

packaging materials (1997 duty range: free-14.2%).

Zone procedures would exempt Hewlett-Packard from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Hewlett-Packard would be able to choose the lower duty rate that applies to the finished products (free-13.2%) for the foreign components noted above. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures 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 29, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to September 15, 1997.

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

Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, Room  
3716, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue,  
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20230  
U.S. Department of Commerce Export  
Assistance Center, 9th Floor, 7-45  
Raymond Plaza, W., Newark, New  
Jersey 07102

Dated: June 20, 1997.

**John J. DaPonte, Jr.,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 50-97]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 84—Houston, Texas; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status: Lyondell Petrochemical Company (Petrochemical Complex), Harris County, TX**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of Houston Authority, grantee of FTZ 84, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the petrochemical complex of Lyondell

Petrochemical Company (Lyondell), (subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Company) located in Harris County, Texas. 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 16, 1997.

The Lyondell petrochemical complex (2,236 acres, 700 employees) is located at 8280 Sheldon Road on the San Jacinto River (Harris County), 20 miles east of Houston. The complex consists of two olefins plants and related processing units which produce a variety of petrochemical feedstocks and motor fuel blendstocks. Petrochemical feedstocks include ethylene (3.8 billion-lb. capacity), propylene (2.2 billion-lb. capacity), butadiene (615 million-lb. capacity), benzene, toluene, xylene, methanol, ethane, propane, butylene, raw pyrolysis gasoline and natural gas. Motor fuel blendstocks include MTBE and alkylates. The petrochemical complex is integrated with the Lyondell-Citgo Refining Company, Ltd. (LCR), refinery in the Houston area, which has an application for subzone status pending with the Board (FTZ Doc. 32-97, 62 FR 24080, 5/2/97). The refinery will supply the petrochemical complex with up to 80 percent of its feedstock needs, including foreign-status gas oils, naphtha, natural gas condensate, natural gasoline and raw pyrolysis gasoline.

Zone procedures would exempt the petrochemical complex from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates that apply to certain petrochemical feedstocks (duty-free) by admitting incoming foreign inputs (e.g. gas oils, naphtha) in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on inputs range from 5.25c/barrel to 10.5c/barrel. Under the FTZ Act, certain merchandise in FTZ status is exempt from ad valorem inventory-type taxes. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery'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 August 29, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing

period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 15, 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 1160, 500 Dallas, Houston, Texas 77002  
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: June 18, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 51-97]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 207—Richmond, VA; Application For Foreign-Trade Subzone Status: Hewlett-Packard Company (Computer and Related Electronic Products), Richmond, Virginia, Area**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Capital Region Airport Commission, grantee of FTZ 207, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing and distribution facilities (computers, printers, measurement devices, medical products and related products) of the Hewlett-Packard Company (Hewlett-Packard), located in the Richmond, Virginia area. The application was submitted pursuant to 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 19, 1997.

The Hewlett-Packard facilities are located at three sites totaling 92.4 acres (1,110,270 square feet at completion) in the Richmond, Virginia area: *Site 1* (52.9 acres, 304,400 sq.ft. plus 293,820 proposed)—located at 500/600 Liberty Way, Chesterfield County, some eight miles south of Richmond; *Site 2* (9.6 acres, 142,800 sq.ft.)—5900 Eastport Boulevard, Henrico County, 2 miles southeast of Richmond; *Site 3* (30 acres, 369,250 sq.ft.)—4830 Eubank Road, Henrico County, 1 mile southeast of Richmond.

The facilities (200 employees) are used for storage, manufacture, and distribution for import and export of