

the company has identified any pending litigation (including any administrative proceedings) to which it is a party that involves the Department of Commerce; and (d) the company agrees that it and its affiliates (1) have not and will not engage in the bribery of foreign officials in connection with the applicant's involvement in this event, and (2) maintain and enforce a policy that prohibits the bribery of foreign officials.

The revision to Form 4008P would require companies seeking to take part in overseas trade missions to make these certifications.

**Affected Public:** Companies seeking to apply to participate in overseas Commerce Department trade missions.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. An emergency clearance has been requested by April 11, 1997.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 23-97]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 98—Birmingham, Alabama: Application for Subzone Status, JVC America, Inc. (Videotape and Videocassettes) Tuscaloosa County, Alabama**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Birmingham, Alabama, grantee of FTZ 98, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the VHS videotape and videocassette manufacturing facility of JVC America, Inc. (JVC) (subsidiary of Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.), located at sites in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. 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 March 25, 1997.

The JVC plant (440,000 sq. ft. on 103 acres) consists of two sites in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama: *Site 1:* (400,000 sq. ft. on 101 acres)—production facility located at 1 JVC Road, adjacent to I-20/59, some 15 miles east of the City of Tuscaloosa; *Site 2:* (40,000 sq. ft. on 2 acres)—warehouse located at 1010 19th Avenue, City of Tuscaloosa. The facility (235 employees) produces prepared unrecorded media such as VHS videotape and videocassettes. (Compact discs are also manufactured at the site, but authority to conduct such manufacture under zone procedures is not being requested at this time.) Some 15 percent of production is exported.

Zone procedures would exempt JVC from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to videotape and videocassettes (2.5%, becoming duty-free in 1999 upon final implementation of the Uruguay Round of GATT), instead of the rates (ranging from duty-free to 9.7%) otherwise applicable to the foreign materials. Foreign components, which account for an estimated 40 percent of material value, include carbon, iron oxides and hydroxides, palmitic/stearic acids, plasticizers, printing ink, polyvinyl chloride, polyurethanes, splice tape, packaging film, glue, polyethylene terephthalate film, cassette housings, cassette hubs, bemcot wipes, glass beads, filters, and prepared unrecorded media. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will 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 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 June 9, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 23, 1997).

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

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, Medical Forum Building, 7th Floor, 950 22nd Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203; Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

**John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,**

*Executive Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 876]

#### **Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Ascent Power Technology Corp., (Electric Power Supplies/Electronic Fluorescent Lighting Ballasts); Campton, KY**

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 FTZ 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 Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 29, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing facilities (electric power supplies and electronic fluorescent lighting ballasts) of Ascent Power Technology Corp., in Campton, Kentucky, was filed by the Board on August 27, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 67-96, 61 FR 47870, 9-11-96); and,

*Whereas*, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds 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 grants authority for subzone status at the Ascent Power Technology Corp., facilities in Campton, Kentucky (Subzone 29G), at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of March 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

**John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 19-93]

#### Withdrawal of Application for General-Purpose Zone; Fostoria, OH

Notice is hereby given of the withdrawal of the application submitted by the City of Fostoria, Ohio, requesting authority to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in Fostoria, Ohio, adjacent to the Toledo Customs port of entry. The application was filed on May 14, 1993 (58 FR 30143, 5/26/93).

The withdrawal was requested by the applicant because of changed circumstances, and the case has been closed without prejudice.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

**John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 877]

#### Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Pioneer Industrial Components, Inc., (Automotive Audio Products); Springboro, OH

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 FTZ 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 Greater Cincinnati Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 46, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the automotive audio products manufacturing facilities of Pioneer Industrial Components, Inc., in Springboro, Ohio, was filed by the Board on March 8, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 19-96, 61 FR 10726, 3-15-96); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds 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 grants authority for subzone status at the Pioneer Industrial Components, Inc., facilities in Springboro, Ohio (Subzone 46F), at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 31st day of March 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Acting 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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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 24-97]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 183—Austin, Texas and Foreign-Trade Subzone 183A—Dell Computer Corporation; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the

Board) by the Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc., grantee of FTZ 183, requesting authority to expand Subzone 183A at the computer manufacturing facilities of Dell Computer Corporation (Dell) located in Austin, Texas. 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 March 27, 1997.

Subzone 183A was approved on November 16, 1992 (Board Order 607, 57 FR 56902, 12/1/92) and expanded on December 23, 1996 (Board order 861, 62 FR 1316, 1/9/97). The subzone currently consists of the following three sites: *Site 1* (42.5 acres) located in the Braker Center Industrial Park, at the intersection of Braker Lane and Metric Boulevard; *Site 2* (12 acres) McKalla 2 (124,000 sq. ft.) located at 2500 McHale Court within the Rutland Center Industrial Park and McKalla I (135,000 sq. ft.) located at 10220 McKalla Drive; and, *Site 3* (11 acres) Research 1 (100,685 sq. ft.) located at 8801 Research Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand existing *Site 1* to include the entire Braker Center Industrial Park (55 acres) and to include two additional sites: proposed *Site 4* (33 acres, 546,750 sq ft) located in Metric Center at 2207 and 2209 Rutland Drive, 9709 Burnet Road and 2106 W. Rundberg in Austin; and proposed *Site 5* (4 acres, 61,676 sq ft) located in Longhorn Business Park at 2545 Brockton Drive in Austin.

Dell is authorized to manufacture computers and related products under zone procedures within Subzone 183A. This proposal does not request any new manufacturing authority under FTZ procedures in terms of products or components, but it does involve a proposed increase in the plant's level of production under FTZ procedures corresponding to the increase in plant size.

In accordance with the Board's regulations (as revised, 56 FR 50790-50808, 10/8/91), a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment (original and 3 copies) is invited from interested parties (see FTZ Board address below). The closing date for their receipt is June 9, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 23, 1997).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available