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Dated: May 7, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 20-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 114—Peoria, Illinois; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status; E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc. (Crop Protection Products), El Paso, Illinois

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Economic Development Council, Inc. (of Peoria, Illinois), grantee of FTZ 114, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing facilities (crop production products) of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc. (Du Pont), located in El Paso, Illinois. 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 May 7, 1999.

The DuPont facilities (49.2 acres, 320,512 sq. ft. + 240,000 sq. ft. proposed) are located at on U.S. Highway 24 East in El Paso, Illinois. The facilities (150 employees) produce herbicide products for crop protection. DuPont initially intends to manufacture, test, package, and warehouse sulfonylurea herbicides under FTZ procedures. The herbicides to be produced are marketed under the following trade names: Accent®, Accent Gold® Basis®, Basis Gold®, Classic®,

Canopy®, Canopy XL®, Pinnacle®, and Reliance®. Foreign-sourced materials will account for, on average, 14 to 18 percent of finished products' value. Dupont has indicated that the following inputs will be imported, or transferred under FTZ procedures from the proposed subzone of DuPont Agricultural Caribe Industries, Ltd. (in Manatí, Puerto Rico): nicosulfuron; rimsulfuron; thifensulfuron methyl; and chlorimuron ethyl (the duty rate on these is 10.0%). The application also indicates that the company may in the future import under FTZ procedures a wide variety of other chemical materials, as well as other products used in production, packaging, and distribution of crop protection products.

Zone procedures would exempt DuPont from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to defer Customs duty payments on foreign materials, and to choose the duty rate that applies to the finished products (6.5%) instead of the rate otherwise applicable to the foreign input materials (noted above). The company would also be exempt from duty payments on foreign merchandise that becomes scrap/waste. 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 July 19, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 2, 1999.

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,
N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230
U.S. Customs Service, 5701 W.
Smithville Rd., Air Cargo Facility,
Suite 700, Bartonville, IL 61607-1778

Dated: May 7, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

(Docket 19-99)

Foreign-Trade Zone 93—Durham, North Carolina; Application For Foreign-Trade Subzone Status; Philips Monitor Raleigh (Computer Monitors and Related Peripheral Products), Durham, NC

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Triangle J Council of Governments, grantee of FTZ 93, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing facilities (computer monitors and related peripheral products) of Philips Monitor Raleigh (Philips), located at sites in the Durham, North Carolina, area. 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 May 6, 1999.

The Philips facilities (16 acres, 168,000 sq. ft.) are located at 627 and 701 Distribution Drive, Durham, North Carolina. The facilities (200 employees) are currently used for the manufacture of computer monitors. The application indicates that products which may be produced at the plant in the future include: computer keyboards; computer speakers (internal and external); computer video cameras (internal and external); computer microphones (internal and external); USB hubs, ports, cables and connectors; "ultra-thin clients;" LCD monitors; and computer mice. Some of the components used in manufacturing computer monitors are purchased from abroad (an estimated 63% of finished product value), including connectors, screws, knobs, springs, metal plates, brackets, cable ties, lenses, sliders, wire harnesses, power cords, degauss coils, cables, and cathode ray tubes (duty rates on these items range from 1.9% to 6.5%). The company also uses a number of foreign-sourced items that are duty free.

Zone procedures would exempt Philips from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to defer Customs duty payments on foreign materials, and to choose the duty rate