

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1. (In 1992 and 1993, one State per year was certified; currently, one State's recertification request is pending. Since 1996, at most one State per year has requested an amendment to its certification.)

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4–40 hours.

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)), we specifically request comments on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden on the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506 and 5 CFR 1320.8.

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Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 22–2004]

Foreign-Trade Zone 222—Montgomery, AL; Application For Foreign-Trade Subzone Status Quantegy, Inc. (Audio and Video Tape and Cassettes, Digital Data Media, and Instrumentation Media Products); Opelika, Alabama

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 222, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing facilities

(audio and video tape and cassettes, digital data media, and instrumentation media products, including splice tape and paper leader) of Quantegy, Inc., located in Opelika, Alabama. 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 May 25, 2004.

The Quantegy facilities (36.7 acres, with four main buildings and more than 420,000 sq. ft. of enclosed space) are located at 2230 Marvyn Parkway in Opelika. The facilities (approximately 300 employees) produce audio and video tape and cassettes, digital data media, and instrumentation media products, including splice tape and paper leader, which Quantegy intends to manufacture, assemble, test, package, and warehouse under FTZ procedures.

Quantegy's application lists the following categories of imported parts and materials for possible use in manufacturing, assembling, testing, packaging, and warehousing audio and video tape and cassettes, digital data media, and instrumentation media products, including splice tape and paper leader: iron oxides and hydroxides; palmitic acid, stearic acid, their salts and esters; phosphoric esters and their salts, and derivatives (plasticizers); paints and varnishes based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers; polymers of vinyl chloride or of other halogenated olefins, in primary forms; plates, sheets, film, foil, and strip of plastics (polyethylene terephthalate); cartons, boxes, and cases of corrugated paper or cardboard; and parts and accessories for sound and video recording or reproducing apparatuses. Current duty rates for these input materials range up to 7.6 percent.

Zone procedures would exempt Quantegy from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Quantegy 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 2.0 percent) for the foreign inputs listed above. Quantegy would be able to avoid duty on foreign inputs which become scrap/waste, estimated at one percent of imported inputs. The application also indicates that the company will derive savings from simplification and expediting of the company's import and export procedures. Quantegy's application states that 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 August 2, 2004. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 16, 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 Birmingham U.S. Export Assistance Center, 950 22nd Street North, Suite 707, Birmingham, AL 35203.

Dated: May 25, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 23–2004]

Foreign-Trade Zone 176—Rockford, Illinois Area; Application for Expansion/Reorganization

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 176, requesting authority to expand FTZ 176, in the Rockford, Illinois area, adjacent to the Rockford 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 May 25, 2004.

FTZ 176 was approved on March 1, 1991 (Board Order 511, 56 FR 10409, 3/12/91). The zone project currently