

agencies, such as the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and multilateral development banks, such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and others. To facilitate contact between exporters and financial institutions, the Office of Finance has developed an interactive INTERNET trade finance matchmaking program to link exporters seeking trade finance with banks and other financial institutions. The information collected from financial institutions regarding the trade finance products and services they offer will be compiled into a database. An exporter will be able to electronically submit a form identifying the potential export transaction and type of financing requested. This information will be electronically matched with the financial institution(s) that meet the requirements of the exporter. After a match has been made, a message will be electronically sent to both the exporter and the financial institution containing the information about the match, and contact information for either party to initiate communication. This program is designed to implement the Department of Commerce's goal of improving access to trade financing for small business exporters.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit; voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Roster, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th Street, and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230. E-mail: dhynek@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Roster, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 21, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1286]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone: Imperial County, CA

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 adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides 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,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the County of Imperial, California (the Grantee), has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 57-2002, filed 12/3/02), requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone at sites in Imperial County, California, within and adjacent to the Calexico Customs port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 72914, 12/9/02); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 257, at the sites described in the application, and subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of October 2003.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Donald L. Evans,

Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 55-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 28—New Bedford, MA; Application for Foreign-Trade Subzone Status: The Acushnet Company (Sporting Goods), New Bedford, MA Area

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of New Bedford (Massachusetts), grantee of FTZ 28, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the warehousing and manufacturing facilities (sporting goods) of the Acushnet Company (Acushnet), located in the New Bedford, Massachusetts area. The application was submitted pursuant to 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, 2003.

The Acushnet facilities are located at five sites (133 acres total; 1.4 million sq. ft. of enclosed space): Site # 1—“Ball Plant II” (34.4 acres; 183,000 sq. ft.)—located at 246 Samuel Barnett Boulevard in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts; Site # 2—“Ball Plant III” (32.0 acres; 175,000 sq. ft.)—located at 215 Duchaine Boulevard in New Bedford; Site # 3—“Building C/Custom Operations” (9.5 acres; 438,000 sq. ft.)—located at 700 Belleville Avenue in New Bedford; Site # 4—“Fairhaven/Corporate Headquarters, Packaging, and Distribution” (53.1 acres; 448,500 sq. ft.)—located at 333 Bridge Street in Fairhaven, Massachusetts; and Site # 5—“Footjoy” (4.3 acres; 165,158 sq. ft.)—located at 144 Field Street in Brockton, Massachusetts.

The facilities (approximately 1,900 employees) may be used under FTZ procedures for manufacturing, assembling, and processing golf footwear and golf balls, as well as packaging, warehousing, distributing, scrapping, and research and development activities for golf footwear, golf balls, golf gloves, golf outerwear, and other golf-related accessories and equipment. For Acushnet's current manufacturing, foreign-sourced materials account for approximately 30 to 40 percent of finished-product value. The application lists the categories of material inputs which may be sourced from abroad, including: Leather; clasps, buckles, etc.; other parts of footwear (includes outsoles); other made up articles (includes shoe bags); zinc oxide and zinc peroxide; organo-sulfur compounds; prepared rubber accelerators; compound plasticizers;