

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.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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;

prepared binders for foundry molds or cores; polymers of ethylene; and tungsten powders. Current duty rates for these input materials range up to 7.6 percent.

Zone procedures would exempt Acushnet from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Acushnet would be able to defer duty payments, and to choose the lower duty rate that applies to the listed finished-product categories (duty-free to 10 percent) for the foreign inputs listed above, among others. Acushnet would be able to avoid duty on foreign inputs which become scrap/waste, estimated at no more than 20 percent of imported inputs. The application also indicates that Acushnet may realize logistical/procedural and other benefits from subzone status. All of the above-cited savings from zone procedures could help improve the plant'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, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. Submissions Via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is December 29, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 12, 2004.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address Number 1 listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, One West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903.

Dated: October 17, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 54-2003]

Foreign-Trade Zone 40—Cleveland, OH, Area: Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board), by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 40, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, within the Cleveland Customs port of entry. 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 October 17, 2003.

FTZ 40 was approved on September 29, 1978 (Board Order 135, 43 FR 46886, 10/11/78) and expanded in June 1982 (Board Order 194, 47 FR 27579, 6/25/82); April 1992 (Board Order 574, 57 FR 13694, 4/17/92); February 1997 (Board Order 870, 62 FR 7750, 2/20/97); June 1999 (Board Order 1040, 64 FR 33242, 6/22/99); April 2002 (Board Order 1224, 67 FR 20087, 4/15/02); and, August 2003 (Board Order 1289, 68 FR 52384, 9/3/03; Board Order 1290, 68 FR 52384, 9/3/03; and, Board Order 1295, 68 FR 52383, 9/3/03).

The general-purpose zone project currently consists of the following sites in the Cleveland, Ohio, area: *Site 1* (1,339 acres)—Port of Cleveland complex, Cleveland Bulk Terminal and Tow Path Valley Business Park, Cleveland; *Site 2* (175 acres)—the IX Center (formerly the "Cleveland Tank Plant"), in Brook Park, adjacent to the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport; *Site 3* (1,942 acres)—Cleveland Hopkins International Airport complex and the adjacent Snow Road Industrial Park, Brook Park; *Site 4* (450 acres)—Burke Lakefront Airport, 1501 North Marginal Road, Cleveland; *Site 5* (298 acres)—Emerald Valley Business Park, Cochran Road and Beaver Meadow Parkway, Glenwillow; *Site 6* (30 acres)—Collinwood site, South Waterloo (South Marginal) Road and East 152nd Street, Cleveland; *Site 7* (47 acres)—Water Tower Industrial Park, Coit Road and East 140th Street, Cleveland; *Site 8* (174 acres)—Strongsville Industrial Park, Royalton Road (State Route 82), Strongsville; *Site 9* (13 acres)—East 40th Street between Kelley & Perkins Avenues (3830 Kelley Avenue), Cleveland; and, *Site 10* (15 acres)—Frane Industrial Park, Forman Road, Ashtabula. Applications are pending with the FTZ Board to expand FTZ 40

to include a site at the Harbour Point Business Park in Vermilion, Ohio (Docket 33-2003) and a site at the Brook Park Road Industrial Park in Brook Park, Ohio (Docket 44-2003).

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand existing Site 3 by adding an additional 172 acres within the Cleveland Business Park, Rocky River Drive (SR 237), Cleveland (Cuyahoga County). The site is immediately adjacent to the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and is being developed as an industrial park. The property was acquired by the City of Cleveland and Cleveland Hopkins International Airport as part of a major airport expansion project and was later sold for business development purposes. The site is presently owned by Cleveland Business Park, Ltd., and it will provide public warehousing and distribution services to area businesses. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

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 on the application 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, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099-14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

2. Submissions via the U.S. Postal Service: Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is December 29, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to January 12, 2004).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at address Number 1 listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 600 Superior Avenue East, Suite 700, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Dated: October 17, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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