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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 196—Fort Worth, Texas; Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 247—Erie, Pennsylvania; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; General Electric Transportation (Underground Mining Vehicles); Fort Worth and Haslet, Texas; Erie and Grove City, Pennsylvania**

General Electric Transportation (GE Transportation) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Fort Worth and Haslet, Texas within Subzone 196B (Doc. B-51-2017) and Erie and Grove City, Pennsylvania, within Subzones 247A and 247B (Doc. B-52-2017). The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 19, 2017.

GE Transportation already has authority to produce locomotives, drill equipment, off-highway vehicle wheels, inverters and brake systems within the subzones, subject to restrictions on certain foreign-status components. The current request would add finished products and foreign-status materials/components to the scope of authority related to the production of underground mining vehicles. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt GE Transportation from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below and in the existing scope of authority, GE Transportation would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to: Underground mining vehicles & equipment; drive assemblies; chain and flight assemblies;

yokes; retarder assemblies; torque shafts; drive shaft assemblies; reducers; reducer assemblies; and brakes (duty rate ranges from free to 5.5%). GE Transportation would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad include: Yoke seals; bladder tanks; air tanks; locknuts; steel thrust washers; retaining washers; pivot pins; distribution blocks; aluminum plates; accumulators; scroll motors; cylinders; flow dividers; pump pistons; filter elements; actuators; winch assemblies; cylinder buckets; canopy assemblies; bucket lift mounts; ejector blades; controller guards; take-up assemblies; slide bars; fenders; linkage assemblies; steel back plates; battery lifts; battery trays; boom hing pins; wheel covers; tread links; steel forks; axle assemblies; bucket blades; pedals; tread links; joysticks; yoke assemblies; yoke sections; steel spindles; accumulators; pressure reducing valves; spool assemblies; shuttle valves; solenoid valves; handle assemblies; bank valves; tapered cone bearings; driveshaft assemblies; carrier bearings; corner bearings; plain bearing assemblies; gearboxes; reducers; U-joint drive shafts; sprockets; lock plates; planet carriers; end yoke axles; end yokes; pump motors; drive assemblies; base plate assemblies; battery watering systems; oil tank heaters; fuse blocks; dual temperature switches; battery plugs; cable plugs; cable receptacles; connection boxes; controller panels; printed wire board assemblies; interface boxes; wedge locks; linear detectors; temperature sensors; hour meters; ground fault detectors; voltage regulators; and, digital drives (duty rate ranges from free to 8.6%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 18, 2017.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, 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 [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

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#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 241—Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) and Expansion of Subzone 241A Under Alternative Site Framework**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the City of Fort Lauderdale, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 241, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area and to expand Subzone 241A on behalf of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on August 2, 2017.

FTZ 241 was approved by the FTZ Board on April 6, 2000 (Board Order 1081, 65 FR 20948, April 19, 2000) and reorganized under the ASF on May 30, 2013 (Board Order 1898, 78 FR 27364, May 10, 2013). The zone currently has a service area that includes the City of Fort Lauderdale and a portion of Broward County, Florida.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the service area of the zone to include another portion of Broward County (known as the Dania Cut), as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the expanded service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed expanded service area is adjacent to the Port Everglades Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry.

Subzone 241A was approved under the ASF on November 9, 2016 (S-158-2016, sunset 11/30/2019) and currently consists of the following sites in Fort