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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet on December 14, 2000, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

#### Agenda

##### Public Session

1. Election of Co-Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers and comments by the public.
3. Update on new and pending regulations.
4. Update on Biological Weapons Convention protocol.
5. Update on Chemical Weapons Convention implementation.

##### Closed Session

6. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the materials should be forwarded prior to the meeting to the address below: Ms. Lee

Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14 St. & Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 7, 2000, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For more information or copies of the minutes call Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 62-2000]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 104A—Savannah Airport Commission; Expansion of Facilities and Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 104A, Merck & Co., Inc. Plant (Pharmaceuticals), Dougherty County, GA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Savannah Airport Commission, grantee of FTZ 104, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400), requesting on behalf of Merck & Co., Inc. (Merck), to add capacity and to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures at Subzone 104A, at the Merck pharmaceutical plant in Dougherty County, Georgia. It

was formally filed on November 17, 2000.

Subzone 104A was approved by the Board in 1995 at a single site (800 acres, 283,910 sq. ft., 35 bldgs.) located at 3517 Radium Springs Road, Dougherty County, Georgia, 7 miles southeast of Albany and some 180 miles southwest of Savannah. The facility (570 employees) is used to produce a range of human health products. Merck is now proposing to add 193 acres and 41 buildings and to expand existing buildings. The proposed subzone would then include 76 bldgs. consisting of 606,492 sq. ft. (a 114% increase) on 993 acres.

The application also requests to expand the scope of authority for manufacturing activity conducted under FTZ procedures at Subzone 104A to include additional general categories of inputs that have recently been approved by the Board for other pharmaceutical plants. They include chemically pure sugars, empty capsules for pharmaceutical use, protein concentrates, natural magnesium phosphates and carbonates, gypsum, anhydrite and plasters, petroleum jelly, paraffin and waxes, sulfuric acid, other inorganic acids or compounds of nonmetals, ammonia, zinc oxide, titanium oxides, fluorides, chlorates, sulfates, salts of oxometallic acids, radioactive chemical elements, compounds of rare earth metals, acyclic hydrocarbons, derivatives of phenols or peroxides, acetals and hemiacetals, phosphoric esters and their salts, diazo-compounds, glands for therapeutic uses, wadding, gauze and bandages, pharmaceutical glaze, hair preparations, lubricating preparations, albumins, prepared glues and adhesives, catalytic preparations, diagnostic or laboratory reagents, prepared binders, acrylic polymers, self-adhesive plates and sheets, other articles of vulcanized rubber, plastic cases, cartons, boxes, printed books, brochures and similar printed matter, carboys, bottles, and flasks, stoppers, caps, and lids, aluminum foil, tin plates and sheets, taps, cocks and valves, and medical instruments and appliances.

FTZ procedures would exempt Merck from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to elect the duty rates that applies to finished products