,

Whereas, the Board has found that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 138B) at the Pier 1 Imports, Inc., facility in Grove City, Ohio, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28. As indicated in the application, no processing or manufacturing will be conducted under zone procedures, including any such activity involving foreign textile products.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of January 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import
Administration, Alternate Chairman Foreign-
Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
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[ORDER NO. 797]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Pier 1 Imports, Inc. (Distribution Facility); Mansfield, Texas

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to

grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 39, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the distribution facility of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., located in Mansfield, Texas, was filed by the Board on February 7, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 3-95, 60 FR 9004, 2/16/95); and,

Whereas, the Board has found that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 39D) at the Pier 1 Imports, Inc., facility in Mansfield, Texas, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28. As indicated in the application, no processing or manufacturing will be conducted under zone procedures, including any such activity involving foreign textile products.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of January 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import
Administration, Alternate Chairman Foreign-
Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
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[Docket 4-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 124, Gramercy, Louisiana; Proposed Foreign-Trade Subzone—Shell Oil Company (Oil Refinery/Petrochemical Complex); St. Charles Parish, Louisiana

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery and petrochemical complex of Shell Oil Company, located in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of