

the company has identified any pending litigation (including any administrative proceedings) to which it is a party that involves the Department of Commerce; and (d) the company agrees that it and its affiliates (1) have not and will not engage in the bribery of foreign officials in connection with the applicant's involvement in this event, and (2) maintain and enforce a policy that prohibits the bribery of foreign officials.

The revision to Form 4008P would require companies seeking to take part in overseas trade missions to make these certifications.

Affected Public: Companies seeking to apply to participate in overseas Commerce Department trade missions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. An emergency clearance has been requested by April 11, 1997.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 23-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 98—Birmingham, Alabama: Application for Subzone Status, JVC America, Inc. (Videotape and Videocassettes) Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Birmingham, Alabama, grantee of FTZ 98, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the VHS videotape and videocassette manufacturing facility of JVC America, Inc. (JVC) (subsidiary of Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.), located at sites in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. 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 March 25, 1997.

The JVC plant (440,000 sq. ft. on 103 acres) consists of two sites in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama: *Site 1:* (400,000 sq. ft. on 101 acres)—production facility located at 1 JVC Road, adjacent to I-20/59, some 15 miles east of the City of Tuscaloosa; *Site 2:* (40,000 sq. ft. on 2 acres)—warehouse located at 1010 19th Avenue, City of Tuscaloosa. The facility (235 employees) produces prepared unrecorded media such as VHS videotape and videocassettes. (Compact discs are also manufactured at the site, but authority to conduct such manufacture under zone procedures is not being requested at this time.) Some 15 percent of production is exported.

Zone procedures would exempt JVC from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to videotape and videocassettes (2.5%, becoming duty-free in 1999 upon final implementation of the Uruguay Round of GATT), instead of the rates (ranging from duty-free to 9.7%) otherwise applicable to the foreign materials. Foreign components, which account for an estimated 40 percent of material value, include carbon, iron oxides and hydroxides, palmitic/stearic acids, plasticizers, printing ink, polyvinyl chloride, polyurethanes, splice tape, packaging film, glue, polyethylene terephthalate film, cassette housings, cassette hubs, bemcot wipes, glass beads, filters, and prepared unrecorded media. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the plant'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 June 9, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 23, 1997).

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, Export Assistance Center, Medical Forum Building, 7th Floor, 950 22nd Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203; Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 876]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Ascent Power Technology Corp., (Electric Power Supplies/Electronic Fluorescent Lighting Ballasts); Campton, KY

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 FTZ 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 Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 29, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing facilities (electric power supplies and electronic fluorescent lighting ballasts) of Ascent Power Technology Corp., in Campton, Kentucky, was filed by the Board on August 27, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 67-96, 61 FR 47870, 9-11-96); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and