

crude oil storage facility of the U.S. Department of Energy's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, located in Jefferson County, Texas (Subzone 116D), at the location described in the application, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 10th 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 48-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 167—Brown County, WI; Application for Subzone Status; Sargento Foods Inc., Plant (Cheese Processing); Plymouth, WI

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Brown County, Wisconsin, grantee of FTZ 167, requesting special-purpose subzone status for export activity at the cheese processing plant of Sargento Foods Inc. (SFI), located in Plymouth, Wisconsin. 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 June 10, 1997.

The SFI plant (300,000 sq.ft. on 60 acres) is located at 1 Persnickety Place, Plymouth (Sheboygan County), Wisconsin, approximately 70 miles north of Milwaukee. The facility (650 employees) is used to process cheese food products for export and the domestic market; however, FTZ procedures would be used only to process foreign-origin cheese for export. The processing activity would involve shredding, slicing, chunking, and packaging foreign, ex-quota cheese that would be reexported to foreign markets. None of the foreign, ex-quota cheese would be entered for U.S. consumption.

FTZ procedures would exempt SFI from quota requirements and Customs duty payments on the foreign cheese used in the export activity. The application indicates that subzone status would 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 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 August 22, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 8, 1997.).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, Room 596, 517 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On June 11, 1997, Cinsa, S.A. de C.V. ("Cinsa") and Esmaltaciones de Norte America, S.A. de C.V. ("ENSA") filed a First Request for Panel Review with the U.S. Section on the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping determination made by the International Trade Administration in the eighth administrative review respecting Porcelain-on-Steel Cookware from Mexico. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 1997 (62 FR 25,908). The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-97-1904-05 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The Panel review in this matter will be conducted in accordance with these Rules.

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on June 11, 1997, requesting panel review of the final antidumping duty administrative review described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is July 11, 1997);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is July 28, 1997); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.