

findings, root and contributing causes, and draft recommendations.

Recommendations are issued by a vote of the Board and address an identified safety deficiency uncovered during the investigation, and specify how to correct the situation. Safety recommendations are the primary tool used by the Board to motivate implementation of safety improvements and prevent future incidents. The CSB uses its unique independent accident investigation perspective to identify trends or issues that might otherwise be overlooked. CSB recommendations may be directed to corporations, trade associations, government entities, safety organizations, labor unions and others.

After the staff presentation, the Board will allow a time for public comment. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether to vote to approve the final report and recommendations. When a report and its recommendations are approved, this will begin CSB's process for disseminating the findings and recommendations of the report not only to the recipients of recommendations but also to other public and industry sectors. The CSB believes that this process will ultimately lead to the adoption of recommendations and the growing body of safety knowledge in the industry, which, in turn, should save future lives and property.

All staff presentations are preliminary and are intended solely to allow the Board to consider in a public forum the issues and factors involved in this case. No factual analyses, conclusions or findings should be considered final. Only after the Board has considered the staff presentation and approved the staff report will there be an approved final record of this incident.

The meeting will be open to the public. Please notify CSB if a translator or interpreter is needed, at least 5 business days prior to the public meeting. For more information, please contact the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board at (202)-261-7600, or visit our Web site at: <http://www.csb.gov>.

Christopher W. Warner,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1279]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Ricoh Electronics, Inc. Manufacturing Facilities (Copier, Printer, Thermal Paper, and Related Products), Orange 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 (the 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 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; and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 50, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the copier, printer, thermal paper, and related products manufacturing facilities of Ricoh Electronics, Inc., located at sites in the Orange County, California area, (FTZ Docket 52-2002, filed November 19, 2002);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 72641, 12/06/2002; amended, 68 FR 9973, 3/03/2003); 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 would be satisfied, and that approval of the application, as amended, would be in the public interest, if approval, with respect to thermal paper, were subject to the time limit described below;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the copier, printer, thermal paper, and related products manufacturing plant of Ricoh Electronics, Inc., located at sites in the Orange County, California, area (Subzone 50J), at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations,

including section 400.28. Further, the approval for manufacturing of thermal paper under zone procedures is limited to an initial period of four years (from activation), subject to extension upon review.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of August 2003.

James J. Jochum,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1280]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Ricoh Electronics, Inc. Manufacturing Plant (Toner Cartridges, Related Toner Products and Thermal Paper Products), Lawrenceville, GA

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, 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 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; and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 26, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the toner cartridges, related toner products, and thermal paper products manufacturing plant of Ricoh Electronics, Inc., located in Lawrenceville, Georgia (FTZ Docket 53-2002, filed November 19, 2002);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 72642, 12/06/2002; amended, 68 FR 9973, 3/03/2003); 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 would be satisfied,

and that approval of the application, as amended, would be in the public interest, if approval, with respect to thermal paper, were subject to the time limit described below;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the toner cartridges, related toner products, and thermal paper products manufacturing plant of Ricoh Electronics, Inc., located in Lawrenceville, Georgia (Subzone 26H), at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28. Further, the approval for manufacturing of thermal paper under zone procedures is limited to an initial period of four years (from activation), subject to extension upon review.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of August 2003.

James J. Jochum,

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

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1281]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 214; Lenoir County, NC

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, the North Carolina Global TransPark Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 214, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 214 to include a site (35 acres) in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, adjacent to the Durham Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 34-2002; filed 9/3/02);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 57376, 9/10/02) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; 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 are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 214 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of August 2003.

James J. Jochum,

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

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-475-819]

Certain Pasta From Italy: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty New Shipper Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the countervailing duty new shipper review on certain pasta from Italy. The period of review is January 1 through December 31, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel J. Alexy, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement I, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

On February 27, 2003, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a countervailing duty new shipper review for certain pasta from Italy, covering calendar year 2002. See *Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty New Shipper Review*, 68 FR 10446 (March 5, 2003). Corrections to the initiation notice were published in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 2003 (See 68 FR 14198). The preliminary results are currently due no later than August 26, 2003.

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary results within 180 days after the date on which the new shipper

review is initiated. However, if the proceeding is extraordinarily complicated, section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act allows the Department to extend this deadline to a maximum of 300 days.

Postponement

The Department has determined that additional time is necessary to issue the preliminary results in this new shipper review for the reasons stated in our memorandum from Susan Kubbach to Jeffrey May, dated August 25, 2003. Therefore, in accordance with section 751 (a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act, we are postponing the preliminary results of this new shipper review until no later than December 24, 2003.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

Jeffrey May,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 000724217-3200-05]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate Minority Business Development Centers (MBDCs) under its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program.

In order to receive consideration, applicants must comply with all information and requirements contained in this Notice. For-profit entities (including sole-proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations), non-profit organizations, state and local government entities, American Indian Tribes and educational institutions are eligible to operate MBDCs.

The current MBDC Program, as described in this Notice, requires MBDC staff to provide standardized business assistance services to rapid growth potential minority businesses directly; to develop a network of strategic partnerships; to charge client fees; and to provide strategic business consulting.