

warehouse/distribution facility of PETsMART, Inc. (PETsMART), in Phoenix, 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 February 22, 1996.

PETsMART operates over 250 retail stores in the U.S. that specialize in pet food, pet supplies and pet services (1995 sales—\$1 bil.). It is planning to open stores in Canada, Europe and Latin America in 1996.

The proposal calls for subzone status at PETsMART's new regional warehouse/distribution center (614,000 sq. ft. on 34.4 acres, currently under construction) at 7600 West Latham Street, Phoenix. The facility (100 employees) will be used to warehouse and distribute a variety of pet supplies including: dog and cat toys, collars and leashes, cages, books, vitamins, and aquatic and equestrian supplies. No requests for manufacturing authority are being made at this time. The distribution facility will serve company retail stores in the U.S. and abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt PETsMART from Customs duty payments on the foreign items that are reexported. On domestic sales, the company would be able to defer Customs duty payments until the items are shipped from the facility. The application indicates that the zone savings would help improve the facility'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 May 10, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to May 28, 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, Phoenix Plaza, Suite 970, 2901 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012

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

Dated: February 29, 1996.
John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
[FR Doc. 96-5598 Filed 3-8-96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 3510-DS-P

[Docket 16-96]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Mesa, Arizona; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Mesa, Arizona, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in Mesa, Arizona, adjacent to the Phoenix 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 February 28, 1996. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 44-6501 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

The proposed zone would be the second general-purpose zone in the Phoenix Customs port of entry area. The existing zone, FTZ 75, is located at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Center at Squaw Peak Freeway and I-10 in Phoenix, adjacent to Sky Harbor International Airport (Grantee: City of Phoenix, Board Order 185, 47 FR 14931, 4/7/82).

The proposed foreign-trade zone would be located at Williams Gateway Airport (3,020 acres), formerly Williams Air Force Base, 6001 South Power Road, Mesa, some 22 miles east of the Sky Harbor site. Approximately half of the site involves existing airfield infrastructure, and the remaining area (approximately 1,400 acres) is available for industrial development. The site is currently leased to Williams Gateway Airport Authority (WGAA) by the U.S. Air Force, but the Air Force is in the process of conveying title to the property to WGAA.

The application contains evidence of the need for additional zone services in the Mesa area. In addition to aerospace/aviation related manufacturing, aircraft maintenance and refurbishing, WGAA plans to market the project as an international aerospace and aviation center. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. 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.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public

hearing on April 4, 1996, 9:00 a.m., at Williams Gateway Airport, Administration Building (Bldg. #41) Conference Room, 6001 South Power Road, Mesa, Arizona.

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 May 10, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to May 28, 1996).

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

MEGACORP, City of Mesa Economic Development, 100 North Center Street, Mesa, AZ 85201
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 1, 1996.
John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.
[FR Doc. 96-5599 Filed 3-8-96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 3510-DS-P

[Docket 17-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 119—Minneapolis, MN; Application for Subzone Status; Plastic Products Company, Inc., Facilities (Plastic In-Line Skates); Lindstrom and Princeton, Minnesota

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Metropolitan Area Foreign Trade Zone Commission, grantee of FTZ 119, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the plastic in-line skate manufacturing facilities of Plastic Products Company, Inc. (PPCI), located in Lindstrom and Princeton, Minnesota. 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 February 29, 1996.

The proposed subzone would consist of PPCI's two manufacturing facilities in east-central Minnesota: Site 1 (102,000 sq.ft./6 acres)—30355 Akerson Street, Lindstrom (Chisago County), Minnesota; and, Site 2 (168,000 sq.ft./8 acres)—610 Old South Highway 18, Princeton (Mille Lacs County), Minnesota. The facilities (350 employees) are used to produce plastic in-line skates for export and the