

Manufacturing Corporation of America plant, in Newnan, Georgia) to include the manufacture of all-terrain vehicles under FTZ procedures, the Board, finding that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations have been satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest, approves the application.

Approval is subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28; and, further to the existing restrictions described in FTZ Board Order 433.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of March 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

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

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 966]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Halter Marine, Inc. (Shipbuilding), Lockport, LA

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 South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the Halter Marine, Inc., shipyard in Lockport, Louisiana, was filed by the Board on July 16, 1997, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 60-97, 62 FR 39808, 7-24-97); 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 would be satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest if approval were given subject to the standard shipyard restriction on foreign steel mill products;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the Halter Marine, Inc., shipyard in Lockport, Louisiana (Subzone 124G), at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the following special conditions:

1. Any foreign steel mill products admitted to the subzone, including plate, angles, shapes, channels, rolled steel stock, bars, pipes and tubes, not incorporated into merchandise otherwise classified, and which is used in manufacturing, shall be subject to Customs duties in accordance with applicable law, if the same item is then being produced by a domestic steel mill; and,

2. In addition to the annual report, Halter Marine, Inc., shall advise the Board's Executive Secretary (§ 400.28(a)(3)) as to significant new contracts with appropriate information concerning foreign purchases otherwise dutiable, so that the Board may consider whether any foreign dutiable items are being imported for manufacturing in the subzone primarily because of subzone status and whether the Board should consider requiring Customs duties to be paid on such items.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of March 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

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

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 15-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 92—Pascagoula, MS, Request for Manufacturing Authority, Friede Goldman International, Inc., (Shipbuilding/Offshore Drilling Platforms)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Greater Gulfport/Biloxi Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 92, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Friede Goldman International, Inc. (FGI) and its subsidiary HAM Marine, Inc., for the manufacture, refurbishment, and repair of ships, offshore oil and gas drilling rigs, and other marine vessels under FTZ procedures within FTZ 92. It was formally filed on March 27, 1998.

FGI operates an 85-acre facility (1,200 employees) within FTZ 92-Site 5 (Greater Gulfport/Biloxi Foreign Trade Zone, Inc.) for the manufacture, refurbishment, and repair of ships, offshore oil and gas drilling rigs, and other marine vessels (HTSUS headings 8901, 8902, 8904, 8905, or 8906). Currently, components purchased from foreign sources comprise 30 percent of the finished product's value, including a semi-finished hull and superstructure. On future projects, foreign content is expected to range from 30 to 70 percent of the finished products' value. The duty rates on the imported components currently range from free to 15.2 percent.

This application requests authority to allow HAM Marine to conduct the activity under FTZ procedures, subject to the "standard shipyard restriction" applicable to foreign-origin steel mill products, which requires that full duties be paid on such items.

FTZ procedures would exempt HAM Marine from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity (currently 100% of shipments). On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished oceangoing vessels (duty free) for foreign components such as the hull and superstructure noted above. Foreign-sourced steel mill products, such as pipe and plate, would be subject to the full Customs duties applicable to those items. FTZ procedures would also exempt certain merchandise from certain *ad valorem* inventory taxes. The application indicates that the savings would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

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 June 8, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 22, 1998).

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

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 968]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 181, Akron-Canton, Ohio, Area

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, an application from Akron-Canton Regional Airport Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 181, for authority to expand FTZ 181 to include a new site in Mansfield, Ohio, adjacent to the Cleveland/Akron Customs port of entry, was filed by the Board on April 28, 1997 (FTZ Docket 38-97, 62 FR 26773, 5/15/97);

Whereas, the grant of authority for FTZ 181 was recently reissued to the Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium (Board Order 965, 3/13/98), which has replaced Akron-Canton Regional Airport as grantee and applicant in this case;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in **Federal Register** and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; 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 the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 181 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and subject to the standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall zone project.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of March 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

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

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 14-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 78, Nashville, Tennessee Area Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 78, Nashville, Tennessee, requesting authority to expand its zone at two sites in the Nashville, Tennessee area, within the Nashville Customs port of entry. 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, 1998.

FTZ 78 was approved on April 2, 1982 (Board Order 190, 47 FR 16191, 4/15/82). The zone project currently consists of the following sites: *Site 1* (52,000 sq. ft.)—within a 200,000 sq. ft. warehouse, 750 Cowan Street, Nashville; *Site 2* (63 acres)—within the 2,000-acre Cockrill Bend Industrial Park, Nashville; and, *Site 3* (100,000 sq. ft.)—within a 300,000 sq. ft. warehouse, 323 Mason Road, La Vergne.

This application is requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include two new sites (58 acres) in Goodlettsville, Tennessee (Nashville area) (Proposed Sites 4 and 5): *Proposed Site 4* (39 acres)—Space Park North Industrial Park, 1000 Cartwright Street, Goodlettsville; and, *Proposed Site 5* (19 acres)—Old Stone Bridge Industrial Park, Old Stone Bridge, Goodlettsville. Both facilities are owned by ATREPO Nashville, Inc. Space is available at both parks for a variety of general-purpose zone activity. No specific manufacturing

requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

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 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 8, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 22, 1998).

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, Parkway Towers, Suite 114, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37219
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: March 27, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

TITLE: Format for Petition Requesting Relief Under U.S. Antidumping Duty Law.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 350(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of