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Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 41-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 15—Kansas City, MO; Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 15E; Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A., Plant; (Internal-Combustion Engines); Maryville, Missouri

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Kansas City Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 15, requesting on behalf of the Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A. (KMM), operator of FTZ Subzone 15E, KMM plant, Maryville, Missouri, an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority to include new small, internal-combustion engine manufacturing capacity under FTZ procedures within Subzone 15E. It was formally filed on May 14, 1997.

Subzone 15E was approved by the Board in 1989 with activity granted for the manufacture of small internal-combustion engines and transmissions for motorcycles, personal water craft, all-terrain vehicles, subject to certain conditions (Board Order 454, 54 FR 50257, 12-5-89). The Board authorized KMM's request for removal of the conditions in 1992 (Board Order 560, 57 FR 4862, 2-10-92).

KMM is now constructing additional manufacturing facilities at the Maryville plant (370 employees) and requests that its FTZ manufacturing authority be extended to include the increased capacity. The company plans to approximately double capacity for the manufacture of small internal-combustion engines (up to 1,400 cc's in size), transmissions, and related drive train components for outdoor power equipment, motorcycles, and personal water craft. Most of the finished engines and powertrain components are shipped to KMM's Lincoln, Nebraska, plant to equip vehicles assembled there. The application states that the additional production at the Maryville plant will supplant engine production currently conducted abroad. The plant's manufacturing space will be increased from 359,880 to 607,080 square feet within the 114-acre plant site. The new engine manufacturing activity will involve casting, machining, finishing,

and assembly using domestic and foreign materials and components.

The expanded operations will involve a continuation of the current level of foreign-sourced materials and components (up to 81% of the finished engines' ex-plant value). Components that will be sourced from abroad include: spark plugs, belts, electrical components, fuel pumps, housings, fasteners, gaskets, flywheels, rocker arms, pistons, crankshafts, connecting rods, cylinder heads, balancer shafts, manifolds, crankcases, intake/exhaust valves, flanges/spacers/grommets, starter motors, breathers, pulleys, exhaust components, carburetors, turbojets/props/turbines and parts, parts of transmissions, gauges, bearings, hoses, o-rings, articles of plastic/rubber, steel tube/wire/chain/springs (HTSUS Ch. 73) (duty rate range: free—12.5%). The application indicates that the extent of domestic sourcing of materials and components will increase in the future.

FTZ procedures would exempt KMM from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity (about 13% of shipments). On its domestic sales, the company would be able to elect the duty rate that applies to finished engines (duty free) for the foreign components noted above. No duties would be paid on the foreign components of finished engines and powertrain components shipped in-bond to KMM's plant in Nebraska (Subzone 59A) until the finished ATVs are processed for Customs entry. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures help improve KMM's international competitiveness.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 28, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 12, 1997).

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Florida State University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 97-030. *Applicant:* Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4005. *Instrument:* ICP Mass Spectrometer, Model Element. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 17783, April 11, 1997.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) A magnetic sector mass analyzer, (2) resolution to 7500 and (3) a linear detection range from 0.1 ppt to 100 ppm. These capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purposes and we know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of New Orleans, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign