

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 1996, at the Marriott Hotel, 110 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current developments in civil rights, choose a project topic and plan its project activity for fiscal year 1996.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TTY 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 24, 1996.
Carol-Lee Hurley,
Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Supplement 17 to the Antiboycott Regulations

Pursuant to Articles 5, 7, and 26 of the Treaty of Peace between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and implementing legislation enacted by Jordan, Jordan's participation in the Arab economic boycott of Israel was formally terminated on August 16, 1995.

On the basis of this action, it is the Department's position that certain requests for information, action or agreement from Jordan which were considered boycott-related by implication now cannot be presumed boycott-related and thus would not be prohibited or reportable under the regulations. For example, a request that an exporter certify that the vessel on which it is shipping its goods is eligible to enter Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan ports has been considered a boycott-related request that the exporter could not comply with because Jordan has had

a boycott in force against Israel (see 43 FR 16969, April 21, 1978). Such a request from Jordan after August 16, 1995 would not be presumed boycott-related because the underlying boycott requirement/basis for the certification has been eliminated. Similarly, a U.S. company would not be prohibited from complying with a request received from Jordanian government officials to furnish the place of birth of employees the company is seeking to take to Jordan, because there is no underlying boycott law or policy that would give rise to a presumption that the request was boycott-related.

U.S. persons are reminded that requests that are on their face boycott-related or that are for action obviously in furtherance or support of an unsanctioned foreign boycott are subject to the regulations, irrespective of the country of origin. For example, requests containing references to "blacklisted companies", "Israel boycott list", "non-Israeli goods" or other phrases or words indicating boycott purpose would be subject to the appropriate provisions of the Department's antiboycott regulations.

Dated: January 24, 1996.
John Despres,
Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement.
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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 7-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 75—Phoenix, AZ, Application for Subzone Status, Abbott Manufacturing, Inc., Plant (Infant Formula, Adult Nutritional Products) Casa Grande, Arizona

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Phoenix, grantee of FTZ 75, requesting special-purpose subzone status for export activity at the infant formula and adult nutritional products manufacturing plant of Abbott Manufacturing, Inc., (AMI) (a subsidiary of Abbott Laboratories, Inc.), located in Casa Grande, Arizona. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of 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 filed on January 22, 1996.

The AMI plant (590,000 sq.ft. on 161 acres) is located at 1250 West Maricopa Highway, Casa Grande (Pinal County), Arizona, approximately 50 miles south of Phoenix. The facility (340 employees) is used to produce milk and sugar-based

infant formula and adult nutritional products for export and the domestic market; however, zone procedures would be used only for production for export. The production process involves blending foreign, ex-quota milk powder and foreign, ex-quota sugar with domestically-sourced oils, soy isolates, vitamins and minerals, and EZO ends. Other foreign-sourced items that may be used in the export-blending activity include: cocoa powder, pharmaceutical grade fat emulsions, vitamins and minerals, and caseinates. All foreign-origin milk and sugar would be re-exported as finished blended products.

Zone procedures would exempt AMI from quota requirements and Customs duty payments on the foreign milk and sugar products used in the export activity. The application indicates that subzone status would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is April 1, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 16, 1996).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, District Office, Phoenix Plaza, Suite 970, 2901 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002.

Dated: January 24, 1996.
John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
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[Docket A(32b1)-1-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 87—Lake Charles, LA, Subzone 87A, Conoco Inc.; Request for Modification of Restrictions (Oil Refinery Complex)

A request has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board)

by the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, grantee of FTZ 87, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations, for modification of the restrictions in FTZ Board Order 406 (53 FR 52455, 12/28/88) authorizing Subzone 87A at the crude oil refinery complex of Conoco Inc., in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The request was formally filed on January 24, 1996.

The Board Order in question was issued subject to certain standard restrictions, including one that required the election of privileged foreign status on incoming foreign merchandise. The zone grantee has requested that the latter restriction be modified so that Conoco would have the option available under the FTZ Act to choose non-privileged foreign (NPF) status on foreign refinery inputs used to produce certain petrochemical feedstocks and by-products, including the following: benzene, ethane, methane, propane, other hydrocarbon mixtures, propylene, butane, butylene, petroleum coke, sulfur, and sulfuric acid.

The request cites the FTZ Board's recent decision in the Amoco, Texas City, Texas case (Board Order 731, 60 FR 13118, 3/10/95) which authorized subzone status with the NPF option noted above. In the Amoco case, the Board concluded that the restriction that precluded this NPF option was not needed under current oil refinery industry circumstances.

Public comment on the proposal is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is March 30, 1996.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: January 24, 1996.
John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
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[Order No. 799]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Ben Venue Laboratories, Inc. (Pharmaceutical Products), Bedford, 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 Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 40, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the pharmaceutical manufacturing facility of Ben Venue Laboratories, Inc., in Bedford, Ohio, was filed by the Board on May 31, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 29-95, 60 FR 31142, 6-13-95); and,

Whereas, the Board has found that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board 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 40G) at the plant of Ben Venue Laboratories, Inc., in Bedford, Ohio, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd 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 77-95]

Foreign-Trade Zone 168—Fort Worth, Texas; Application for Expansion, Extension of Comment Period

The comment period for the pending application of the Dallas/Fort Worth Maquila Trade Development Corporation, grantee of FTZ 168, requesting authority to expand its zone

(Docket 77-95, filed 11/21/95, 60 FR 61528, 11/30/95), is further extended to March 1, 1996, to allow interested parties additional time in which to comment on the proposal.

Comments in writing are invited during this period. Submissions should include 3 copies. Material submitted will be available at: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 3716, Washington, D.C. 20230.

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Executive Secretary.
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International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with December anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews. The Department also received a request to revoke one antidumping finding in part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(a) and 355.22(a) (1994), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with December anniversary dates. The Department also received a timely request to revoke in