

perform official weighing to an agency providing official inspection services within a specified geographic area, if such agency is qualified under section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act. GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act, and determined that Schaal is qualified to provide official weighing services in their currently assigned geographic area.

Effective April 1, 1998, and terminating November 30, 1998 (the end of Schaal's designation to provide official inspection services), Schaal's present designation is amended to include Class X or Class Y weighing within their assigned geographic area, as specified in the June 1, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 28570). Official services may be obtained by contacting Schaal at 515-444-3122.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A partially closed meeting of the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption will be held on April 23rd 1998, 8:30 a.m., in Salon D of the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The closed session will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to policies regarding commercial encryption products.

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Administration initiatives.
4. Task Force reports.

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A Notice of Determination to close meetings, or portions of meetings, of the Subcommittee to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 522(c)(1) was approved July 21, 1997, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information, contact Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

William V. Skidmore,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 16-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 14—Little Rock, Arkansas; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Little Rock Port Authority, on behalf of the State of Arkansas' Economic Development Commission, grantee of FTZ 14, requesting authority to expand its zone in Little Rock, Arkansas, within the Little Rock 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 March 27, 1998.

FTZ 14 was approved on October 4, 1972 (Board Order 90, 37 F.R. 24853, 11/22/72). The zone was relocated on March 23, 1979 (Board Order 143, 43 F.R. 19502, 4/3/79) to its present location within the Little Rock Port Industrial Park (28 acres).

This application is requesting authority to expand the existing FTZ site (Site 1) and to add two new general-purpose sites to its FTZ project as follows: *Site 1*—add 731 acres to the existing 28 acre zone site at the Little Rock Port Industrial Park; *Proposed Site 2* (969 acres)—industrial site adjacent to Proposed Site 1 expansion area at the southeast corner of the Little Rock Port Industrial Park, on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, Little Rock; and, *Proposed Site 3* (192 acres)—Little Rock National Airport, Adams Field, Little Rock. The proposed change would increase Site 1 to 759

acres and the zone overall to 1,920 acres. Site 1 is owned by the applicant; Site 2 is owned by W. B. Isgrig & Sons, Inc., Sea Bright Corporation, Paul A. Brinbach and M. L. Walt; and, Site 3 is owned by the City of Little Rock. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board 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 the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 8, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to June 22, 1998.

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, 425 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 700, Little Rock, AR 72201

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

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 969]

Approval for Manufacturing Authority (All-Terrain Vehicles), Within Foreign- Trade Subzone 26D, Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corporation of America, Newnan, Georgia

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:

After consideration of the application of the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 26 (filed 3-6-97; Docket 11-97), requesting authority to expand the scope of manufacturing for FTZ Subzone 26D (Yamaha Motor

Manufacturing Corporation of America plant, in Newnan, Georgia) to include the manufacture of all-terrain vehicles under FTZ procedures, the Board, finding that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations have been satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest, approves the application.

Approval is subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28; and, further to the existing restrictions described in FTZ Board Order 433.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of March 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 966]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status, Halter Marine, Inc. (Shipbuilding), Lockport, LA

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, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide 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," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the FTZ Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the Halter Marine, Inc., shipyard in Lockport, Louisiana, was filed by the Board on July 16, 1997, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 60-97, 62 FR 39808, 7-24-97); 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 would be satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest if approval were given subject to the standard shipyard restriction on foreign steel mill products;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the Halter Marine, Inc., shipyard in Lockport, Louisiana (Subzone 124G), at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the following special conditions:

1. Any foreign steel mill products admitted to the subzone, including plate, angles, shapes, channels, rolled steel stock, bars, pipes and tubes, not incorporated into merchandise otherwise classified, and which is used in manufacturing, shall be subject to Customs duties in accordance with applicable law, if the same item is then being produced by a domestic steel mill; and,

2. In addition to the annual report, Halter Marine, Inc., shall advise the Board's Executive Secretary (§ 400.28(a)(3)) as to significant new contracts with appropriate information concerning foreign purchases otherwise dutiable, so that the Board may consider whether any foreign dutiable items are being imported for manufacturing in the subzone primarily because of subzone status and whether the Board should consider requiring Customs duties to be paid on such items.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of March 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 15-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 92—Pascagoula, MS, Request for Manufacturing Authority, Friede Goldman International, Inc., (Shipbuilding/Offshore Drilling Platforms)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by Greater Gulfport/Biloxi Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 92, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Friede Goldman International, Inc. (FGI) and its subsidiary HAM Marine, Inc., for the manufacture, refurbishment, and repair of ships, offshore oil and gas drilling rigs, and other marine vessels under FTZ procedures within FTZ 92. It was formally filed on March 27, 1998.

FGI operates an 85-acre facility (1,200 employees) within FTZ 92-Site 5 (Greater Gulfport/Biloxi Foreign Trade Zone, Inc.) for the manufacture, refurbishment, and repair of ships, offshore oil and gas drilling rigs, and other marine vessels (HTSUS headings 8901, 8902, 8904, 8905, or 8906). Currently, components purchased from foreign sources comprise 30 percent of the finished product's value, including a semi-finished hull and superstructure. On future projects, foreign content is expected to range from 30 to 70 percent of the finished products' value. The duty rates on the imported components currently range from free to 15.2 percent.

This application requests authority to allow HAM Marine to conduct the activity under FTZ procedures, subject to the "standard shipyard restriction" applicable to foreign-origin steel mill products, which requires that full duties be paid on such items.

FTZ procedures would exempt HAM Marine from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity (currently 100% of shipments). On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished oceangoing vessels (duty free) for foreign components such as the hull and superstructure noted above. Foreign-sourced steel mill products, such as pipe and plate, would be subject to the full Customs duties applicable to those items. FTZ procedures would also exempt certain merchandise from certain *ad valorem* inventory taxes. The application indicates that the savings would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.