

Notices

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Public Meeting of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States will hold a meeting to consider three proposed recommendations and to conduct other business. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, December 6, 2012, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Friday, December 7, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581 (Main Conference Room).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shawne McGibbon, General Counsel (Designated Federal Officer), Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street NW., Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202-480-2088; email smcgibbon@acus.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Conference of the United States makes recommendations to administrative agencies, the President, Congress, and the Judicial Conference of the United States regarding the improvement of Federal administrative procedures (5 U.S.C. 594). The membership of the Conference, when meeting in plenary session, constitutes the Assembly of the Conference (5 U.S.C. 595).

Agenda: The Assembly will discuss and consider the following matters:

- Opening Remarks
- Presentation of the Conference's *Sourcebook of United States Executive Agencies*
- Recommendation on "Need To Reform 28 U.S.C. 1500"
- Recommendation on "Third-Party Programs To Assess Regulatory Compliance"
- Presentation of the Second Annual Walter Gellhorn Innovation Award
- Web site Updates
- Recommendation on "Inflation Adjustment for Civil Penalties"
- Update on Current Research Projects and Discussion of Future Topics

Additional information about the proposed recommendations, as well as other materials related to the meeting, can be found at the "Research" and "Events" sections of the Conference's Web site (www.acus.gov).

Public Participation: The Conference welcomes the attendance of the public at the meeting, subject to space limitations, and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities or special needs. Members of the public who wish to attend in person are asked to RSVP via email (comments@acus.gov), no later than two business days before the meeting, in order to facilitate entry. Members of the public who attend the meeting may be permitted to speak only with the consent of the Chairman and the unanimous approval of the members. If you need special accommodations due to disability, please inform the Designated Federal Officer noted above at least 7 days in advance of the meeting. Members of the public may also view the meeting virtually. A live Webcast of the meeting will be available at: <http://www.acus.gov/events/57th-plenary-session/>. In addition, the public may follow the meeting on our Twitter feed @acusgov or hashtag #57thPlenary.

Written Comments: Persons who wish to comment on any of the proposed recommendations may do so by submitting a written statement either by email to comments@acus.gov (with "December 2012 Plenary Session Comments" in the subject line), or by mail addressed to: December 2012 Plenary Session Comments, Administrative Conference of the United States, Suite 706 South, 1120 20th Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Written submissions must be received at least 5 business days prior to the meeting to assure consideration by the Assembly.

Dated: November 14, 2012.

David Pritzker,

Deputy General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Information Collection System.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0003.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Burden Hours: 2,026.

Number of Respondents: 850.

Average Hours per Response: 2 hours, 23 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This information is collected from all testing and calibration laboratories that apply for National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) accreditation. It is used by NVLAP to assess laboratory conformance with applicable criteria as defined in 15 CFR part 285, § 285.14. The information provides a service to customers in business and industry, including regulatory agencies and purchasing authorities that are seeking competent laboratories to perform testing and calibration services. An accredited laboratory's contact information and scope of accreditation are provided on NVLAP's Web site (<http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal, State or Local government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: November 13, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1868]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status and Partial Approval of Manufacturing Authority; Toho Tenax America, Inc. (Oxidized Polyacrylonitrile Fiber and Carbon Fiber), Rockwood, TN

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 to 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 for manufacturing activity when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit, with a net positive economic effect, and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Industrial Development Board of Blount County, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 148, has made application to the Board for authority to

establish a special-purpose subzone at the oxidized polyacrylonitrile fiber (OPF) and carbon fiber manufacturing and distribution facilities of Toho Tenax America, Inc. (TTA), located in Rockwood, Tennessee, (FTZ Docket 57-2010, filed 9-29-2010);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 61696, 10/6/2010 and 75 FR 74002, 11/30/2010) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations;

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 with regard to approval of the proposed subzone with authority for TTA to manufacture OPF and to manufacture 24K or higher tow, standard grade carbon fiber for export; and

Whereas, at this time, the Board is unable to approve authority for manufacturing under FTZ procedures of carbon fiber with tow less than 24K or other than standard grade, or of any carbon fiber that TTA would sell in the U.S. market, because the record of the proceeding does not currently demonstrate that such manufacturing would result in a net positive economic effect and be in the public interest. However, the Board’s staff will continue the review of the information in TTA’s case record, as well as that presented in pending and projected FTZ applications for carbon fiber production and through any further industry questionnaire(s) or public hearing(s), before making any recommendation for a final determination regarding carbon fiber production for the U.S. market;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to the manufacturing and distribution of OPF and of 24K or higher tow, standard grade carbon fiber for export at the facilities of Toho Tenax America, Inc., located in Rockwood, Tennessee (Subzone 148C), as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of November 2012.

Paul Piquado

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

[B-82-2012]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Tunica County, MS; Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Tunica County, Mississippi, to establish a foreign-trade zone (FTZ) at sites in Tunica County, adjacent to the Memphis Customs and Border Protection port of entry, under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR 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 Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone. 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 docketed on November 9, 2012. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 59-3-33 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972).

The proposed zone would be the second general-purpose zone in Mississippi for the Memphis CBP port of entry and would be the sixth zone overall for the port of entry. The existing zones are as follows: FTZ 77, Memphis, Tennessee (Grantee: City of Memphis, Board Order 189, April 2, 1982); FTZ 223, Memphis, Tennessee (Grantee: Memphis International Trade Development Corporation, Board Order 904, July 2, 1997); FTZ 262, Southaven, Mississippi (Grantee: Northern Mississippi FTZ, Inc., Board Order 1353, October 1, 2004); FTZ 273, West Memphis, Arkansas (Grantee: City of West Memphis, Arkansas, Board Order 1551, April 15, 2008); and, FTZ 283, West Tennessee Area (Grantee: Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority, Board Order 1851, October 11, 2012).

The applicant’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Tunica County, Mississippi. If approved, the applicant would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is adjacent to the Memphis Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The proposed zone would include one “magnet” site and two “usage-