

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee. The meeting will convene on December 3-4, 1998, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee will continue to review and discuss Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal operations and procedures, such as the preliminary results of the tabulation of race and Hispanic origin data. It will continue to review and discuss Census 2000, including plans for the language program. The Committee will continue working on a final dress rehearsal report for the Secretary of Commerce. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, and they could prevent us from giving advance notice.

DATES: On Thursday, December 3, 1998, the meeting will begin around 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:30 p.m. On Friday, December 4, 1998, the meeting will begin around 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wishing additional information about this meeting, or who wishes to submit written statements, may contact Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 1647, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233; telephone 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and up to 35 member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee will consider the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census. The Committee will provide an outside user perspective about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Committee shall consider all aspects of the conduct of the 2000 Census of Population and Housing and shall make recommendations for improving that census.

A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting.

Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelby Folger at 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

Dated: November 9, 1998.

Robert J. Shapiro,

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,
Economics and Statistics Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 50-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 72—Indianapolis, IN; Application for Subzone, Alfa Laval Distribution, Inc. (Parts for Industrial Separators and Decanter Centrifuges), Indianapolis, Indiana

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 72, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the separator and decanter centrifuge parts distribution facility of Alfa Laval Distribution, Inc., located in Indianapolis, Indiana. 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 November 5, 1998.

The Alfa Laval facility (22,400 sq. ft. on 2.5 acres) is located at 7601 Winton Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana. The facility (20 employees) is used for storage, inspection, packaging and distribution of a wide variety of parts and components for separator and decanter centrifuge equipment. The products are distributed throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia. About 30 percent of the parts are sourced from abroad and over 30 percent are exported. No authority is being sought for activity conducted under FTZ procedures that would result in a change in tariff classification.

Zone procedures would exempt Alfa Laval from Customs duty payments on foreign parts that are reexported. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the facility. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report 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 January 12, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period January 27, 1999.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 11405 N. Pennsylvania St., Ste 106, Carmel, Indiana 46032

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: November 5, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 49-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 1—New York, New York; Application for Subzone, Pfizer Inc. (Pharmaceutical Products), Brooklyn, New York

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of New York, New York, grantee of FTZ 1, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the pharmaceutical manufacturing plant of Pfizer Inc., (Pfizer), in Brooklyn, New York. 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 November 3, 1998.

Pfizer Inc. (U.S.) is a research-based health care company which comprises three global businesses—Health Care, Consumer Health Care and Animal Health.

Pfizer's Brooklyn plant (574,055 sq. ft./1 bldg. on 7.8 acres + proposed 240,000 sq. ft. warehouse expansion) is located at 630 Flushing Avenue,

Brooklyn, New York. The facility (with some 1,200 employees) produces finished pharmaceutical products, primarily Atarax®, Cardura®, Diflucan®, Glucotrol XL®, Navane®, Norvasc®, Unisom®, Zithromax®, and Zoloft®. Pfizer is considering expanding production at the plant to include three new products, VIAGRA® treatment for erectile dysfunction (HTSUS 3004.90.9040), TIKOSYN® anti-arrhythmia treatment (HTSUS 3004.90.9020) and eletriptan migraine treatment (HTSUS 3004.90.9040). Foreign-sourced materials will account for, on average, 70 percent of material value, and include items from the following categories:

Aromatic ethers and their derivatives
HTSUS 2909.30.4000 10.3%

Aromatic monoamines and their derivatives, salts
HTSUS 2921.49.4500 10.7%

Organo-sulfur compounds
HTSUS 2930.90.9050 3.7%

Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atoms(s):

HTSUS 2933.19.9000 6.8%

HTSUS 2933.59.5300 6.6%

HTSUS 2933.59.7000 10.7%

HTSUS 2933.90.7900 10.7%

HTSUS 2933.90.9000 3.7%

Chemically pure sugar ethers/salts, other than sucrose
HTSUS 2940.00.6000 5.8%

The company may also purchase from abroad other ingredients and materials in the following general categories: gums, starches, waxes, vegetable extracts, mineral oils, sugars, empty capsules, protein concentrates, prepared animal feed, mineral products, inorganic acids, chlorides, chlorates, sulfites, sulfates, phosphates, cyanides, silicates, radioactive chemicals, rare-earth metal compounds, hydroxides, hydrazine and hydroxylamine, chlorides, phosphates, carbonates, hydrocarbons, alcohols, phenols, ethers, epoxides, acetals, aldehydes, ketone function compounds, mono- and polycarboxylic acids, phosphoric esters, amine-, carboxymide, nitrile- and oxygen-function compounds, heterocyclic compounds, sulfonamides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides and herbicides, fertilizers, vitamins, hormones, antibiotics, gelatins, enzymes, pharmaceutical glaze, essential oils, albumins, gelatins, activated carbon, residual lyes, acrylic polymers, color lakes, soaps and detergents, various packaging and printing materials, medicaments, pharmaceutical products, and instruments and appliances used in medical sciences.

Zone procedures would exempt Pfizer from Customs duty payments on foreign

materials used in production for export (some 9 percent of production). On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rates that apply to the finished products (duty-free) rather than the duty rates that would otherwise apply to the foreign-sourced materials noted above (duty-free to 18.6 percent). At the outset, it is expected that zone savings would primarily involve choosing the finished product duty rate on Viagra®, Tikosyn®, Zeldox® and eletriptan (duty-free), rather than the rates for their foreign components listed above (duty rates ranging from 3.7% to 10.7%). The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report 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 [60 days from date of publication]. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to January 27, 1999).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 6 World Trade Center, Rm. 635, New York, New York 10048

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: November 4, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Proposed Withdrawal of Thirty-One Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The following Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications are proposed for withdrawal from the FIPS series:

- FIPS 21-4, COBOL (ANSI X3.23-1985, X3.23a-1989&X3.23b-1993)
- FIPS 29-3, Interpretation Procedures for Federal Information Processing Standards for Software
- FIPS 101, Guideline for Lifecycle Validation, Verification, and Testing of Computer Software
- FIPS 106, Guideline on Software Maintenance
- FIPS 119-1, Ada (ANSI/ISO/IEC 8652:1995)
- FIPS 132, Guideline for Software Verification and Validation Plans (ANSI/IEEE 1012-1986)
- FIPS 137, Analog to Digital Conversion of Voice by 2,400 Bit/Second Linear Predictive Coding
- FIPS 139, Interoperability and Security Requirements for Use of the Data Encryption Standard in the Physical Layer of Data Communications
- FIPS 141, Interoperability and Security Requirements for Use of the Data Encryption Standard with CCITT Group 3 Facsimile Equipment
- FIPS 144, Data Communication Systems and Services User-Oriented Performance Parameters (ANSI X3.102-1983/R1990)
- FIPS 150, Facsimile Coding Schemes and Coding Control Functions for Group 4 Facsimile Apparatus (EIA-538-1988)
- FIPS 151-2, Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX)—System Application Program Interface [C Language] (ISO/IEC 9945-1:1990)
- FIPS 155, Data Communication Systems and Services User-Oriented Performance Measurement Methods (ANSI X3.141-1987)
- FIPS 162, 1,200 Bits Per Second Two-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 163, 2,400 Bits Per Second Two-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 164, 2,400 Bits Per Second Four-Wire Duplex and Two-Wire Half-Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 165, 4,800 Bits Per Second Four-Wire Duplex and Two-Wire Half-Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits
- FIPS 166, 4,800 and 9,600 Bits Per Second Two-Wire Duplex Modems for Data Communications Use on Telephone-Type Circuits