

establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the Little Rock Port Authority on behalf of the Industrial Development Commission of the State of Arkansas, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 14, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the steel pipe fabrication facility of Mid States Pipe Fabricating, Inc., in El Dorado, Arkansas, was filed by the Board on March 25, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 25-96, 61 FR 15216, 4/5/96; amended, 3/12/97); 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 are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 14C) at the Mid States Pipe Fabricating, Inc., plant in El Dorado, Arkansas, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and further subject to a restriction requiring that foreign status merchandise admitted to the subzone shall be exported.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th 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 54-97]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone: Stockton, CA; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Stockton Port District (commonly known as the Port of Stockton), to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone at sites in the Stockton (San Joaquin County), California area, within the San Francisco/Oakland/Sacramento 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 June

24, 1997. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 6302 of the California Code.

The proposed zone would consist of 3 sites (3,111 acres) in Stockton: *Site 1* (600 acres)—within the Port of Stockton complex on the Stockton Deepwater Ship Channel; *Site 2* (1,058 acres)—Rough and Ready Island on the Stockton Deepwater Ship Channel; and, *Site 3* (1,453 acres)—Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Sites 1 and 3 are owned by the Port of Stockton and San Joaquin County respectively. Site 2 is presently owned by the Department of Defense, but will be conveyed to the applicant on October 1, 1997.

The application contains evidence of the need for foreign-trade zone services in the Stockton area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures within the proposed project for warehousing/distribution activity. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. 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.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on July 29, 1997, 10:00 a.m., at the Port of Stockton, 2201 W. Washington Street, Stockton, California 95201.

Public comment on the application 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 September 5, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 22, 1997).

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

Port of Stockton Executive Office, 2201 W. Washington Street, Stockton, CA 95203.

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

Dated: June 27, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 55-97)

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone: Merced, Madera, and Fresno Counties, California; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, California, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone at sites in Merced, Madera and Fresno Counties, California, adjacent to the Fresno 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 June 25, 1997. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 6302 of the California Code.

The proposed foreign-trade zone would consist of 13 sites (2,560 acres) in 3 counties (Merced, Madera and Fresno) in California's Central Valley: *Site 1* (820 acres)—Castle Airport (former Castle Air Force Base)/Morimoto Industrial Park, 3450 C Street, Atwater (Merced County); *Site 2* (18 acres)—City of Dos Palos Industrial Park, 1818 Lexington Avenue, Dos Palos (Merced County); *Site 3* (196 acres)—Mid Cal Business Park, Highway 33, Gustine (Merced County); *Site 4* (253 acres)—Applegate Business Park, Air Park Road, Atwater (Merced County); *Site 5* (118 acres)—South Merced Airport Industrial Park, Albatross Avenue, Merced (Merced County); *Site 6* (101 acres)—City of Madera Airport Industrial Park/State Center Commerce Park (within State enterprise zone), Falcon Drive, Madera (Madera County); *Site 7* (10 acres)—City of Madera Industrial Park (within State enterprise zone), 2500 West Industrial Avenue, Madera (Madera County); *Site 8* (102 acres)—Airways East Business Park, East Shields Avenue, Fresno (Fresno County); *Site 9* (225 acres)—Central Valley Business Park, East North Avenue, Fresno (Fresno County); *Site 10* (511 acres)—Fresno Airport Industrial Park/City of Clovis Industrial Park, Aircorp Way, Fresno, and West Dakota Avenue & West Pontiac Way, Clovis (Fresno County); *Site 11* (37 acres)—Reedley Industrial Park II, 1301 South Buttonwillow Avenue, Reedley (Fresno County); *Site 12* (157 acres)—City of Selma Industrial Park, East Nebraska, Selma (Fresno County); and, *Site 13* (12 acres)—Tollhouse Industrial Park, 1651 Tollhouse Road, Clovis (Fresno County).