

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These new standards include Forage Harvest Management (Code 511); Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (Code 457); and Vegetative Barriers (Code 601). NRCS State Conservationist's who choose to adopt these practices for use within their state will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Some of these practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

DATES: Comments will be received until not later than November 18, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire in writing to Gary Nordstrom, Director, Ecological Sciences Division (ECS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Post Office Box 2890, Room 6154-S, Washington, DC 20013.

Copies of these standards are available from NRCS-ECS in Washington, DC. Copies are also available electronically on the NRCS server at Fort Worth, Texas. The name of the server is "ftp.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov." Practice standards appear as files in "/pub/nhcp/pending." Practice code numbers are used as file names in this subdirectory. These standards are available as MS Word 6.0 files. They should be downloaded from the FTP server as binary files.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those

comments and a final determination of change will be made.

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Washington, DC.*

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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 845]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Group Precision Components International, Inc. (Aircraft Turbine Engine Components) Columbus, GA

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 Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 26, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the aircraft turbine engine component manufacturing facilities of United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Group and Precision Components International, Inc. (an affiliate of Pratt & Whitney), located within a manufacturing complex in Columbus, Georgia, was filed by the Board on November 1, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 68-95, 60 FR 56566, 11-9-95); 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 are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of subzones at the United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Group plant (Subzone 26E) and at the adjacent Precision Components International, Inc., plant (Subzone 26F) in Columbus, Georgia, at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of October 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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Exxon Corporation (Oil Refinery), Baton Rouge, LA, Area; Grant of Authority for Subzone Status

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:

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