

Whereas, the Board's regulations require Board approval prior to commencement of new manufacturing/processing activity within existing zone facilities;

Whereas, the Rickenbacker Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 138, has requested authority under § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations on behalf of Columbus Industries, Inc., to manufacture air filters under zone procedures within FTZ 138, Columbus, Ohio (filed 4/29/94, FTZ Docket A(32b1)-1-94; amended 8/9/94; Doc. 11-95, assigned 3/29/95);

Whereas, pursuant to said provision, the Commerce Department's Assistant Secretary for Import Administration has the authority to act for the Board in making such decisions in situations where the incoming merchandise for the proposed activity is admitted in foreign-privileged status (§ 400.32(b)(1)(iii));

Whereas, the request, as amended, states that Columbus Industries will pay full duties on all merchandise admitted to the zone for its use in the manufacture of products for the domestic market (e.g., no duty exemption will be claimed for scrap and waste); and

Whereas, the FTZ Staff has reviewed the proposal, taking into account the criteria of § 400.31, and the Executive Secretary has recommended approval;

Now, Therefore, the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, acting for the Board pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1), concurs in the recommendation and hereby approves the request, as amended, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the further requirement that all merchandise admitted to the zone for the Columbus Industries operation shall be placed in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of May 1995.

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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Foreign-Trade Zone 168—Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas; Foreign-Trade Zone 196—Fort Worth, Texas; Requests for Expanded Manufacturing Authority Nokia Mobile Phones Manufacturing (USA), Inc. (Telecommunications Products)

Applications have been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Foreign-Trade Zone Operating Company of Texas, operator of FTZ 168, and Alliance Corridor, Inc., grantee of FTZ 196, requesting authority on behalf of Nokia Mobile Phones Manufacturing (USA), Inc./Nokia Mobile Phones Trading (USA), Inc. (Nokia), to expand Nokia's authority to manufacture telecommunications products under zone procedures within FTZ 168 and FTZ 196. The applications were 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). They were formally filed on May 8, 1995.

The FTZ Board authorized Nokia to manufacture cellular phones using certain foreign components under zone procedures within FTZ 168 and FTZ 196 in late 1994 (Board Orders 728 and 729, 60 FR 2376, 1/9/95).

Nokia is now seeking authority to manufacture a broader range of telecommunications products at its plants within FTZ 168 and FTZ 196, including mobile/cellular phones, cellular phone systems equipment, office and cellular switching systems, telecommunications network equipment, and related signal and data processing equipment. Many of the components for the finished cellular phones are currently sourced from abroad, including printed circuits, integrated circuits, semiconductors, resistors, capacitors, diodes, crystals, liquid crystal display panels, switches, speakers, antennas, power supplies, transformers, batteries, pagers, leather and plastic cases, rubber and plastic parts, fasteners, iron and steel parts, and packaging materials. Other components that may also be sourced from abroad include signal reception and transmission equipment, sound recording equipment, electric motors, glass envelopes, propylene, cabinets, wire, cable, and computers/components.

Zone procedures would exempt Nokia from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rates that apply to finished products (free-8.7%). The duty rates on

components range from duty-free to 15 percent. The applications indicate that savings from zone procedures would help the international competitiveness of Nokia's domestic plants.

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

Public comment on the applications 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 July 17, 1995. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 1, 1995).

Copies of the applications and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, District Office, 2050 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 170, Dallas, TX 75258

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

Dated: May 10, 1995.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.

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Revision of Grant of Authority, Subzone 116A, Star Enterprise (Oil Refinery); Jefferson/Hardin Counties, 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, the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) authorized subzone status at the refinery complex of Star Enterprise in Jefferson/Hardin Counties (Port Arthur area), Texas, in 1993, subject to three conditions (Subzone 116A, Board Order 668, 59 FR 61, 1/3/94);

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade of Southeast Texas, grantee of FTZ 116, has requested pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1)(i), a revision (filed 3/27/95, A(32b1)-3-95; FTZ Doc. 19-95, assigned 5/2/95) of the grant of authority for FTZ Subzone 116A which would make its scope of authority identical to that recently granted for