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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Crook County Resource Advisory Committee, Sundance, Wyoming, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure rural schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Black Hills National Forests' Crook County Resource Advisory Committee will meet Monday, January 20, 2003 in Sundance, Wyoming for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on January 20, begins at 6:30 p.m., at U.S. Forest Service, Bearlodge Ranger District Office, 121 South 21st Street, Sundance, Wyoming. Agenda topics will include deciding on project selection criteria, Review of NEPA requirements, review of project proposals and scheduling of future meetings. A public forum will begin at 8:30 p.m. (MT).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Kozel, Bearlodge District Ranger and Designated Federal Office at (307) 283-1361.

Dated: December 9, 2002.

Steve Kozel,

Bearlodge District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 58-2002]

Foreign-Trade Zone 7—Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Request for Manufacturing Authority, ChemSource Corporation (Bulk and Intermediate Pharmaceutical Chemicals)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation (PRIDCO), grantee of FTZ 7, on behalf of ChemSource Corporation (ChemSource), requesting authority to manufacture bulk and intermediate pharmaceutical chemicals under FTZ procedures within FTZ 7. The application was formally filed on December 10, 2002.

The application requests authority on behalf of ChemSource to manufacture bulk and intermediate pharmaceutical chemicals under zone procedures within FTZ 7—site 4, L-381-0-80 (lot 2). The ChemSource facility is located at State Road No. 3, Km. 143, Guayama, Puerto Rico (12 bldgs., 170,000 sq. ft., on 45 acres).

The facility (129 employees) is currently used for the manufacture of bulk and intermediate pharmaceutical chemicals. The chemicals that are being requested for manufacture under zone procedures are etodolac, fluvoxamine maleate, lisinopril, metformin hydrochloride, nabumetone, sililad triptophol, amidopine besylate and enalapril maleate. Foreign-sourced materials for these products currently include dicyandiamide, celite, toluene, sodium chloride, methanol, ethyl acetate, maleic acid, sodium hydroxide and hydrazine sulfate. Materials sourced from abroad represent some 50% of finished product value.

The application also requests to include general categories of inputs that have recently been approved by the Board for other pharmaceutical plants that may be used to produce the chemicals listed above: chemically pure sugars, protein concentrates, ethyl alcohol, natural magnesium phosphates and carbonates, gypsum, anhydrite and plasters, petroleum jelly, paraffin and waxes, phosphoric acid, other inorganic acids or compounds of nonmetals, ammonia, sodium hydroxide, zinc oxide, iron oxide, titanium oxides, hydrazine and hydroxylamine,

fluorides, chlorides, chlorates, sulfites, sulfates, salts of oxometallic acids, radioactive chemical elements, compounds of rare earth metals, acyclic and cyclic hydrocarbons, derivatives of phenols or peroxides, acetals and hemiacetals, aldehydes, ketone function compounds, carboxylic acids, phosphoric esters and their salts, heterocyclic compounds, sulfanomides, hormones, vitamins, glycosides, diazo-compounds, essential oils, wadding, prepared glues and adhesives, catalytic preparations, diagnostic or laboratory reagents, prepared binders, acrylic polymers, cellulose, ion exchangers, self-adhesive plates and sheets, other articles of vulcanized rubber, plastic cases, cartons, boxes, printed books, brochures and similar printed matter, carboys, bottles, and flasks, aluminum foil, tin plates and sheets, and taps, cocks and valves.

Zone procedures would exempt ChemSource from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. Nearly 25 percent of the plant's shipments are exported. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to defer Customs duty payments on foreign materials, and to choose the duty rate that applies to the chemical products (duty free) instead of the rates otherwise applicable to the foreign input materials (ranging from 3.7%–10.7% on current production, and up to 20% on future production). ChemSource would also be exempt from duty payments on foreign merchandise that becomes scrap or waste resulting from the production process. FTZ procedures will help ChemSource implement a more efficient and cost-effective system for handling Customs requirements because of direct delivery. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve ChemSource'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 one of the following addresses:

1. *Submissions Via Express/Package Delivery Services:* Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce,