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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: November 17, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 63-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 185C—Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce Expansion of Facilities and Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 185C, Merck & Co., Inc. Plant (Pharmaceuticals), Elkton, Virginia

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 185, 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 185C, at the Merck pharmaceutical plant in Elkton, Virginia, was formally filed on November 17, 2000.

Subzone 104A was approved by the Board in 1994 at a single site (1,333 acres, 624,221 sq. ft., 82 bldgs.) located on Route 340S, in Elkton (Rockingham County), Virginia, some 20 miles east of Harrisonburg. The facility (900 employees) is used to produce a range of human health products. Merck is now proposing to add 15 buildings and additional capacity to existing buildings (totaling 262,904 sq. ft). The proposed subzone would then include 97 bldgs. consisting of 887,125 sq. ft. (a 42% increase) on 1,333 acres.

The application also requests to expand the scope of authority for manufacturing activity conducted under FTZ procedures at Subzone 185C 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 (primarily duty-free for finished pharmaceuticals and up to 14.6% for intermediates) for the foreign materials noted above (duty rates ranging from duty-free to 14.5%). The application indicates that the expanded use of FTZ procedures will help improve Merck's international competitiveness.

The application has requested review under § 400.32(b)(1) of the FTZ Board regulations on the basis that the proposed activity is the same, in terms of products involved, to activity recently approved by the Board and similar in circumstances.

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 January 2, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to January 16, 2001).

Copies of the applications will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce, 133 West Davis Drive, Culpeper, Virginia 22701
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: November 17, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with October anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2000), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with October anniversary dates.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with section 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than October 31, 2001.

	Period to be reviewed
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Japan: Tapered Roller Bearings, Over 4 Inches,* A-588-604, NTN Corporation	10/1/99-12/31/99
Malaysia: Extruded Rubber Thread, A-557-805, Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd., Heveafil Sdn. Bhd., Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd.	10/1/99-9/30/00
Republic of Korea: Stainless Steel Wire Rod, ¹ A-583-829, Changwon Specialty Steel Co., Ltd., Dongbang Specialty Steel Co., Ltd.	9/1/99-8/31/00
Taiwan: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils, ² A-583-831, Chia Far Industrial Factory Co., Ltd.	6/8/99-6/30/00
The People's Republic of China: Helical Spring Lock Washers, ³ A-570-822, Zhejiang Wanxin Group Co., Ltd. (aka Hangzhou Spring Washer Plant)	10/1/99-9/30/00
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
India: Iron Metal Castings, C-533-063, Howrah Ferrous Limited	1/1/99-12/31/99

Order revoked effective 01/01/2000, as a result of sunset review.

¹ Case inadvertently omitted from initiation notice published on October 30, 2000, (65 FR 64662).

² In the initiation notice published on September 6, 2000, (65 FR 53980), the review period for this case was incorrect and the above-listed company was inadvertently omitted. The period listed above is the correct period of review for this case and, we are adding the above-listed firm to the other firms' initiation for that review.

³ If one of the above-named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of helical spring lock washers from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part.

Suspension Agreements

None.

During any administrative review covering all or part of a period falling between the first and second or third and fourth anniversary of the publication of an antidumping duty order under section 351.211 or a determination under section 351.218(f)(4) to continue an order or suspended investigation (after sunset review), the Secretary, if requested by a domestic interested party within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the review, will determine whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to the review if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer that is affiliated with such exporter or producer. The request must include the name(s) of the exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group II for Import Administration.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, December 7, 2000, 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East-West Towers, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public—Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(f)(1) and 16 CFR 1013.4(b) (3), (7), (9), and (10) and submitted to the **Federal Register** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3).

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: November 28, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the DoD Healthcare Quality Initiative Review Panel

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice set forth the meeting of the DoD Healthcare Quality Initiatives Review Panel. An executive/administration meeting for DoD Healthcare Quality Initiatives Review Panel was held on November 28 and 29, 2000. This notice of meeting is required under The Federal Advisory Committee Act. This notice was sent out late due to an administration oversight.

DATES: November 28 and 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311.

TIME: November 28th, 8 am to 5 pm; November 29th, 8 am to 5 pm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Contact Gia Edmonds at (703) 933-8325.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

National Commission on the Use of Offsets in Defense Trade, and President's Council on the Use of Offsets in Commercial Trade

AGENCY: Department of Defense, National Commission on the Use of Offsets in Defense Trade, and President's Council on the Use of Offsets in Commercial Trade.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of the President's Council on the Use of Offsets in Commercial Trade, a federal advisory committee that is being established by Executive Order. The Council will meet jointly with the parallel National