

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of December 1997.

Richard W. Moreland,

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

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 81-97]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone: Lakewood, New Jersey; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Township of Lakewood, New Jersey, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in Lakewood, New Jersey, adjacent to the Philadelphia Consolidated Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the FTZ Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on December 8, 1997. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under New Jersey Statutes Annotated 12:13-1.

The proposed zone would be the third general-purpose zone in the New Jersey portion of the Philadelphia Consolidated Customs port of entry area. The existing zones are: FTZ 142 at sites in Salem/Millville, New Jersey (Grantee: South Jersey Port Corporation, Board Order 358, 52 F.R. 33855, 9/8/87); and FTZ 200 in Mercer County, New Jersey (Grantee: County of Mercer, New Jersey, Board Order 683, 59 F.R. 13698, 3/23/94).

The proposed new zone would consist of 2 sites (2,248 acres) in the Township of Lakewood: *Site 1* (3 contiguous parcels, 1,996 acres)—*Parcel A* (1,540 acres)—Lakewood Industrial Park (includes the Lakewood Airport), State Highway Route 70, Lakewood; *Parcel B* (47 acres)—Pine Street South Industrial District, Pine Street, Lakewood; *Parcel C* (409 acres)—Lakewood Industrial Campus West, Cedar Bridge Avenue, Lakewood; and *Site 2* (252 acres)—Prospect Street Industrial Park, Prospect and James Streets, Lakewood. Parcel A in Site 1 and Site 2 are located within a State Urban Enterprise Zone, and Parcels B and C are expected to be included in a proposed expansion of the Urban Enterprise Zone. The applicant or the

Lakewood Industrial Commission owns a substantial portion of the land, with the remaining property being privately owned.

The application contains evidence of the need for foreign-trade zone services in the Lakewood area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures 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 January 15, 1998, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room C, Township of Lakewood Municipal Building, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701.

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 February 13, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to March 2, 1998.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the following locations:
Office of the Municipal Clerk, Township of Lakewood Municipal Building, 2nd Floor—Room 8, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, NJ 08701
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 939]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status: The B&F System, Inc. (Consumer Products/Knife Assembly), Dallas, Texas

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 Dallas/Fort Worth Maquila Trade Development Corporation, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 168, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the warehousing/distribution and processing facility of The B&F System, Inc., in Dallas, Texas, was filed by the Board on November 6, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 81-96, 61 FR 58860, 11-19-96); 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 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 168A) at the The B&F System, Inc., facility in Dallas, Texas, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the condition that foreign origin merchandise related to the assembly activity shall be admitted to the subzone in privileged foreign status.

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