

Whereas, the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 7, has made application to the Board for authority to establish a special-purpose subzone for the manufacture of biotechnology and healthcare products at the facility of Amgen Manufacturing Limited, located in Juncos, Puerto Rico (FTZ Docket 41-2008, filed 6/19/08);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 36298, 6/26/08); 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 the manufacture of biotechnology and healthcare products at the facility of Amgen Manufacturing Limited, located in Juncos, Puerto Rico (Subzone 7M), as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of December 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,

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

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration, Commerce

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 85-15A18.

SUMMARY: On December 16, 2008, the U.S. Department of Commerce issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to U.S. Shippers Association ("USSA").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey C. Anspacher, Director, Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of

1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR Part 325 (2008).

Export Trading Company Affairs ("ETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the U.S. Department of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Amended Certificate

The original USSA Certificate (No. 85-00018) was issued on June 3, 1986 (51 FR 20873, June 9, 1986), and last amended on January 16, 2008 (73 FR 3944, January 23, 2008).

USSA's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

Proposed Amendment: USSA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add each of the following companies as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Guardian Industries Corp., Auburn Hills, Michigan; Alpharma Inc., Bridgewater, New Jersey; LyondellBasell Industries A.F.S.C.A., Rotterdam, The Netherlands;

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: Arch Chemicals, Inc., Norwalk, Connecticut; Basell USA, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware (Controlling Entity: Basell NV, The Netherlands); Dawn K. Peterson, Katy, Texas; and Carrie M. Bowden, Missouri City, Texas; and

3. Change the address of the current Member from "JWC and Company LLC, of Macungie, Pennsylvania" to "JWC and Company, LLC, of Canton, Michigan".

The effective date of the amended certificate is September 17, 2008. A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

Jeffrey Anspacher,

Director, Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(C)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via e-mail at dHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the Stephen Boykin, MED Week Awards Manager, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5090, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: 202-482-1712; e-mail: sboykin@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is the only federal agency created exclusively to foster the establishment and growth of minority-owned businesses in the United States. For this purpose, a minority-owned business must be owned or controlled by one or of the following persons or groups of persons: African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Asian Indian, and Hasidic Jew. MBDA actively promotes the growth and competitiveness of large, medium, and small minority business enterprises by offering management and technical assistance through a network of regional and local business centers throughout the United States.

One of MBDA's largest initiatives is the annual Regional and National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conferences. The conferences recognize the role that minority entrepreneurs play in building the Nation's economy through the creation of jobs, products and services, in addition to supporting their local communities. It includes the private, non-profit, and government sectors and provides a venue to discuss critical business issues affecting minority business as well as strategies to foster the growth and competitiveness of the minority business community. The MED Week Awards Program is a key element of the conferences and celebrates the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs. MBDA may make awards in the following categories: Minority Construction Firm of the Year, Minority Manufacturer of the Year, Minority Service Firm of the Year, Minority Technology Firm of the Year, Minority Supplier Distributer of the Year, Advocate of the Year, Media Award, Distinguished Supplier Diversity Award, Access to Capital Award, Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award, and the Abe Venable Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement. All awards with the exception of the Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award and the Abe Venable Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement will be presented at both MBDA Regional and National MED Weeks. The Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award and the Abe Venable Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement will be presented only at National MED Week.

Nominations for these awards are open to the public. MBDA must collect two types of information: (a) Information identifying the nominee and nominator, and (b) information explaining why the nominee should be given the award. The information will be used to determine those applicants best meeting the preannounced evaluation criterion. Use of a nomination form standardizes and limits the information collected as part of the nomination process. This makes the competition fair and eases the burden on applicants and reviewers. Participation in the MED Week Awards Program competition is voluntary and the awards are strictly honorary.

II. Method of Collection

The form may be submitted electronically or paper format.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None (new collection).

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, state, local and tribal government, Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public: \$0.

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Habitat Conservation Plan for the City and County of San Francisco, through its Public Utilities Commission, for the Operation and Maintenance Activities of its Alameda Watershed, Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, California

AGENCIES: Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/

Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR); notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FWS and NMFS (Services), are issuing this notice to advise the public of our intent, in coordination with the San Francisco Planning Department, to conduct public scoping necessary to gather information to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The EIS/EIR will analyze the environmental effects of the of the Services' proposed issuance of an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (hereafter ESA or Act), for a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) within a portion of the Alameda Creek watershed. The permit applicant is the City and County of San Francisco through its Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). The SFPUC intends to request a 30-year permit for five federally listed as threatened or endangered species and 12 unlisted species that may become listed during the term of the permit. The permit is needed to authorize the incidental take of threatened and endangered species that could occur as a result of the SFPUC's operations and maintenance activities on SFPUC lands within the Alameda Creek watershed.

The Services provide this notice to (1) describe the proposed Plan and possible alternatives; (2) advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of the intent to prepare an EIS/EIR; (3) announce the initiation of a public scoping period; and (4) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to be included in the EIS/EIR. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a separate Notice of Preparation for the EIS/EIR will be posted by the San Francisco Planning Department, Major Environmental Analysis (MEA) Division with the State Clearinghouse.

DATES: A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Written comments should be received on or before January 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Dublin Civic Center, Regional Meeting Room, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, California.

Information, written comments, or questions related to the preparation of the EIS/EIR should be sent to: Sheila Larsen, Senior Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825, facsimile (916) 414-6713; Gary Stern, San