

formula and grant funds appropriated for agricultural research, extension, and education. Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants as part of an overall proposal package. This information includes project summaries, descriptions of the research, literature reviews, curricula vitae of principal investigators, other relevant technical aspects of the proposed project, and supporting documentation of an administrative and budgetary nature.

Since several programs use these forms and some programs are peer reviewed and others are not, the number of copies requested by CSREES varies. The number required may be as few as three and as many as fifteen. If the proposals are not peer reviewed fewer copies are needed since copies are not needed for members of a peer review panel. If a program uses a peer review panel the number of copies may still vary since the size of the panels vary with each program. Multiple copies are requested as a result of a desire to minimize delays in beginning the review process that would be caused if CSREES were required to make the copies inhouse, and minimization of the risk of proposals becoming separated, incorrectly organized, or misplaced during a high volume, minimally-staffed, time-driven photocopying process.

CSREES developed a general "Application Kit" (OMB Approval 0525-0022) for most of its programs. This kit includes the necessary forms and instructions for applicants requesting support under various competitive and noncompetitive funding programs sponsored by CSREES. In 1994, CSREES sought and received approval of three additional forms. These forms include: Form CSREES-1232, "Project Summary," Form CSREES-1233, "Conflict of Interest List," and Form CSREES-1234, "National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions Form". These forms are primarily used for proposal evaluation and administration. While some of the information will be used to respond to inquiries from Congress and other government agencies, the forms are not designed to be statistical surveys or data collection instruments. Their completion by potential recipients is a normal part of an application to Federal agencies for support for basic and applied scientific research, education and extension activities.

The following information has been collected and will continue to be collected through these forms:

CSREES-1232—Project Summary: Lists the Principal Investigator(s) and

their institution(s), the proposal type (distinguishes among funding mechanisms), project title, and key words, along with a project summary which allows for quick screening and assignment of proposals to peer reviewers.

CSREES-1233—Conflict of Interest List: Lists the person(s) in the field who by virtue of a current or prior relationship with the applicant may have a conflict of interest for purposes of selecting peer review panel members. This information aims to assure objective reviews, and the form has been revised to specifically cite potential conflicts of interest by category to assist applicants and CSREES in identifying such conflicts to better meet the standards in the various program administrative regulations.

CSREES-1234—National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions Form: Assists identification of whether a proposal fits within one of the exclusions listed for compliance with NEPA (as implemented by USDA in 7 CFR part 1b and supplemented by CSREES in 7 CFR part 3407). This information has been and will continue to be used in determinations as to whether further action is needed to meet the NEPA requirements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.25 hours for Form CSREES-1232, 1.75 hours for Form CSREES-1233, and .25 hours for Form CSREES-1234. This average was based on a survey of grantees who had recently been approved for awards. They were asked to give an estimate of time it took them to complete each form. This estimate was to include such things as: (1) Reviewing the instructions; (2) Searching existing data sources; (3) Gathering and maintaining the data needed; and (4) Actual completion of the forms. The average time it took each respondent was calculated from their responses.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for profit, non-profit institutions and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,200 for the CSREES-1232 and CSREES-1233; 5,000 for the CSREES-1234.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20,450 hours, broken down by: 13,600 hours for the CSREES-1232 (4.25 hours per 3,200 respondents); 5,600 hours for the CSREES-1233 (1.75 hours per 3,200 respondents); and 1,250 hours for the

CSREES-1234 (one-quarter hour per 5,000 respondents).

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Sally J. Rockey, Deputy Administrator, CSREES, (202) 401-1761. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Done at Washington, DC, on this 8th day of May, 2000.

Charles W. Laughlin,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 20-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 160—Anchorage, Alaska; Application for Subzone, Tesoro Petroleum Corporation (Oil Refinery Complex), Kenai, Alaska.

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Municipality of Anchorage, grantee of FTZ 160, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Tesoro Petroleum Corporation, located in Kenai, Alaska. 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 May 5, 2000.

The refinery complex (488 acres, 174 employees) is located at mile 22.5 Kenai Spur Hwy. in Kenai, Alaska, on the coast of the Cook Inlet. The refinery

(72,000 BPD) is used to produce fuels and liquid petroleum gases, including gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, residual fuels, naphthas, motor fuel blendstocks, liquefied natural gas, butane, isobutane, and propane. Refinery by-products include asphalt and sulfur. Some 36 percent of the crude oil, and some gas oil, distillates, and residual oils are sourced from 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 in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on inputs range from 5.25 cents/barrel to 10.5 cents/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 July 17, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to July 31, 2000.

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

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1770, Anchorage, AK 99501

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230

Dated: May 7, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1090]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Firmenich, Inc. (Flavor and Fragrance Products), Plainsboro and Port Newark, New Jersey

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, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides 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,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;*

Whereas, the 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, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 49, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the flavor and fragrance manufacturing facilities of Firmenich, Inc., located in Plainsboro and Port Newark, New Jersey (FTZ Docket 43-99, filed 9/1/99);

*Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 49441, 9/13/99); and,*

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the flavor and fragrance manufacturing facilities of Firmenich, Inc., located in Plainsboro and Port Newark, New Jersey (Subzone 49H), at the locations described in the application, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of May 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 17-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 8—Toledo, Ohio; Application for Subzone, Sunoco Inc. (Oil Refinery Complex), Toledo, Ohio

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 8, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Sunoco Inc., located in Toledo, Ohio. 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 May 3, 2000.

The refinery complex (150,000 BPD capacity) is located on four sites near Toledo, Ohio: *Site 1* (174.96 acres)—main refinery complex, located at 1819 Woodville Rd., Oregon, Ohio; *Site 2* (138.31 acres, 30 storage tanks)—Number Two Tank Farm, located at Pickle Road and Wheeling Street, Oregon, Ohio; *Site 3* (64.588 acres)—marine terminal located at the Maumee River Marine Terminal, Front and Consul Streets, Toledo, Ohio; *Site 4* (32.8 acres)—35 underground right-of-way parcels, providing 5 miles of pipelines between the marine terminal in Toledo and the main refinery complex in Oregon, Ohio. The refinery (300 employees) is used to produce fuels and liquid petroleum gases, including gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, residual fuels, naphthas, and aromatics. Refinery by-products include petroleum coke, asphalt and sulfur. Some 10 percent of the crude oil (96 percent of inputs), and some naphthas, virgin gas oil and 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 in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates