

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 29-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 146—Lawrence County, Illinois, Area Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Bi-State Authority, grantee of FTZ 146, Lawrence County (Lawrenceville), Illinois, requesting authority to expand its zone to include a site in Effingham, Illinois, adjacent to the St. Louis, Missouri, Customs port of entry. 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 2, 1999.

FTZ 146 was approved on February 11, 1988 (Board Order 371, 53 FR 5436, 2/24/88). The zone project currently consists of *Site 1* (43 acres)—within the 3,000-acre Mid-America Air Center/Industrial Park complex, Route 50, Lawrence County (Lawrenceville), Illinois.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site (*Proposed Site 2*—62 acres, 3 parcels)—Effingham Industrial Park, Effingham, Illinois. The site consists of a 177,994 square foot warehouse (9 acres), owned by Agracel, Inc.; a railroad intermodal facility which includes a proposed 100,000 square foot dock and warehouse and distribution facility (22 acres), owned by Agracel, Inc. and Effingham Railroad; and, undeveloped land (31 acres) which is available for future development, owned by American Way Enterprise Park Partners. The site will be operated by Total Quality Warehouse (a subsidiary of Agracel, Inc.). No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such 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.

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 August 16, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 30, 1999).

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

Lawrence County Industrial Development Council, 718 11th Street, Suite 2, Upper Level, Lawrenceville, IL 62439.
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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Acting Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zone 46—Cincinnati, OH, Area Application for Zone Expansion and Request for Manufacturing Authority Milacron, Inc. (Plastics Processing Machinery)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Cincinnati Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 46, requesting authority to expand its zone, and requesting, on behalf of Milacron, Inc., authority to manufacture plastics processing machinery and related parts under FTZ procedures within FTZ 46, Cincinnati, Ohio, area, adjacent to the Cincinnati Customs port of entry. 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 3, 1999.

FTZ 46 was approved in 1979 (Board Order 141, 44 FR 4003, 1-19-79) and relocated in 1994 (Board Order 720, 59 FR 66891, 12-28-94) to a 35-acre site at 175 Progress Place, Springdale (Hamilton County), Ohio. In 1997 the zone was expanded to include a second, non-contiguous 122-acre site located at 4701 Marburg Avenue in Cincinnati (Board Order 943, 62 FR 67044, 12-23-97).

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the zone by adding three sites: proposed Site 3 (460 acres, manufacturing, warehouse)—Milacron, Inc., Clermont County Industrial Park, 4165 Half Acre Road, Batavia (Clermont County), Ohio, about 25 miles east of Cincinnati; proposed Site 4 (490 acres, manufacturing)—Milacron, Inc., Brown

County Industrial Park, 418 West Main Street, Mt. Orab (Brown County), Ohio, about 10 miles east of proposed Site 3; and, proposed Site 5 (160 undeveloped acres)—West Hamco Industrial Park, 4160 Half Acre Road, Batavia.

The application also requests authority on behalf of Milacron, Inc. (Plastics Technology Group) to manufacture plastic products processing machinery under FTZ procedures within proposed expansion Sites 3 and 4 of FTZ 46. The facilities (1,200 employees) are used to produce computer-numerically-controlled plastic products processing/manufacturing machinery, including injection molding, extrusion, blow molding, mold tooling, and auxiliary equipment, as well as related parts. Components to be sourced from abroad (up to 40% of the finished machines' value): seals/rings, gaskets, belts, glass, chain, couplings/fittings, fasteners, keys, rollers, brackets, pins, rings, cables, cylinders, pumps, electric motors, heat exchangers, filters, monitors, lock snaps, fiber optic adapters, parts of machinery (HTS Heading 8477), accumulators, valves, bearings, elbows/fittings, shafts, bushings, gear boxes, sprockets, pulleys, idler assemblies, inductors, electronic control units, batteries, servos, lamps, resistors, capacitors, fuses, circuit breakers, relays, diodes, switches, CPU/printed circuit/memory boards, integrated circuits, EPROM, numerical process controllers, automatic data processing equipment, cable, liquid crystal displays, thermocouplers, gauges, sensors, hour counters, pulse coders, encoder, transducers, ballscrews, and monitors (duty rates: free-9.0%).

FTZ procedures would exempt Milacron from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export. On its domestic sales, Milacron would be able to elect the 3.1 percent duty rate applicable to the finished plastics processing machinery for the foreign inputs noted above. The company would also defer payments on foreign-origin finished plastics processing machinery admitted to the proposed expansion sites. FTZ procedures would also exempt certain merchandise held in the expansion sites from state/local ad valorem inventory taxes. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facilities' 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.