

percent increase during 1998 (from 158.6 in November 1997 to 162.6 in November 1998) in the food away from home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The Department would like to point out that the SFSP administrative reimbursement rates continue to be adjusted up or down to the nearest quarter-cent, as has previously been the case. Additionally, operating reimbursement rates have been rounded down to the nearest whole cent, as required by Section 11(a)(3)(B) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1759(a)(3)(B)).

Authority: Secs. 9, 13 and 14, National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1758, 1761, and 1762a).

Dated: December 22, 1998.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the First Quarter of 1999; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On December 17, 1998, the Rural Utilities Service published a notice announcing the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans. The interest rate table was incorrect. Therefore, in notice document 98-33433, beginning on page 69611 in the issue of Thursday, December 17, 1998, make the following correction:

On page 69611, and continuing to page 69612, the first column of the table, "Interest rate term ends in (year)," should begin with "2020 or later" with each calendar year to follow in descending order, ending with the year 2000. The corrected table is as follows:

| Interest rate term ends in (year) | RUS rate (0.000 percent) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2020 or later | 5.000 |
| 2019 | 5.000 |
| 2018 | 4.875 |
| 2017 | 4.875 |
| 2016 | 4.875 |
| 2015 | 4.750 |
| 2014 | 4.750 |
| 2013 | 4.625 |
| 2012 | 4.500 |
| 2011 | 4.500 |
| 2010 | 4.375 |
| 2009 | 4.250 |
| 2008 | 4.250 |

| Interest rate term ends in (year) | RUS rate (0.000 percent) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2007 | 4.125 |
| 2006 | 4.000 |
| 2005 | 4.000 |
| 2004 | 3.875 |
| 2003 | 3.750 |
| 2002 | 3.500 |
| 2001 | 3.250 |
| 2000 | 3.125 |

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee will meet on January 12, 1999, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

Agenda

General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Update on Wassenaar Arrangement list review.
3. Update on India/Pakistan regulations.
4. Discussion on pending encryption regulations.
5. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.

Excutive Session

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

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members,

the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee 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. 20230. For further information contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: December 22, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 58-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 22—Chicago, Illinois; Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 22F; Abbott Laboratories, Inc., Facilities (Pharmaceuticals) Chicago, IL

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Illinois International Port District, grantee of FTZ 22, requesting authority on behalf of the Abbott Laboratories, Inc. (Abbott), to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures at the Abbott facilities in the Chicago, Illinois, area. It was formally filed on December 17, 1998.

Subzone 22F was approved by the Board in 1992 at four sites (791 acres) of the Abbott manufacturing and research complex in North Chicago, and adjacent Lake County, Illinois: *Site 1* (75 buildings/2.4 million sq. ft. on 140 acres)—North Chicago manufacturing, administrative, and laboratory facilities.

14th Street and Sheridan Road, North Chicago; *Site 2* (28 buildings/3.6 million sq. ft. on 480 acres)—Abbott Park manufacturing, administrative and laboratory facilities, One Abbott Park Road, Lake County; *Site 3* (129 acres)—Jennett site, undeveloped tract with urban zoning, Atkinson Road, Lake County; and *Site 4* (4 buildings/369,000 sq. ft. on 42 acres)—Skokie site, manufacturing, administrative, research facilities, 22nd Street, North Chicago. Authority was granted for the manufacture of three products indicated in its original application: clarythromycin, temafloxin, timethoxybenzene (Board Order 611, 57 FR 61045, 12/23/92).

Abbott is now proposing to expand the scope of authority for manufacturing activity conducted under FTZ procedures at Subzone 22F to include a wider range of pharmaceuticals and their intermediates, medicaments and laboratory and medical instruments and appliances. The facility (with some 10,000 employees) produces finished pharmaceutical products, primarily anti-infectives, cardiovascular agents, anti-AIDS treatments, and anti-cancer agents, as well as laboratory and medical appliances and devices. At the outset, the company is expecting to manufacture the following under zone procedures: aminosyn, an intravenous nutritional (HTSUS 3004.90.1000); valproic acid, an anti-epileptic agent (HTSUS 2915.90.1400); clarithromycin, an anti-infective (HTSUS 3003.90.0000); and, ABT378, an anti-AIDS protease inhibitor (HTSUS 3004.90.9010). Foreign-sourced materials for these products include L-threonine (HTSUS 2922.50.5000), L-lysine (HTSUS 2922.41.0090), L-tryptophan (HTSUS 2933.90.7900), diethyl dipropyl malonate (HTSUS 2917.19.7050), hydroxylamine (HTSUS 2825.10.000), 2,6-dimethyl-henoxyacetic acid (HTSUS 2918.90.4300), wing A acid (HTSUS 2933.59.7000), and wing B acid (HTSUS 2933.59.9500), and will account for, on average, 16 percent of material value.

The company may also purchase from abroad 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.

FTZ procedures would exempt Abbott from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity (currently some 10% of shipments). On its domestic sales, the company would be able to elect the duty rate that applies to finished products (duty-free) for the foreign components noted above (duty rates ranging from duty-free to 16.3%, with most between 3.7% and 12.3%+2.2¢/kg.). The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures will help improve Abbott's international competitiveness.

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 address below. The closing period for their receipt is March 1, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to March 16, 1999).

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603
Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121698C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 369-1440

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Bruce R. Mate, Oregon State University, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 369-1440.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before January 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 369-1440 issued on September 18, 1998 (63 FR 52686) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Permit No. 369-1440 authorizes the permit holder to: (1) approach to tag/biopsy sample, photograph and evaluate tag attachment on seven species of large whales; and (2) to opportunistically photograph an unlimited number of cetaceans and pinnipeds. In the original application, the permit holder inadvertently omitted requesting authorization to: conduct tagging/biopsy sampling in international waters and to import/export samples for genetic analysis.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42