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

Dated: December 19, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Reporting of Sea Turtle Incidental Take in Virginia Chesapeake Bay Pound Net Operations.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 74.

Number of Respondents: 80.

Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Year-round reporting of sea turtle incidental take is necessary to (1) monitor the level of incidental take in the state-managed pound net fishery, (2) ensure that the level of take does not exceed the Incidental Take Statement issued in conjunction with the Biological Opinion, and (3) verify that the seasonal pound net leader restriction is adequate to protect sea turtles. The respondents will be Virginia pound net fishermen.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency:

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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 and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,

DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 59-2002]

Foreign-Trade Zone 98—Birmingham, AL, Application for Expansion of Manufacturing Authority, Subzone 98A—Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (Motor Vehicles); Tuscaloosa County, AL

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Birmingham, Alabama, grantee of FTZ 98, on behalf of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (MBUSI), operator of Subzone 98A at the MBUSI motor vehicle manufacturing plant in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, requesting an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority to include new manufacturing capacity under FTZ procedures. 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 December 17, 2002.

Subzone 98A was approved in 1996 for the manufacture of up to 80,000 light-duty passenger vehicles annually at the MBUSI plant (2,000 employees/900 acres/1.7 million sq.ft.) in Tuscaloosa County (Board Order 803, 61 FR 8237, March 4, 1996).

The applicant currently requests that the scope of FTZ manufacturing authority be extended to include additional production capacity (to a total of 250,000 vehicles annually) to be added within the existing boundaries of Subzone 98A.

Parts and materials that are sourced from abroad (approximately 15-20% of total purchases) include: oil, synthetic paint, glue/adhesives, chemical products/preparations, articles of plastic and rubber tubes/hoses/plates/sheets/film/profiles/fittings, handles/knobs,

gaskets/seals, o-rings, rubber belts, tires, fasteners, gasoline and diesel engines, parts of engines (cylinder heads, short blocks, connecting rods), turbo/superchargers, compressors, pumps, fans, air conditioner components, filters, fire extinguishers, pulleys, flywheels, ignition parts, bushings, dampeners, textile cases, carpet sets, glass, mirrors, catalytic converters, steel flanges/fittings, springs, brake cables, articles of copper, aluminum fasteners, clamps, locks, hinges, pneumatic cylinders, clutches (and related parts), electronic controlling apparatus, resistors, transceivers, am-fm radio/cd receivers, compact disc players, navigational systems, alarms, electric motors, generators, valves, actuators, bearings, thermostats, transmission shafts/gears/sprockets, torque converters, hubs, universal joints, drive shafts, batteries, fuses, relays, voltage regulators, conductors, fiberoptic cables, switches, printed circuit assemblies, telephonic equipment, electrical control apparatus, starters, lighting/signaling equipment, windshield wipers, defrosters, parts of infrared lamps, bumpers, seat belts, airbags and modules, body stampings, wheels, radiators, exhaust systems, steering wheels/boxes, flat panel displays, pyrometers, flow/pressure/supply meters, oxygen sensors, speedometers, tachometers, and seats (duty rate range: free-20%). The list represents an expanded scope of MBUSI's existing scope of sourcing authority.

Expanded zone procedures would continue to exempt MBUSI from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in production for export. On its domestic sales and exports to NAFTA countries, the company can choose the lower duty rate that applies to finished passenger vehicles (2.5%) for the foreign inputs noted above. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the MBUSI 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 on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at 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; or,

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

The closing period for their receipt is February 25, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to March 12, 2003).

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address No. 1 listed above.

Dated: December 17, 2002.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 62-2002]

Foreign-Trade Zone 72—Indianapolis, IN, Application for Subzone, Decatur Mold, Tool and Engineering, Inc. (Plastic Injection Molds); North Vernon, IN

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 72, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing and warehousing facilities of Decatur Mold, Tool and Engineering, Inc. (Decatur Mold), located in North Vernon, Indiana. 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 December 17, 2002.

The Decatur Mold facility is comprised of two sites with 150 employees in Jennings County, Indiana: Site 1 (20 acres)—located at 3330 and 3430 North State Highway 7, North Vernon; and Site 2 (78 acres)—located at Rural Route 5/E County Road 175N, North Vernon. The facilities are used for the manufacturing, storage and distribution of plastic injection molds (HTS, 8477 and 8480, duty rate 3.1%) and components. Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing 5% of all parts used in manufacturing) include: metal stamp dies, thermolators, plastic material dryers, electronic weighing scales, belt type conveyors, robots—calendaring, color feeders, pins, sleeves, heaters,

material grinders, hot stamps, parts for robots, mold bases, sonic welders, and hot tip controls (HTS 8207, 8418, 8419, 8423, 8428, 8477, 8479, 8480, 8515, and 9032 duty rate ranges from duty free to 5.7%).

FTZ procedures would exempt Decatur Mold from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. Some 30 percent of the plant's shipments are exported. On its domestic sales, Decatur Mold would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to finished molds (3.1%) for the foreign inputs noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed 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 February 25, 2003. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to March 12, 2003).

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 the first address listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, Penwood One, Suite 106, 11405 North Pennsylvania Street, Carmel, IN 46032.

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Pierre Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 61-2002]

Foreign-Trade Zone 124—Gramercy, LA, Application for Subzone, Ergon St. James, Inc. (Oil Terminal); St. James, LA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of South Louisiana, grantee of FTZ 124, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil terminal facilities of Ergon St. James, Inc. (Ergon), located in St. James, 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 December 17, 2002.

The Ergon facilities (718 acres, 7 tanks, 1.5 million barrel capacity) are located at 7405 Highway 18, St. James, Louisiana. The terminal facilities (12 employees), are used for the receipt, storage, and distribution of crude oil to the Ergon Refining, Inc. refinery in Vicksburg, Mississippi. All of the crude oil is sourced from abroad. Ergon Refining, Inc. has also submitted an application for subzone status at its Vicksburg refinery (Docket 61-2002).

Zone procedures would allow Ergon to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the facility and entered for consumption. The company has applied for subzone status at its refinery and terminal so that crude oil could be shipped from the St. James terminal to the Vicksburg refinery in zone status. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the company's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed 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

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