

6. Update on proposal to amend the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations definition of "Exporter of Recorded".

7. Discussion on implementation of encryption policy.

8. Update on Wassenaar Arrangement negotiations.

9. Update on license conditions under the "deemed export" rule.

10. Reports from RPTAC working groups.

Closed Session

11. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available.

Reservations are not required. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter BXA MS:3886C 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW U.S. Department of Commerce Washington, DC 20230

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 16, 1996, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: October 6, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 46-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 50, Long Beach, CA; Proposed Foreign-Trade Subzone Equilon Enterprises LLC (Oil Refinery Complex), Los Angeles County, CA, Area

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, grantee of FTZ 50, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Equilon Enterprises LLC (a joint-venture between Texaco, Inc. and Shell Oil Company), located in the Los Angeles County, California, area. 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 September 30, 1998.

The refinery complex (308 acres) is located at two sites in the Los Angeles County, California, area: *Site 1* (100,000 BPD capacity, 300 acres)—main refinery complex, located at 2101 E. Pacific Coast Highway, City of Los Angeles, some 25 miles south of downtown; *Site 2* (8 acres)—sulfur recovery unit, located at 23208 S. Alameda Street, Carson, 2 miles north of the refinery.

The refinery (500 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. Fuel products include gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, residual fuels, and motor fuel blendstocks. Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products include propane, propylene, butane, butylene, petroleum coke, sulfur and asphalt. Some 20 to 30 percent of the crude oil (93 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. 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.

Public comment 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 December 14, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to December 22, 1998).

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

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 11000 Wilshire Blvd., Room 9200, Los Angeles, California 90024
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: October 1, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1002]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Pharmaceutical Products), Barceloneta, Puerto Rico

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, 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 Commercial and Farm Credit and