DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1491]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Sony Electronics, Inc. (Audio, Video, Communications and Information Technology Products and Accessories); Los Angeles, Carson and Lynwood, CA

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 Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for * * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes, * * * and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 202, has made application to the Board for authority to establish a special-purpose subzone at the warehouse and distribution facilities of Sony Electronics, Inc., located in Los Angeles, Carson and Lynwood, California (FTZ Docket 16–2006, filed 4/28/06);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (71 FR 26923–26924, 5/9/06); and

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to audio, video, communications and information-technology products and accessories warehousing and distribution at the facilities of Sony Electronics, Inc., located in Los Angeles, Carson and Lynwood, California (Subzone 202E), as described in the application and Federal Register notice, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of November, 2006.

David M. Spooner,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:
Andrew McGilvray,
Acting Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1490]

Approval for Expanded Manufacturing Authority (Manufacture/Refurbish Toner Cartridges), Foreign-Trade Subzone 77B, Brother Industries (U.S.A.) Inc., Bartlett, TN

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 City of Memphis and Shelby County (Tennessee), grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 77, has applied to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 77B, at the Brother Industries (U.S.A.) Inc. (Brother) plant located in Bartlett, Tennessee, to include manufacturing/refurbishing toner cartridges (FTZ Docket 58–2005, filed 11/17/2005);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the Federal Register (70 FR 72292–72293, 12/2/2005); and

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations would be satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby approves the request for expanded manufacturing authority related to manufacturing/refurbishing toner cartridges, as described in the application and Federal Register notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to a restriction that privileged foreign status (19 CFR Part 146.41) shall be elected on foreign merchandise that falls under HTSUS headings 2821, 2823, 3901.20, all of Chapter 32, or where the foreign merchandise in question is described as a “pigment, pigment preparation, masterbatch, plastic concentrate, flush color, paint dispersion, coloring preparation, or colorant.”


David M. Spooner,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration Alternate, Chairman Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:
Andrew McGilvray,
Acting Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[T–3–2006]

Foreign-Trade Zone 86—Tacoma, WA; Temporary/Interim Manufacturing Authority; Norvanco International Inc./Panasonic Consumer Electronics Co. (Kitting of Home Theater Systems); Notice of Approval

On September 26, 2006, the Acting Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board filed an application submitted by the Port of Tacoma (Washington), grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 86, requesting temporary/interim manufacturing (T/IM) authority for Norvanco International Inc. (Norvanco) to process (kit) certain imported components into home theater systems on behalf of the company’s client, Panasonic Consumer Electronics Co., within Site 6 of FTZ 86, at Norvanco’s facility located in Sumner, Washington.

The application was processed in accordance with T/IM procedures, as authorized by FTZ Board Order 1347, including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (71 FR 58372, 10/3/06). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval under T/IM procedures. Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board Executive Secretary in Board Order 1347, the application was approved on a modified basis, effective November 6, 2006, until November 6, 2008, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28. The pre-approval modification to the application involved limiting the requested T/IM inputs to merchandise classifiable within HTSUS categories 8518.21 and 8518.22.