

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 84-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 136—Brevard County, FL; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status Harris Corporation—Electronic Systems Sector (Telecommunication/Information Systems), Brevard County, FL

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Canaveral Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 136, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing facilities (telecommunication/information systems) of the Electronic Systems Sector (ESS) business unit of Harris Corporation, located at sites in Brevard County, Florida. 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 December 22, 1997.

The Harris ESS facilities are located at four sites in Brevard County, Florida (388 acres, 1.9 million sq. ft.): *Site 1* (44 buildings/1.9 million square feet on 181 acres)—located at 2400 NE Palm Bay Road, Palm Bay; *Site 2* (4 buildings/315,000 sq. ft. on 50 acres)—located at 150 S. Wickham Road, Melbourne; *Site 3* (2 buildings/114,000 sq. ft. on 30 acres)—located at 505 N. John Rodes Blvd., West Melbourne; and *Site 4* (3 buildings/215 sq. ft. on 127 acres)—located at 2800 Jordan Boulevard, Malabar.

The facilities (6,200 employees) are used for the development and manufacture of telecommunication and information systems products and related software for defense, aerospace, transportation and energy management, meteorology and publishing. Applications include digital maps, cockpit controls and displays, antennas, land and satellite communications terminals and networks, satellite antenna testing, electronic warfare and evaluation systems, global positioning control systems, signal and imaging processing, weather support systems, civil and military air traffic control systems, integrated airport communication and management systems, and information processing systems for publishing. Some of the components used in the manufacturing process are purchased from abroad (an estimated 10-15% of finished product value), including power supplies, mobile data terminals, optical switch modules, transmission apparatus,

printed circuits, connectors, optical instruments and appliances, testing equipment, audio-frequency electrical amplifiers, static connectors, electronic parts and equipment, and antennae reflectors (duty rates range from duty-free to 8.5%; weighted average—3.4%).

Zone procedures would exempt Harris from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Harris would be able to choose the lower duty rate that applies to the finished products (duty-free to 6.0%; weighted average—2.5%) for the foreign components noted above. FTZ procedures will also help Harris ESS to implement a more cost-effective system for handling Customs requirements (including reduced brokerage fees and Customs merchandise processing fees). FTZ status may also make a site eligible for benefits provided under state/local programs. 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 March 17, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 1, 1998. 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,
NW., Washington, DC 20230

U.S. Department of Commerce Export
Assistance Center, 200 E. Robinson
St., Suite 1270, Orlando, Florida
32801

Dated: December 23, 1997.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zone 92, Harrison County, Mississippi Area Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Greater Gulfport/Biloxi Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 92, based in Harrison County, Mississippi, requesting authority to expand its zone at sites in Jackson and Hancock Counties, Mississippi, within the Pascagoula and Gulfport Customs ports 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 January 6, 1998.

FTZ 92 was approved on November 4, 1983 (Board Order 232, 48 FR 52107, 11/16/83) and expanded on August 17, 1992 (Board Order 595, 57 FR 39388, 8/31/92). The zone project currently consists of the following sites in Harrison County: *Site 1* (167 acres)—Port of Gulfport complex, Highway 90 and 30th Avenue, Gilbert; *Site 2* (717 acres)—industrial area within the Gulfport/Biloxi Regional Airport, Gulfport; *Site 3* (2,471 acres)—Bernard Bayou Industrial Park, 1 mile north of Gulfport, Harrison County; and, *Site 4* (484 acres)—Long Beach Industrial Park, 5 miles west of Gulfport between Espy Avenue and Beat Line Road, Long Beach.

The applicant, in a major revision to its zone plan, now requests authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include nine new sites (1,731 acres) in Jackson and Hancock Counties (Proposed Sites 5-13): *Site 5* (254 acres)—Trent C. Lott International Airport, 8301 Saracennia Road, Moss Point (Jackson County); *Site 6* (148 acres)—Greenwood Island, Bayou Casotte area of Pascagoula (Jackson County); *Site 7* (193 acres)—Port of Pascagoula (2 harbors)—West Harbor (112 acres), located on the Pascagoula River, and East Harbor (81 acres), located in the Bayou Casotte industrial area, Pascagoula (Jackson County); *Site 8* (283 acres)—John C. Stennis Industrial Park (formerly the Jackson County Airport), Highway 611/63, adjacent to the Bayou Casotte Harbor's deep water port facility, Pascagoula (Jackson County); *Site 9* (13 acres)—Heinz facility, east bank of the Pascagoula River, across from the Port of Pascagoula West Harbor, Pascagoula (Jackson County); *Site 10* (65 acres)—within the