

Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation interests. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for the SRA, and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area. The tentative agenda will focus on describing the desired future condition of the area. The tentative agenda will focus on describing the desired future condition of the SRA.

The public comment period is tentatively scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to the May 5 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips at the address given below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips; Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC 73 Box 320, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: April 13, 2001.

**Darrel L. Kenops,**  
*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

[Docket No. 010412092-1092-01]

#### Initiation of National Security Investigation of Imports of Iron Ore and Semi-Finished Steel, Re-Opening of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of National Security Investigation, re-opening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to public request, the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is re-opening its public comment period until May 2, 2001, for the Notice

of initiation of National Security Investigation and Request for Public Comments, published on February 6, 2001.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 2, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send three copies of written comments to Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3876, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4060, bbotwin@bxa.doc.gov or Michael Vaccaro, Trade and Industry Analyst, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-8232, mvaccaro@bxa.doc.gov. For more information about the section 232 program, including the applicable Commerce Department regulations and the text of previous investigations, see [www.doc-bxa.bmpcoe.org](http://www.doc-bxa.bmpcoe.org) under "Programs."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 6, 2001, BXA published a Notice of Initiation of National Security Investigation and Request for Public Comments (66 FR 9067) announcing the initiation of an investigation under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of iron ore and semi-finished steel. The notice also requested public comments on the investigation; the closing day for the comment period was April 9, 2001. In response to requests received from interested parties, BXA is re-opening the original 60 day public comment period until May 2, 2001. As a result, comments on the investigation must now be received by May 2, 2001. Comments received after April 9, 2001 and before the date of this notice will be accepted and considered by BXA.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

**Matthew Borman,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1155]

#### Approval for Expansion of Subzone 104A, Merck & Company, Inc., Plant (Pharmaceuticals), Dougherty County, GA

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 Savannah Airport Commission, grantee of FTZ 104, has requested authority on behalf of Merck & Company, Inc. (Merck), to add capacity and to expand the scope of authority under zone procedures within Subzone 104A at the Merck plant in Dougherty County, Georgia (FTZ Docket 62-2000, filed 11/17/2000);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 71296, 11/30/00);

Whereas, pursuant to Section 400.32(b)(1) of the FTZ Board regulations (15 CFR 400), the Secretary of Commerce's delegate on the FTZ Board has the authority to act for the Board in making decisions regarding manufacturing activity within existing zones when the proposed activity is the same, in terms of products involved, to activity recently approved by the Board and similar in circumstances (15 CFR 400.32(b)(1)(i)); 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 the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to add capacity and to expand the scope of authority under zone procedures within Subzone 104A on behalf of Merck & Company, Inc., is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of April, 2001.

**Timothy J. Hauser,**

*Acting Under Secretary for International Trade, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

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