

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 August 15, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 2, 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, Suite 2440, 55 West Monroe St., Chicago, Illinois 60603

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

Dated: June 5, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 895]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Murphy Oil USA, Inc. (Oil Refinery) St. Bernard Parish, LA

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 Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, grantee of Foreign-Trade

Zone 2, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the oil refinery complex of Murphy Oil USA, Inc., located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, was filed by the Board on July 1, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 55-96, 61 FR 36550, 7-11-96); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and 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 2J) at the oil refinery complex of Murphy Oil USA, Inc., located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, at the location 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, # 2710.00.2500 and # 2710.00.4510 which are used in the production of:

—Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (examiners report, Appendix C);

—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 2nd day of June 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 44-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 15; Kansas City, Missouri Area; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Kansas City Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 15, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Kansas City, Missouri area, adjacent to the St. Louis, Missouri, 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 May 29, 1997.

FTZ 15 was approved on March 23, 1973 (Board Order 93, 38 FR 8622, 4/4/73) and expanded on October 25, 1974 (Board Order 102, 39 FR 39487, 11/7/74); February 28, 1996 (Board Order 804, 61 FR 9676, 3/11/96); and, May 31, 1996 (Board Order 824, 61 FR 29529, 6/11/96). The zone project includes 4 general-purpose sites in the Kansas City, Missouri, port of entry area: *Site 1* (250,000 sq. ft.)—Midland International Corp. warehouse, 1690 North Topping, Kansas City; *Site 2* (2,815,000 sq. ft.)—surface/underground warehouse complex, 8300 N.E. Underground Drive, Kansas City; *Site 3* (10,000 acres)—Kansas City International Airport complex, Kansas City; and, *Site 4* (416 acres)—surface/underground business park (Carefree Industrial Park), 1600 N. M-291 Highway, Sugar Creek. An application is currently pending with the Board for an additional site in Carthage, Missouri (Docket 7-97).

The applicant is now requesting authority to further expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site: (proposed *Site 6* (28,000 sq. ft., 11 acres)—Laser Light Technologies, Inc. facility, located within the Hermann Industrial Park, 5 Danuser Drive, Hermann. The facility is to provide laser engraving, marking and bar coding services, as well as warehousing, storage and product distribution services. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such 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.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties.