

which separately includes 62 additional component inputs.

FTZ procedures would exempt Perkins from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export to non-NAFTA countries. On shipments to the U.S. and to NAFTA markets, Perkins could elect the finished engine duty rate (free) for the foreign components used in production when the finished engines are entered for U.S. consumption from the zone. The application indicates that the company would also realize duty deferral and certain logistical/supply chain savings.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address: Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 2814B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002. The closing period for receipt of comments is May 30, 2007.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed above. For further information, contact Pierre Duy, examiner, at: pierre\_duy@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482-1378.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

**Docket 17-2007**

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 124 – Gramercy, LA, Application for Subzone Status, Candies Shipbuilders, L.L.C., (Shipbuilding)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of South Louisiana Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the shipbuilding facility of Candies Shipbuilders, L.L.C. (Candies), in Houma, Louisiana. 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 April 20, 2007.

The Candies shipyard (45 acres) is located at 1100 Oak Street in Houma (Terrebonne Parish), Louisiana, about 45

miles southwest of New Orleans. The facility (139 employees) is used for the construction, fabrication, and repair of oceangoing vessels for domestic and international customers. Foreign components that may be used at the Candies shipyard (representing about 15% of finished vessel value) may include bulb flats, windows, doors and watertight doors, engines, winches, anchors, sanitary units, manholes, dynamic positioning systems, electronics, wiring sets and cable (duty rate range: free – 5.0%, *ad valorem*).

FTZ procedures would exempt Candies from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity. On its domestic sales, the company would not be required to pay applicable Customs duties on the foreign components, or it would be able to elect the duty rate that applies to finished oceangoing vessels (duty free) for the foreign components when the vessels are processed for Customs entry. The manufacturing activity conducted under FTZ procedures would be subject to the "standard shipyard restriction" applicable to foreign-origin steel mill products (e.g., angles, pipe, plate), which requires that full Customs duties be paid on such items. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures 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 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 29, 2007. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to July 16, 2007.

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, Suite 2710, 2 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; and, the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2814B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002.

For further information, contact Pierre Duy, examiner at: pierre\_duy@ita.doc.gov, or (202)482-1378.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

**(Docket 18-2007)**

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 110 – Albuquerque, New Mexico, Application for Subzone, Louisiana Energy Services, L.P., (Gas Centrifuge Production Equipment), Lea County, New Mexico**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Albuquerque, grantee of FTZ 110, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the assembly and installation of gas centrifuge production equipment at the facility of Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (LES), located in Lea County, New Mexico. 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 April 20, 2007.

The LES facility (1,000 employees, 543 acres) is located at 275 Andrews Highway, in Lea County, New Mexico. The applicant is requesting authority for the assembly and installation of gas centrifuge production equipment for the enrichment of uranium during construction of the National Enrichment Facility. Components and materials sourced from abroad, representing some 99% of all parts, include: cascade valve frames, pipe work modules, connecting pipes and gas centrifuge parts, all designed as parts of machinery and apparatuses for isometric separation (duty rate 2.6%).

FTZ procedures would allow LES to defer duty on the parts of production equipment until they are incorporated into a finished gas centrifuge, tested and put into use. FTZ designation would further allow LES to utilize certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection procedures, such as weekly entry and direct delivery, resulting in increased efficiencies for its import shipments. The applicant is not requesting FTZ manufacturing authority for the enrichment of uranium, and enrichment activity would not occur in an activated FTZ area. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.