

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm. Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 58-2004]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 222—Montgomery, AL; Request for Manufacturing Authority, Mobis Alabama, LLC (Automotive Components and Subassemblies)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 222, pursuant to section 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Mobis Alabama, LLC (Mobis) (a subsidiary of Hyundai Mobis Company, of South Korea), to manufacture automotive components and subassemblies under FTZ procedures within FTZ 222. It was formally filed on December 15, 2004.

Mobis operates a facility (600,000 sq.ft./400 employees) within the proposed new Site 3 of FTZ 222 (expansion application pending; Doc. 57-2004; 69 FR 74492, 12-14-2004) located at 1395 Mitchell Young Road,

Airport Industrial Park, in Montgomery, Alabama. The plant is used to produce automotive components and subassemblies for passenger vehicles, including: Chassis, bodies, body stampings, doors, transmissions, axles, spindles, half/drive shafts, hubs, universal joints, suspension parts, steering components, steering wheels, bumpers, airbag inflators, and brake hoses, for the U.S. market and export. The proposed manufacturing activity would involve the use of foreign-sourced components (initially representing about 60% of finished product value), including: Plastic tubes/pipe/fittings, sheets/film/foil/tape of plastic, plates/sheets/film/foil/strip of plastic and textile materials (items under Category 229 will be admitted under privileged foreign status—19 CFR 146.41), flexible rubber tubes/hoses, self-adhesive plastic or polyurethane sheets/foil/film, labels, rubber belts, rubber sheets/strips/rods/profiles/plates, seats, seat belts, safety glass, mirrors, flat-rolled steel (will be admitted under privileged foreign status), stranded wire of steel and copper, pins, fasteners, cotter pins, parts of steering systems, half shafts, transmissions and parts of transmissions, gears, flywheels, torque converters, ball/roller screws, clutches, universal/CV joints, sprockets helical springs, brake cables, hangers, bearings, cylinder heads, connecting rods, compasses, thermometers, hydrometers, pyrometers, hygrometer, motors, batteries, ignition parts, lighting equipment, horns, windshield defrosters, audio (radio/CD/tape) components, antennas, alarm systems, electronic switches, automatic regulators, wiring harnesses, plastic handles/knobs, plastic gaskets/seals/belts/fasteners, clasps, buckles, hooks, carpet sets, airbag modules/inflators, brake components, wheels, shock absorbers, radiators, exhaust systems, hinges, pneumatic cylinders/dampeners/regulators, speedometers, tachometers, catalysts of platinum, locks, hinges, composite gaskets, springs, valves, compressors, pumps, air conditioners, relays, boards, panels, consoles, clocks, glass lenses, lighters, and switches (duty rate range: free—8.8%). The application states that the level of Mobis' domestic sourcing will increase in the future.

FTZ procedures would exempt Mobis from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export to non-NAFTA countries. On shipments for U.S. consumption and to NAFTA markets, the company would be able to elect the finished automotive

components and subassembly duty rates (2.5%) for the foreign components listed above that have higher individual rates. The auto duty rate (2.5%) would apply if the finished components and subassemblies are shipped via zone-to-zone transfer to U.S. motor vehicle assembly plants with subzone status. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

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 date for their receipt is February 28, 2005. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period March 14, 2005.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Franklin Court Building—Rm. 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 59-2004]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 40—Cleveland, OH, Area Application for Expansion**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board), by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 40, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, within the Cleveland Customs port of entry. 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 December 17, 2004.

FTZ 40 was approved on September 29, 1978 (Board Order 135, 43 FR 46886, 10/11/78) and expanded in June 1982 (Board Order 194, 47 FR 27579, 6/25/82); April 1992 (Board Order 574, 57 FR 13694, 4/17/92); February 1997 (Board Order 870, 62 FR 7750, 2/20/97); June 1999 (Board Order 1040, 64 FR 33242,