

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 65-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 27—Boston, Massachusetts; Application for Subzone, AstraZeneca LP (Pharmaceutical Products), Westborough, MA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Massachusetts Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 27, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the pharmaceutical manufacturing plant of AstraZeneca LP in Westborough, Massachusetts. 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 November 28, 2000.

AstraZeneca LP is a subsidiary of AstraZeneca PLC, a global prescription pharmaceutical manufacturer, formed in 1999 by a merger between Zeneca Group PLC (U.K.) and Astra AB (Sweden).

The Westborough plant (532,543 sq. ft./13 bldgs. on 83.3 acres) is located at 50 and 53 Otis Street, Westborough, Massachusetts. The facility (650 employees) produces finished pharmaceutical products and their intermediates, including XYLOCAINE®, POLOCAINE®, NAROPIN®, SENSORCAINE® anesthetics, and PULMICORT RESPULES®, for the treatment of asthma. Foreign-sourced materials will account for, on average, 70 percent of material value, and include items from the following general categories: Gums, starches, waxes, vegetable extracts, mineral oils, chemically pure sugars, empty capsules, protein concentrates, prepared animal feed, mineral products, inorganic acids, chlorides, chlorates, sulfites, sulfates, phosphates, cyanides, silicates, radioactive chemicals, rare-earth metal compounds, hydroxides, hydrazine and hydroxylamine, chlorides, natural magnesium phosphates and carbonates, cyclic and acyclic hydrocarbons, alcohols, phenols and peroxides, esters, epoxides, acetals, aldehydes, ketone function compounds, mono- and polycarboxylic acids, phosphoric esters, amine-, carboxymide, nitrile- and oxygen-function compounds, heterocyclic compounds, sulfonamides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides and herbicides, fertilizers, vitamins, hormones, antibiotics, enzymes, essential oils, albumins, gelatins, activated carbon, residual lyes, acrylic polymers, color lakes, soaps and

detergents, protein concentrates, 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, 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.

Zone procedures would exempt AstraZeneca from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rates that apply to the finished products (duty-free) rather than the duty rates that would otherwise apply to the foreign-sourced materials noted above (duty-free to 20.0 percent). Although at the outset, 100 percent of the production of ZD-0473, a developmental drug for the treatment of cancer, will be exported, it is expected that future zone savings would primarily involve choosing the finished product duty rate on ZD-0473, (HTSUS 3004.90.9015—duty-free), rather than the rate for a foreign-sourced active ingredient (HTSUS 2843.90.0000—3.7%). The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the plant'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 February 10, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to February 25, 2001).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available

for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 164 Northern Avenue, World Trade Center, Suite 307, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.

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

Dated: November 30, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 66-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 199—Texas City, Texas; Application for Subzone, ISP Technologies Inc. (Chemical Plant), Texas City, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Texas City Foreign-Trade Zone Corporation, grantee of FTZ 199, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the chemical plant facilities of ISP Technologies Inc., located in Texas City, 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 November 28, 2000.

The facility is located at 4501 Attwater Avenue, Texas City, Texas. The application is requesting the use of zone procedures only for the portion of the facility that processes butanediol (B1D) into butyrolactone (BLO). This portion of the facility (2.2 acres, 170 employees) has the capacity to produce 140,000 pounds per day of BLO (HTS 2932.29.50 and 3824.90.47; duty rate 3.7%). All of the B1D is sourced from abroad (HTS 2905.39.10; duty rate 7.9%).

FTZ procedures would exempt ISP from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. Some 35 percent of the BLO produced from the imported B1D in 1999 was exported. On its domestic sales, ISP would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to BLO (3.7%) for the foreign input noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve

the plant'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 February 12, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 25, 2001.

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, 500 Dallas, Suite 1160, Houston, TX 77002.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 67-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 115—Beaumont, Texas, Area; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Foreign-Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 115, requesting authority to expand its zone to include a petroleum terminal in Nederland (Jefferson County), Texas, within the U.S. Customs Service consolidated port of Port Arthur and Sabine. 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 November 29, 2000.

FTZ 115 was approved on March 20, 1985 (Board Order 296, 50 FR 13261, 4/3/85). The zone project currently consists of seven sites (244 acres) in Orange and Jefferson Counties.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose

zone to include Proposed Site 8 (952 acres)—at the Sun Pipe Line Company (Sun PLC) crude oil petroleum terminal located in Nederland, Texas. The site includes all of the facilities of Sun PLC's Nederland Terminal, including the buildings, marine berths, storage tanks, pipelines, manifolds, pumps, valves, filters, meters, etc. The terminal includes an 802-acre marine facility that provides storage for crude oil and certain refined petroleum products. The terminal also includes a 150-acre tank farm that provides for storage of crude oil. Several of the storage tanks at the proposed zone site already are covered by two existing FTZ subzone grants (Mobil Oil Corporation (FTZ-115B) and Fina Oil & Chemical Company (FTZ-116-B)), and those tanks are excluded from this application. Sun PLC, the owner and anticipated operator of the proposed site, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sunoco, Inc. The facilities will be primarily used to store and distribute crude oil for Sunoco affiliates, but the facilities will also be available for use by other petroleum companies that lease tanks from Sun PLC. Sun PLC (or Sunoco) will be the operator of the site.

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 February 12, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to February 26, 2001).

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

Office of the Port of Beaumont, 1225 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-805]

Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico: Preliminary Results and Partial Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from two respondents, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded non-alloy steel pipe (P&T) from Mexico. We are rescinding the review with respect to one of the respondents, Hylsa S.A. de C.V. (Hylsa). The review covers one manufacturer and exporter of the subject merchandise, Tuberia Nacional S.A. de C.V. (TUNA). The period of review (POR) is November 1, 1998, through October 31, 1999. We preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct U.S. Customs to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between export price (EP) or constructed export price (CEP) and NV. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Drury or Nancy Decker, Enforcement Group III, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7866, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0195 or (202) 482-0196, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1999).

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty order on circular welded non-alloy steel pipe and tube