

the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, § 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations, requires approval of the Board prior to commencement of new manufacturing/processing activity within existing zone facilities;

Whereas, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism of the State of Hawaii, grantee of FTZ 9, has requested authority under § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations on behalf of NIC Americas, Inc., for the manufacture of medical devices under zone procedures for export within FTZ 9 (filed 1/25/96, A(32b1)-2-96; FTZ Docket 40-96, assigned 5/13/96);

Whereas, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1), the Commerce Department's Assistant Secretary for Import Administration has the authority to act for the Board in making such decisions on new manufacturing/processing activity under certain circumstances, including situations where the proposed activity is for export only (§ 400.32(b)(1)(ii)); and,

Whereas, the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, acting for the Board, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1), concurring in the findings and recommendations of the FTZ Staff and Executive Secretary, approves the request;

Now, therefore, the application for export manufacturing authority is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulation, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of June 1996.

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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**[Order No. 832]**

**Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 21, Charleston, South Carolina, 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 the South Carolina State Ports Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 21, Charleston, South Carolina, area, for authority to expand its general-purpose zone to include a site in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was filed by the Board on August 15, 1995 (FTZ Docket 44-95, 60 FR 43761, 8/23/95); and,

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the 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 21 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of June 1996.

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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**[Order No. 830]**

**Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Marathon Oil Company (Oil Refinery), Texas City, 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, 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 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 Texas City Foreign Trade Zone Corporation, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 199, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the oil refinery complex of Marathon Oil Company, in Texas City, Texas, was filed by the Board on November 6, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was

given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 71-95, 60 FR 57217, 11-14-95); 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 is subject to the conditions listed below;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 199B) at the oil refinery of Marathon Oil Company, in Texas City, Texas, at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR §§ 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.
2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR § 146.42) may be elected on refinery inputs covered under HTSUS Subheadings # 2709.00.1000—# 2710.00.1050 and # 2710.00.2500 which are used in the production of:
  - petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (examiners report, Appendix D);
  - products for export; and,
  - products eligible for entry under HTSUS # 9808.00.30 and 9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).
3. The authority with regard to the NPF option is initially granted until September 30, 2000, subject to extension.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of June 1996.

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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