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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 5–99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 22, Chicago, Illinois Application for Subzone; Clark Refining & Marketing, Inc. (Oil Refinery Complex) Cook County, IL

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Illinois International Port District, grantee of FTZ 22, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Clark Refining & Marketing, Inc., located in Cook County, Illinois (Chicago 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 February 1, 1999.

The refinery complex (165 acres) is located at three sites in Cook County, Illinois (Chicago area): *Site 1* (85,000 BPD capacity, 120 acres)—main refinery complex, located at 131st and Kedzie Avenue on the Calumet Sag Canal, Blue Island; *Site 2* (45 acres)—crude oil tank farm (7 tanks, 431,290 barrel capacity), located at 131st and Homan, ¼ mile northwest of the refinery and *Site 3* (5 tanks, 170,000 barrel capacity)—leased from the Texas Eastern Product Pipeline Company storage facility located at 3645 West 131st Street, Alsip, ¼ mile west of the refinery.

The refinery (300 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, ethylene, butane, butylene, butadiene, liquified natural gas, benzene, toluene, xylene, carbon black oil, petroleum coke, sulfur and asphalt. About half of the crude oil (95 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 April 12, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 27, 1999.

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, 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2440, Chicago, Illinois 60603

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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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 3–99]

Foreign-Trade Subzone 229A—Buffalo, WV; Expansion of Manufacturing Authority; Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, Inc. (Automobile Engines)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, Inc. (TMMWV), operator of Subzone 229A, requesting an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority to include new automobile engine manufacturing capacity under FTZ procedures within Subzone 229A at the TMMWV plant in Buffalo, West Virginia. It was formally filed on February 1, 1999.

Subzone 229A was approved in 1998 with activity granted for the manufacture of internal-combustion engines for automobiles (Board Order 955, 63 FR 9177, 2–14–98).

TMMWV is now requesting that its scope of manufacturing authority be extended to include increased capacity for the production of six-cylinder engines. The completed engines will be shipped to Toyota's automobile assembly plants in California and Kentucky. The TMMWV plant's capacity will be increased from 400,000 engines per year to a total of 500,000 engines annually, and the activity will involve machining and assembly using domestic and foreign-origin components. The expanded operations will maintain or reduce the current level of foreign-sourced components used in the manufacturing process. Components to be sourced from abroad include (comprising about 45% of the finished engines' material value): spark plug tubes, oil control/camshaft timing assemblies, oil control valve filters, connector tubes, plate washers, intake-air surge assemblies, gaskets, exhaust manifolds, fuel pipe subassemblies, emission control valves, and fuel vapor hoses (duty rates: free, 2.6%).

FTZ procedures would exempt TMMWV from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export. On engines shipped to domestic auto assembly plants, company would be able to choose the 2.5 percent automobile duty rate for the foreign inputs noted above when the engines (as components of autos) are processed for Customs entry. The engine rate (2.6%) would apply to the foreign components if the finished engines are directly entered from the TMMWV plant. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility'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 April 12, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 27, 1999.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available