

Board) by the City of Flint, grantee of FTZ 140, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the silicon-based product manufacturing facility of Dow Corning Corporation (Dow Corning), located in Midland, Michigan. 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 October 5, 2011.

The Dow Corning facility (1,250 employees, 489 acres, 450,000 metric tons capacity) is located at 3901 S. Saginaw Road, Midland, Michigan. The facility is used for the manufacturing and distribution of silicon-based products including elastomers, resins, fluids, silanes, polymers, gums, sealants and emulsions. Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing 10% of the value of the finished product) include: isododecane, iso hexadecane, silicon metal, carbon dioxide liquid, magnesium sulfate, methallyl chloride, monochlorobenzene, trifluoromethane sulfonic, ethylene glycol, 2-ethyl-1,3-hexanediol, glycerine, biocide, ionol CP, allylglycol, allyl glycidyl ether, methyl ethyl ketone, diacetone alcohol, octanoic acid, undecylenic acid, monoplex dos, ethyl silicate, sparc base, dimethylethanolamine, vinyltriacetoxysilane, dimethyl me phosphonate, hexamethylcyclotrisilazane, lutensol, reactivated carbon, tonsil catalyst, kathon CG preservative, acticide, organosilane solution, silicone resin solution, silicone dispersion, carbopol, polycerin and KBM 802 (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 7%). The application indicates that any inputs that fall under HTSUS Heading 3204 will be admitted to the subzone in privileged foreign (PF) status (19 CFR 146.41). In addition, Dow Corning has indicated that they will accept a restriction prohibiting the admission of foreign status silicon metal subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty order into the proposed subzone.

FTZ procedures could exempt Dow Corning from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. The company anticipates that some 20 percent of the plant's shipments will be exported. On its domestic sales, Dow Corning would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to finished silicon-based products (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.5%) for the foreign inputs noted above. FTZ designation would further allow Dow Corning to realize logistical benefits through the use of weekly customs entry

procedures. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 12, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 26, 2011.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth.Whiteman@trade.gov or (202) 482-0473.

Dated: October 5, 2011.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1783]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 59 Under Alternative Site Framework; Lincoln, NE

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 Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) in December 2008 (74 FR 1170–1173, 01/12/2009; correction 74 FR 3987, 01/22/2009; 75 FR 71069–71070, 11/22/2010) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones;

Whereas, the Lincoln Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 59, submitted

an application to the Board (FTZ Docket 33–2011, filed 5/12/2011) for authority to reorganize under the ASF within a service area that includes Lancaster, Otoe and Seward Counties, Nebraska, within and adjacent to the Omaha Customs and Border Protection port of entry, and FTZ 59's existing Sites 1 and 2 would be categorized as magnet sites;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 28952–28953, 5/19/2011) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

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

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 59 under the alternative site framework is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall general-purpose zone project, and to a five-year ASF sunset provision for magnet sites that would terminate authority for Site 1 if not activated by September 30, 2016.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of September 2011.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Deputy Assistant Secretary 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. 1787]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 137 under Alternative Site Framework Washington Dulles International Airport, VA Area

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 Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) in December 2008 (74 FR 1170, 01/12/09; correction 74 FR 3987, 01/22/09; 75 FR 71069–71070, 11/22/10) as an option for