

location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.

2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR 146.42) may be elected on refinery inputs covered under HTSUS Subheadings # 2709.00.1000—# 2710.00.1050, # 2710.00.2500, and # 2710.00.45 which are used in the production of:

- petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (examiners report, Appendix C);
- products for export; and,
- products eligible for entry under HTSUS # 9808.00.30 and 9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).

3. The authority with regard to the NPF option is initially granted until September 30, 2000, subject to extension.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of April 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 977]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Massachusetts Heavy Industries, Inc., (Shipbuilding), Quincy, MA

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 Massachusetts Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 27, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the Massachusetts Heavy Industries, Inc., shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts, was filed by the Board on September 4, 1997, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 70-97, 62 FR 47625, 9-10-97); 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 Massachusetts Heavy Industries, Inc., shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts (Subzone 27B), 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, Massachusetts Heavy Industries, 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 28th day of April 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[DOCKETS 11-98 and 12-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 147—Reading, PA and Foreign-Trade Zone 125—South Bend, IN; Applications for Subzone Status Bayer Corporation Plants (Aspirin Products); Extension of Public Comment Period

The comment periods for the above cases, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the aspirin products manufacturing facilities of Bayer Corporation, in Myerstown, Pennsylvania (63 FR 12440, 3/13/98), and Elkhart, Indiana (63 FR 12439, 3/13/98), are extended to June 12, 1998, to allow interested parties additional time in which to comment on the proposals.

Comments in writing are invited during this period. Submissions should include 3 copies. Material submitted will be available at: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: May 4, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 975]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Equistar Chemicals LP (Petrochemical Complex), Harris County, TX

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 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 Port of Houston Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 84, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the petrochemical complex of Equistar Chemicals LP, located in Harris County, Texas, was filed by the Board on June 16, 1997, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 50-97, 62 FR 355152, 6/30/97); 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 is subject to the conditions listed below;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 84Q) at the petrochemical complex of Equistar Chemicals LP, located in Harris County, Texas, 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 conditions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.

2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR 146.42) may be elected on refinery inputs covered under HTSUS Subheadings #2710.00.0505-#2710.00.2500, and #2710.00.45 which are used in the production of:

- petrochemical feedstocks (examiners report, Appendix C);
- products for export; and,
- products eligible for entry under HTSUS # 9808.00.30 and 9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).

3. The authority with regard to the NPF option is initially granted until September 30, 2000, subject to extension.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of April 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [A-570-846]

Brake Rotors From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results in antidumping duty new shipper administrative review of brake rotors from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the antidumping duty new shipper administrative reviews of brake rotors from the People's Republic of China (PRC). This review covers the period April 1, 1997, through September 30, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 11, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Smith or Sunkyu Kim, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1766 or (202) 482-2613, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Results of Review

On November 28, 1997, the Department initiated this new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on brake rotors from the PRC (62 FR 64206, December 4, 1997). The current deadline for the preliminary results is May 27, 1998. We determine that it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time frame because of the large number of respondents.¹ In accordance with Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv)

¹The six new shippers are China National Industrial Machinery Import & Export Company, Lai Zhou Auto Brake Equipments Factory, Longkou Haimeng Machinery Co., Ltd., Qingdao Gren Co., Yantai Winhere Auto-Part Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and Zibo Luzhou Automobile Parts Co., Ltd.

of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994 (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)), the Department finds this new shipper review extraordinarily complicated and is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until September 24, 1998, which is 300 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Maria Harris Tildon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-421-701]

Brass Sheet and Strip From the Netherlands: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request by respondent Outokumpu Copper Strip B.V. (OBV) and its United States affiliate Outokumpu Copper (USA), Inc. (OCUSA), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip (BSS) from the Netherlands (A-421-701). This review covers one producer/manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1997.

We preliminarily determine that sales of BSS from the Netherlands have not been made below Normal Value (NV). If the preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service not to assess antidumping duties on entries of the subject merchandise made during period of review.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit comments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issues; and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 11, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karla Whalen at 202/482-1386 or