

special-purpose subzone at the recreational vehicle manufacturing facilities of Thor Industries, Inc., located in Jackson Center, Ohio (FTZ Docket 66–2008, filed 12/4/08);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 76611–76612, 12/17/08); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds 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 recreational vehicle manufacturing at the facilities of Thor Industries, Inc., located in Jackson Center, Ohio (Subzone 100D), 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, D.C., this 12th day of June 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

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

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1626]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Thor Industries, Inc. (Recreational Vehicle and Commercial Bus Manufacturing), Goshen, Elkhart, Topeka, Bristol, Middlebury, Syracuse, Nappanee and Howe, Indiana

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 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 St. Joseph County Airport Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 125, has made application to the Board for authority to establish a special-purpose subzone at the recreational vehicle and commercial bus manufacturing facilities of Thor Industries, Inc., located in Goshen, Elkhart, Topeka, Bristol, Middlebury, Syracuse, Nappanee and Howe, Indiana (FTZ Docket 67–2008, filed 12/4/08);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 76612–76613, 12/17/08); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds 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 recreational vehicle and commercial bus manufacturing at the facilities of Thor Industries, Inc., located in Goshen, Elkhart, Topeka, Bristol, Middlebury, Syracuse, Nappanee and Howe, Indiana (Subzone 125E), 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, D.C., this 12th day of June 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

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

Manufacturing and Services' Sustainable Manufacturing Initiative; Update

ACTION: Notice of second round of regional showcase tours in support of Commerce's Sustainable Manufacturing Initiative; notice of event in Seattle; request for suggestions of other cities and regions to be considered for future

tours; request for volunteer hosts to be considered for future tours.

SUMMARY: As part of its Sustainable Manufacturing Initiative, the International Trade Administration's Manufacturing & Services Unit is planning a second round of regional facility tours across the United States that will showcase sustainable business practices at manufacturing firms and service providers. This round of tours will use the past round of Sustainable Manufacturing American Regional Tours (SMARTs) as a template by traveling to a number of cities and regions in order to demonstrate the feasibility and viability of sustainable business practices for U.S. firms. While the previous round of tours focused on manufacturers, this round will look at supply chains in various regions and sustainability issues affecting the competitiveness of firms in those supply chains.

DATES: Submit comments no later than 30 days after the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to the Sustainable Manufacturing Initiative, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2213, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at susmanuf@mail.doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Howard in Manufacturing & Services' Office of Trade Policy Analysis, 202–482–3703.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regional facility tours like the SMARTs are one of the main project areas of the Manufacturing and Services (MAS) Sustainable Manufacturing Initiative (SMI) and Public-Private Dialogue (for more information visit <http://www.manufacturing.gov/sustainability>). In order to provide effective and continued support to U.S. companies in their sustainable manufacturing efforts, MAS launched the SMI which (a) identifies U.S. industry's most pressing sustainability challenges and (b) facilitates public and private sector efforts to address these challenges.

As referenced in a July 2008 **Federal Register** notice (FR 42328, July 21, 2008), MAS held a series of SMARTs in 2008: St. Louis, MO (July 28, 2008), Grand Rapids, MI (September 3, 2008), and Rochester, NY (September 23, 2008). This first round of regional facility tours focused on U.S. manufacturers and showcased efforts at implementing and benefiting from cost-effective sustainable manufacturing practices. As company supply chains become the critical component to a