

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 16-2001]

Foreign-Trade Zone 87—Lake Charles, LA; Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 87A; Conoco, Inc., Westlake, LA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District, grantee of FTZ 87, requesting authority on behalf of Conoco, Inc. (Conoco), to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures within Subzone 87A at the Conoco oil refinery complex in Westlake, Louisiana. 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 April 9, 2001.

Subzone 87A was approved by the Board in 1988 and consists of four sites in Westlake, Louisiana: *Site 1* (1,300 acres)—main refinery complex, 2200 Old Spanish Trail, Westlake; *Site 2*—Docks and Wharf; *Site 3*—Clifton Ridge Marine Terminal; *Site 4*—Pecan Grove Terminal. Authority was granted for the manufacture of fuel products and certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery byproducts (Board Order 406, 53 FR 52455, 12/28/88).

The Conoco refinery (750 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. The subzone, as originally approved, had a crude oil capacity of 150,000 barrels per day. The expansion request primarily involves new crude oil refining units within Site 1. Conoco, in partnership with Maraven S.A., is constructing facilities which will increase refining capacity and allow for the processing of heavier, sour crudes. They are now requesting authority to process approximately 250,000 barrels of crude oil per day under zone procedures. This proposal does not request any new manufacturing authority under FTZ procedures in terms of inputs or products, but it does involve a proposed increase in Conoco's level of production under zone procedures. Approximately 72 percent of the crude oil will be sourced from abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the new refinery facilities 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 for certain petrochemical feedstocks (duty-free) by

admitting foreign crude oil in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on crude oil range from 5.25 cents/barrel to 10.5 cents/barrel. The application indicates that the additional 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 appointed 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 June 18, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to July 2, 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, One Canal Place, 365 Canal Street, Suite 1170, New Orleans, LA 70130

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

Dated: April 9, 2001.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1154]

Approval for Expansion of Subzone 93C, Merck & Company, Inc., Plant (Pharmaceuticals), Wilson County, NC

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 Triangle J Council of Governments, grantee of FTZ 93, 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 93C at the Merck plant in Wilson County, North Carolina (FTZ Docket 61-2000, filed 11/17/2000);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 71297, 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 93C 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1153]

Approval for Expansion of Subzone 35B, Merck & Company, Inc., Plant (Pharmaceuticals), West Point, PA

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 Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 35, 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 35B at the Merck plant in West Point, Pennsylvania (FTZ Docket 60-2000, filed 11/17/2000);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 71298, 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 35B 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1156]

Approval for Expansion of Subzone 185C, Merck & Company, Inc., Plant (Pharmaceuticals), Elkton, VA

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 Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 185, 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 185C at the Merck plant in Elkton, Virginia (FTZ Docket 63-2000, filed 11/17/2000);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 71299, 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 185C 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-351-825, A-533-810, A-588-833, A-469-805]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders: Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain

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

ACTION: Notice of continuation of antidumping duty orders: stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain.

SUMMARY: On May 4, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 (c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (65 FR 25909). On April 4, 2001, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (66 FR

17927). Therefore, pursuant to 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martha V. Douthit or James P. Maeder, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5050 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 30, 1999, the Department initiated (64 FR 73510), and the Commission instituted (64 FR 73579), sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the orders to be revoked. *See Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Expedited Sunset Reviews*, 65 FR 25909 (May 4, 2000).

On April 4, 2001, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. *See Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain*, 66 FR 17927 (April 4, 2001) and USITC Publication 3404 (March 2001), Investigation Nos. 731-TA-678-679 and 681-682 (Review).

Scope of the Orders

Imports covered by these orders are shipments of Stainless Steel Bar ("SSB"), specifically articles of stainless steel in straight lengths that have been either hot-rolled, forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled or otherwise cold-finished, or ground, having a uniform solid cross section along their whole length in the shape of circles, segments of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), triangles, hexagons, octagons, or other convex polygons. SSB includes cold-finished SSB's that are turned or ground in straight lengths, whether produced from hot-rolled bar or from