

assembled there. The application states that the additional production activity at the Maryville plant will supplant similar activity currently conducted abroad. The new manufacturing activity will involve casting, machining, finishing, and assembly using domestic and foreign materials and components.

The expanded operations will involve a continuation of KMM's utilization of foreign-sourced materials and components (up to 81% of the finished engines' ex-plant value at the outset). Components that will be sourced from abroad include: belts, electrical components, fuel pumps, housings, fasteners, gaskets, flywheels, rocker arms, pistons, crankshafts, connecting rods, cylinder heads, balancer shafts, manifolds, crankcases, intake/exhaust valves, flanges/spacers/grommets, starter motors, breathers, pulleys, exhaust components, carburetors, turbojets/props/turbines and parts, pumps, parts of transmissions, gauges, bearings, hoses, o-rings, resins, cements, adhesives, ballotini, rubber belts, paper packaging, base metal mountings, netting, articles of plastic/rubber, articles of aluminum and zinc, fabricated steel and copper tube/wire/chain/springs, and electric motors/generators (duty rate range: free—12.5%). The application indicates that the extent of domestic sourcing of materials and components will increase in the future.

FTZ procedures would exempt KMM from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity (about 13% of shipments). On its domestic sales, the company would be able to elect the duty rate that applies to finished engines and industrial robot parts (duty free—2.8%) for the foreign components noted above. The finished engines and industrial robot parts shipped in-bond to Subzone 59A at KMM's plant in Nebraska would be processed for Customs entry after final assembly of robots and vehicles (duty free—2.8%). The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures help improve KMM's international competitiveness.

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 May 9, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to May 24, 2000.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the

Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 6-2000]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—City of Erie (County of Erie), Pennsylvania; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in the City of Erie (County of Erie), Pennsylvania, within the Erie Customs port of entry (within the Cleveland Customs Service port area). The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the FTZ Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on March 1, 2000. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Pennsylvania Revised Code, Chapter 31 of Act 116 of 1978.

The proposed zone (26 acres) would be located at the Erie International Marine Terminal facility at the International Port of Erie, on the shore of Presque Isle Bay at East Bay Drive, City of Erie, Pennsylvania. The site is owned by the applicant and is currently under the management of Mountfort Terminal, Ltd., which intends to act as operator of some portion of the zone.

The application indicates a need for foreign-trade zone services in the Erie port region to serve the plastic products industry and commodities such as locomotives (GE), boilers, engines, meters, turbines, castings, forgings, pipe equipment, motors, diesel engines and paper. Several firms have indicated using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution activity. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. 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.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on April 5, 2000, 9 am, Erie County Public Library, Raymond M. Blasco, M.D., Memorial Library, H.O. Hirt Auditorium, 160 East Front Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507.

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 May 9, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to May 24, 2000).

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

Erie County Public Library, Raymond M. Blasco, M.D., Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507.
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 7-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 94—Laredo, Texas; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Laredo, Texas, grantee of FTZ 94, requesting authority to expand the zone to include an additional site in Laredo, 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 March 3, 2000.

FTZ 94 was approved on November 22, 1983 (Board Order 235, 48 FR 53737, 11/29/83) and expanded on March 26, 1990 (Board Order 468, 55 FR 12696, 4/5/90); on December 29, 1992 (Board Order 620, 58 FR 3533, 1/11/93); and, on January 17, 1997 (Board Order 866, 62 FR 4028, 1/28/97). The zone project currently consists of five sites in the Laredo area: *Site 1* (500 acres)—within the 1,600-acre city-owned Laredo

International Airport Industrial Park; *Site 2* (20 acres)—industrial park owned by the Texas-Mexican Railway, along Highway 359 in Webb County; *Site 3* (550 acres)—within the 1,400-acre Killiam industrial area, owned by Killiam Oil Co., at 12800 Old Mines Road; *Site 4* (1,500 acres)—within 7,000-acre International Commerce Center, Laredo Northwest business and residential development; and *Site 5* (930 acres)—La Barranca Ranch Industrial Park, owned by Librado Pina, Inc., Interstate Highway 35, adjacent to the Union Pacific rail line, in northern Webb County.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the zone to include a site in Laredo: *Proposed Site 6* (682 acres)—Unitec Industrial Center, Interstate Highway 35, 12 miles northwest of Laredo International Airport. The privately-owned industrial park/distribution center is served by rail and has 1.5 million square feet of existing warehouse space. 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 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 May 9, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to May 24, 2000).

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

Office of the Port Director, U.S. Customs Service, Lincoln Juarez Bridge, Administrative Building #2, Laredo, TX 78040.

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

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-851-802]

Notice of Amended Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Small Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From the Czech Republic

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis McClure at (202) 482-0984; AD/CVD Enforcement, Office VI, Group II, Import Administration, Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

Amendment of Preliminary Determination

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is amending the preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of certain small diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe from the Czech Republic. This amended preliminary determination results in revised antidumping rates.

On January 28, 2000, the Department issued its affirmative preliminary determination in this proceeding. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination: Certain Small Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from the Czech Republic*, 65 FR 5599 (February 4, 2000).

On February 10, 2000, the petitioners¹ submitted allegations of certain ministerial errors. The petitioners alleged that the Department applied an incorrect conversion to U.S. packing costs, and, that the Department's margin calculation program language incorrectly matched U.S. sales to constructed value when appropriate identical or similar sales matches were available. On February 10, 2000, Nova Hut, the respondent, submitted a ministerial error allegation regarding our product matching criteria alleging that the Department did not

¹ The petitioners in this investigation are Gulf States Tube, a Division of Vision Metals, Inc.; Koppel Steel Corporation; Sharon Tube Corporation; USS/Kobe Steel Corporation; U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation; and the United Steelworkers of America.

match certain U.S. sales to the most similar home market product.

The Department has reviewed its preliminary calculations and agrees with the petitioners that it made certain ministerial errors within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.224(f) and (g). However, we disagree with Nova Hut that our criteria for matching U.S. and home market products contained a ministerial error. See "Ministerial Error Allegations for the Preliminary Determination" memorandum to Holly A. Kuga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II, February 24, 2000, on file in room B-099 of the Main Commerce building.

As a result of our analysis of the petitioners' allegations, we are amending our preliminary determination to revise the antidumping rate for Nova Hut in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e), along with the corresponding correction to the "all others" rate, as listed below. Suspension of liquidation will be revised accordingly and parties shall be notified of this determination, in accordance with sections 733(d) and (f) of the Act.

The revised weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Manufacturer/exporter	Weighted-average margin percentage
Nova Hut	32.26
All Others	32.26

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030700A]

Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).