

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 the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 30, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 12, 2000.)

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 2050 N. Stemmons Fwy., Suite 170, P.O. Box 420069, Dallas, Texas 75207

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: March 21, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 27-98 and 28-98]

Withdrawal of Applications for Subzone Status for Hanover Direct, Inc. (Distribution of Consumer Goods); Foreign-Trade Zone 147—Reading, PA (Hanover, PA); Foreign-Trade Zone 204—Blountville, TN (Roanoke, VA)

Notice is hereby given of the withdrawal of the applications submitted by the Foreign-Trade Zone Corporation of Southeastern Pennsylvania, grantee of FTZ 147, Reading, PA, and Tri-Cities Airport Commission, grantee of FTZ 204, Blountville, TN, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the consumer goods distribution facilities of Hanover Direct, Inc., located in Hanover, PA (Docket 27-98) and Roanoke, VA (Docket 28-98). The applications were filed on June 1, 1998 (63 FR 29699, 6/1/98).

The withdrawals were requested because of changed circumstances, and the cases have been closed without prejudice.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Michigan; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope

This is a decision pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 00-002. *Applicant:* The Regents of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2143. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010F. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 65 FR 11986, March 7, 2000. *Order Date:* April 22, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as the instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031400D]

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Generic Amendment to the Fishery Management Plans for the Gulf of Mexico to Establish the Tortugas Marine Reserve

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmosphere Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS); request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the intent of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare a DSEIS for a Generic Amendment to the Fishery Management Plans for the Gulf of Mexico to Establish the Tortugas Marine Reserve (Generic Amendment). The Generic Amendment would amend all of the Council's fishery management plans (FMPs) in a manner necessary to establish a marine reserve in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the vicinity of the Dry Tortugas, Florida, along with appropriate fishing restrictions. The purpose of this document is to solicit public comments on the scope of the issues to be addressed in the DSEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the DSEIS must be received on or before April 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the DSEIS and requests for additional information on the Generic Amendment should be sent to Wayne Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, 813-228-2815, or Michael Barnette, 727-570-5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Council's November 1999 meeting, representatives of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) requested the Council to draft fishing regulations, under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), for the EEZ for a proposed ecological reserve (marine reserve) in the Tortugas region. The proposed marine reserve is approximately 70 miles west of Key West, Florida.

Currently, the Council is considering proposed measures for the Generic Amendment that would prohibit all fishing (i.e., fishing for all species managed under its FMPs as well as fishing for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS)) and anchoring of fishing vessels in the marine reserve. The expected benefits include: (1) Protection and conservation of essential fish habitat, including critical coral reef resources, as mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Act; (2) establishment of a refuge and biological resource replenishment area to conserve