DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 20 OCTOBER 18, 2005

Firm	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Industrial Rubber Products, LLC.	415 Sonnier Road, Carencro, LA 70525.	20-Sep-05	Rubber products including gaskets and seals.
Gulf Packing Company, L.P	618 Commerce, San Benito, TX 78586.	20-Sep-05	Fresh meat.
Delaware Diamond Knives, Inc.	3825 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE 19805.	20-Sep-05	Diamond and steel knives for use in medical research and manufacturing operations, ophthalmic surgery and pathology.
Travis Pattern & Foundry, Inc.	1413 E. Hawthrone Road, Spokane, WA 99218.	20-Sep-05	foundry products such as aluminum castings.
Rhema Durascreen, Inc	14950 Industrial Park Drive, Lead Hill, AR 72644.	20-Sep-05	Wooden and aluminum frames for screen printing.
RB Industries Inc	1801 Vine, Harrisonville, MO 67701.	22-Sep-05	Saws, planer/mounler/rip machines, router equipment and other woodworking accessories.
Diamond Fruit Growers, Inc	3515 Chevron Drive, Hood River, OR 97031.	22-Sep-05	
Arlington Machine and Tool Co.	99 New Dutch Lane, Fairfield, NJ 07004.	18-Oct-05	· ·
Laud Engineering Corp., Laub/ Hunt Packaging Systems.	13547 Excelsior Drive, Norwalk, CA 90505.	18-Oct-05	Packaging equipment.
Goulston Technologies, Inc	700 N. Johnson Street, Monroe, NC 28110.	18-Oct-05	Preparation for the treatment of textile materials.
Syracuse Plastics, LLC	7400 Morgan Road, Liverpool, NY 13090.	18-Oct-05	Plastic injection molding.
Fenton Art Glass, Inc	700 Elizabeth Street, Williamstown, WV 26187.	18-Oct-05	Manufacturer of blown and decorative glass.
Mack & Mack Inc	220 South Elm Street, Greens- boro, NC 27401.	18-Oct-05	Manufactures and distributes better woman's tops, pants, jackets, skirts, dresses, coats and accessories.
Fuzetron, Inc., dba Creative Industries.	1946 John Tower Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020.	18-Oct-05	
Northwest Aluminum Specialties, Inc.	3313 West Second Street, The Dalles, OR 97058.	18-Oct-05	Aluminum bars of various sizes.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Office of Chief Counsel, Room 7005, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten calendar days following publication of this notice. Please follow the procedures set forth in Section 315.9 of EDA's interim final rule (70 FR 47002) for procedures for requesting a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: October 18, 2005.

Benjamin Erulkar,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 49-2005)

Foreign-Trade Zone 22 -- Chicago, Illinois, Area, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign–Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board), by the Illinois International Port District, grantee of FTZ 22, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Chicago area, within and adjacent to the Chicago Customs port of entry. 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 14, 2005.

FTZ 22 was approved on October 29, 1975 (Board Order 108, 40 FR 51242, 11/4/75) and expanded on April 9, 1987 (Board Order 353, 52 FR 12217, 4/15/87); on December 11, 1992 (Board Order 614, 57 FR 61044, 12/23/92); on November 21, 2000 (Board Order 1127, 65 FR 76218, 12/6/00); on December 19, 2003 (Board Order 1313, 69 FR 49, 1/2/04); and, on May 9, 2005 (Board Order 1390, 70 FR 29276, 5/20/05).

