

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 Capital District Regional Planning Commission, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 121, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the chemical pigment/dye manufacturing facility of BASF Corporation in the Rensselaer, New York area, was filed by the Board on March 11, 1994, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 11-94, 59 FR 13697, 3-23-94); 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 121B) at the plant site of BASF Corporation in Rensselaer, New York, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28. The scope of authority does not include authority for the election of nonprivileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.42) on foreign items used in manufacturing and processing activity which results in articles subject to a lower (actual or effective) duty rate than any of their foreign components.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of December 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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[Docket 79-95]

Foreign-Trade Zone 84, Houston, Texas, Proposed Foreign-Trade Subzone, Exxon Corporation (Oil Refinery Complex) Harris County, Texas

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

Board) by the Port of Houston Authority, grantee of FTZ 84, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Exxon Corporation, located in Harris County, 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 December 12, 1995.

The refinery and petrochemical complex (3,500 acres) is located on the Houston Ship Channel at 2800 Decker Drive, Harris County (Baytown area), Texas, some 25 miles east of Houston. The refinery (400,000 barrels per day; 4,000 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. Fuels produced include gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, residual fuels, and naphthas. Petrochemicals include resins, epichlorohydrin, methyl ethyl ketone, allyl chloride, secondary butyl alcohol, polypropylene, methane, ethane, propane, butane, butylene, ethylene, propylene and butadiene. Refinery by-products include sulfur and petroleum coke. Some 60 percent of the crude oil (85 percent of inputs), and some feedstocks and motor fuel blendstocks used in producing fuel products are sourced abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the refinery from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the finished product duty rate (nonprivileged foreign status—NPF) on certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (duty-free). The duty on crude oil ranges from 5.25¢ to 10.5¢/barrel. Foreign merchandise would also be exempt from state and local *ad valorem* taxes. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery'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 March 19, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 3, 1996).

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 District Office, #1 Allen Center, Suite 1160, 500 Dallas, Houston, Texas 77002
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: December 14, 1995.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
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International Trade Administration

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Ball Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof From Germany; Extension of Time Limit for New Shipper Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for preliminary results in the new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on ball bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof from Germany, covering the period December 1, 1994, through May 31, 1995, since the Department has concluded that the case is extraordinarily complicated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 19, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas O. Barlow or Michael Rill, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department received a request from Roulements Miniatures SA (RMB) and Miniaturkugellager GmbH (MKL) to conduct a new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on ball bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof from Germany. On June 14, 1995, the Department initiated a new shipper review of MKL, a manufacturer and exporter of ball bearings to the United States, for the period December 1, 1994 through May 31, 1995 (60 FR 32503).