

square feet/96.15 acres in San Diego (San Diego County), California: *Site 1* (9 bldgs/ 499,757 sq. ft./3.32 acres)—production and warehousing facility located at 16399 W. Bernardo Drive; *Site 2* (1 bldg./52,413 sq. ft./3.32 acres)—administrative facility located at 16262 W. Bernardo Drive; *Site 3* (1 bldg./ 202,408 sq. ft./5.65 acres)—production and warehousing facility located at 16550 W. Bernardo Drive; *Site 4* (2 bldgs/44,982 sq. ft./2.11 acres)—production and warehousing facility located at 15890–15910 Bernardo Center Drive; and *Site 5* (2 bldgs/252,000 sq. ft./17.84 acres)—production and warehousing facility located at 12270 World Trade Drive.

The facilities (2,050 employees) are used for storage, manufacture, and distribution for import and export of computers and related devices, printers, electronic test and measurement devices, electronic medical products, and related electronic products and components. A number of components are purchased from abroad (an estimated 40% of value of manufactured products), including printed circuit boards, silicon wafers, rectifiers, integrated circuits, memory modules, CD-ROM drives, disk drives, scanners, hard drives, keyboards, monitors/ displays (CRT and LCD type), LEDs, speakers, microphones, belts, valves, bearings, plastic materials, industrial chemicals, sensors, filters, resistors, transducers, fuses, plugs, relays, ink cartridges, toner cartridges, switches, fasteners, cards, transformers, DC/ electric motors, magnets, modems, batteries, cabinets, power supplies, cables, copper wire, power cords, optical fiber, casters, cases, labels, and packaging materials (1997 duty range: free-14.2%). (Full zone procedures are not being sought for certain linear motion bearings, display tubes and parts, optical fiber and related parts.)

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%, mostly duty-free) 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 September 11, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to September 28, 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, 363 Greenwich  
Drive, Suite 230, San Diego, California  
92122.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 35-98]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 122—Corpus Christi, Texas; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status; Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation; Oil Refinery

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery and petrochemical complex of Diamond Shamrock Refining Company L.P. (an affiliate of Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation), located in Three Rivers, 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 30, 1998.

The refinery and petrochemical complex (463 acres, 300 employees) is located at 301 Leroy Street on the Frio River, Three Rivers (Live Oak County), Texas, some 75 miles northwest of Corpus Christi. The refinery (90,000 BPD) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. Fuel products include gasoline, jet fuel, distillates,

residual fuels, naphthas and motor fuel blendstocks. Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products include methane, ethane, propane, liquid natural gas, propylene, ethylene, butylene, butane, butadiene, cumene, benzene, toluene, xylene, petroleum coke, asphalt and sulfur. Some 90-95 percent of the crude oil (99 percent of inputs), and some motor fuel blendstocks are sourced abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the refinery 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 and refinery by-products (duty-free) by admitting incoming foreign crude oil and natural gas condensate in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on inputs range from 5.25¢/barrel to 10.5¢/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.

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U.S. Department of Commerce, export  
Assistance Center, 222 N. Main, Suite  
450, San Antonio, Texas 78212

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

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