The general-purpose zone project currently consists of (2,998 acres) in the Chicago area: Site 1 (19 acres) -- within the Port's 2,250–acre Lake Calumet Harbor terminal facility; Site 2 (578 acres) -- industrial park at One Diversatech Drive, Manteno; Site 3 (8) acres) -- Gotoh Distribution Services, Inc., warehouse facility located at 703 Foster Avenue, Bensonville; Site 4 (8 acres) -- Meiko America Inc. warehouse facility located at Gerry Drive and Hansen Court, Wood Dale; Site 5 (2,029) acres) -- CenterPoint Intermodal Center, located east of Interstate 55 and south of Arsenal Road, Village of Elwood; Site6 (317 acres) -- within the 371-acre Rock Run Business Park located in the northwest quadrant of Houbolt Road and Interstate 80, Joliet; and, Temporary Site 7 (39 acres) -- within the O'Hare Express North Industrial Park, 893 Upper Express Drive, Chicago.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include four additional sites in the area: Proposed Site 8 (142 acres) -within the 187-acre ProLogis Park 80, located north of Interstate 80 and west of Highway 47, Morris (Grundy County); Proposed Site 9 (12 acres) -- Eagle Global Logistics facility (within the Centex Industrial Park), 1717 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village (Cook County); Proposed Site 10 (43 acres) --Bolingbrook Distribution Center, 1701 Remington Boulevard, Bolingbrook (Will County); and, Proposed Site 11 (157 acres, 2 parcels) -- Heartland Corporate Center, 21228 SW Frontage Road, Shorewood (Will County). The applicant is also requesting that 41 acres at Site 5 (CenterPoint Intermodal Center) be restored to zone status and that Temporary Site 7 (39 acres) be granted zone status on a permanent basis. (A minor boundary modification was approved on January 11, 2005 (A(27f)-2-2005), removing 41 acres from Site 5 to establish the temporary site.) The sites will be used primarily for warehousing and distribution activities. The owners of the sites are ProLogis, Eagle Global Logistics, LIT Industrial Limited Partnership, and CenterPoint Properties. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made on a case-by-case basis.

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 on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the following addresses:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign—Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005; or,

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB-Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is December 23, 2005. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15—day period (to January 9, 2006).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the address Number 1 listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60603.

October 14, 2005.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 50-2005)

Foreign-Trade Zone 38 Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, Application for Subzone Status, Benteler Automotive Corporation Plant (Automotive Suspension Components), Duncan, South Carolina

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Carolina State Ports Authority, grantee of FTZ 38, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the automotive suspension components manufacturing plant of Benteler Automotive Corporation (BAC)(a subsidiary of Benteler AG, of Germany) located in Duncan, South Carolina. 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 17, 2005.

The BAC plant (32 acres/191,000 sq. ft.) is located at 1255 Howell Road in Duncan (Spartanburg County), South Carolina. The facility (130 employees) is used to produce front and rear suspension subassemblies and modules

for automobiles and light trucks (up to 250,000 units annually) for export and the domestic market. The manufacturing process at the facility involves machining, assembly, coating, and testing, using domestic and foreignorigin inputs. Components that are, or may be, purchased from abroad (representing about 40% of total, by value) used in manufacturing include: pressure hoses, steering components, stabilizer bars, bushings, brackets, ARS active stabilizers and motors, active steering systems, fasteners, steering knuckles, sensors (ABS, wheel speed, height), drive shafts, differentials, links, shock absorbers, supports, retainers, inner tubes, rotors, calipers, shields, brake hoses, brake shoes, electronic damping controllers, ball joints, electromechanical brake components, springs, seals, adjuster screws, stabilizers, and motors (duty rate range: free - 4.5%).

FTZ procedures would exempt BAC from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export to non-NAFTA countries. On domestic shipments transferred in-bond to U.S. automobile assembly plants with subzone status, no duties would be paid on the foreign components used in automobile and light truck production until the finished vehicles are formally entered for consumption, at which time the finished automobile duty rate (2.5%) would be applied to the foreign-origin components. For the individual suspension components and subassemblies withdrawn directly by BAC for Customs entry, the finished automotive part rate (2.5%) could be applied to the foreign inputs noted above. The application indicates that subzone status would help improve the facility'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 on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following addresses:

1. Submissions via Express/Package Delivery Services: Foreign—Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building 4100W, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005;

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign—Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is December 23, 2005. Rebuttal comments