DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Exemption of Foreign Air Carriers From Excise Taxes; Review of Finding of Reciprocity (Ecuador), 26 U.S.C. 4221

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Solicitation of public comments concerning a review of the existing exemption for aircraft registered in Ecuador from certain internal revenue taxes on the purchase of supplies in the United States for such aircraft in connection with their international commercial operations.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Commerce is conducting a review to determine, pursuant to Section 4221 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (26 U.S.C. 4221), whether the Government of Ecuador has discontinued allowing substantially reciprocal tax exemptions to aircraft of U.S. registry in connection with international commercial operations similar to those exemptions currently granted to aircraft of Ecuadorian registry by the United States under the aforementioned statute.

The above-cited statute provides exemptions for aircraft of foreign registry from payment of certain internal revenue taxes on the purchase of supplies in the United States for such aircraft in connection with their international commercial operations. These exemptions apply upon a finding by the Secretary of Commerce, or his designee, and communicated to the Department of the Treasury, that such country allows, or will allow, “substantially reciprocal privileges” to aircraft of U.S. registry with respect to purchases of such supplies in that country. If a foreign country discontinues the allowance of such substantially reciprocal exemption, the exemption allowed by the United States will not apply after the Secretary of the Treasury is notified by the Secretary of Commerce, or his designee, of the discontinuance.

Interested parties are invited to submit their views, comments and supporting documentation in writing concerning this matter to Mr. Joel Secundy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Submissions should be sent electronically to Airservices@ita.doc.gov. All submissions should be received no later than thirty days from the date of this notice.

Comments received, with the exception of information marked “business confidential,” will be available for public inspection upon request. Information marked “business confidential” shall be protected from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law.

It is suggested that those desiring additional information contact Mr. Eugene Alford, Office of Service Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, or telephone 202–482–5071.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council was originally established in December 1998 and has a broad representation consisting of 21 members, including ten government agency representatives and eleven members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Superintendent by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program. Specifically, the Council’s objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting natural and cultural resources and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) identifying and realizing the Sanctuary’s research objectives; (3) identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.


DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Extension of Application Period for Seats for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of extension for application period and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The ONMS is extending the deadline and seeking applications for the following vacant seats on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Commercial Fishing Alternate, Education Alternate, Chumash Community Member and Alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms, pursuant to the council’s Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by June 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained at http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/news.htm. Completed applications should be sent to Danielle.lipski@noaa.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Manufacturing and Services, International Trade Administration

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1682]

Grants of Authority For Subzone Status; Deere & Company (Agricultural Equipment and Component Parts); Waterloo, IA

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: