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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Technical Data Letter of Explanation

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Baker, Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, room 6877, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information contained in these letters will assure BXA that no unauthorized technical data will be exported for unauthorized end-uses or to unauthorized destinations and thus provide assurance that U.S. national security and foreign policy programs are followed. In addition, shipments to Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, need an Import Certificate issued by the appropriate national government.

II. Method of Collection

Submitted, as appropriate, with form BXA-748P.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0047.

Form Number: BXA-748-P.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 570.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2-4 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 935.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 2-98]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Palm Springs, California; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the City of Palm Springs, California, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone at sites in Palm Springs Regional Airport. The Palm Springs Regional Airport has been designated a Customs user fee airport facility by the U.S. Customs Service. 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 12, 1998. The applicant is authorized to

make the proposal under Section 6302 of the California Code.

The proposed zone would consist of 2 sites (918 acres) in Palm Springs: *Site 1* (904 acres)—Palm Springs Regional Airport complex, 3400 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs; and, *Site 2* (14 acres)—an industrial development within the 18-acre Palm Springs Rail Station, 63950 Palm Springs Station Road, Palm Springs. The airport site includes aviation fuel facilities. Both sites are owned by the City of Palm Springs and operated by the City's Department of Transportation.

The application contains evidence of the need for zone services in the Palm Springs (Coachella Valley) 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 February 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m., City of Palm Springs, City Council Chambers, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262.

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 March 23, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 6, 1998).

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

City of Palm Springs City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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: January 13, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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