

Perrigo's Michigan operation is comprised of five sites in Allegan and Muskegon Counties (Site 5 only): *Site 1* (119,700 sq. ft. on 4.5 acres)—Plant #1, located at 117 Water Street, Allegan; *Site 2* (133 acres)—Eastern Avenue Site, located at Hooker Road and Eastern Avenue in Allegan; including Plant #4 (198,597 sq. ft., with a possible expansion of 100,000 sq. ft., on 4.6 acres), Plant #5 (323,568 sq. ft. with a possible expansion of 100,000 sq. ft., on 7.4 acres), and Plant #7 (402,216 sq. ft. on 9.23 acres); *Site 3* (520,613 sq. ft. on 11.95 acres)—Allegan Logistics Center, located at 900 Industrial Center, Allegan; *Site 4* (123,295 sq. ft., with a possible expansion of 200,000 sq. ft., on 2.8 acres)—Airport Center, located at 1761 Airport Court, Holland; and, *Site 5* (87,048 sq. ft. on 2 acres)—North Labs, located at 8060 Whitbeck Road, Montague, Muskegon County.

The facilities (2,800 employees) produces over-the-counter (OTC) pharmaceutical and nutritional products. Foreign-sourced materials will account for some 14–50 percent of finished product value, and include items from the following general categories: Animal or vegetable oils, chemically pure sugars, protein concentrates, natural magnesium phosphates and carbonates, petroleum jelly, paraffin and waxes, other inorganic acids or compounds of nonmetals, artificial corundum, aluminum oxide, aluminum hydroxide, acyclic hydrocarbons, derivatives of phenols or peroxides, ethers and ether-alcohols, acetals and hemiacetals, aldehydes and derivatives, ketone function compounds, phosphoric esters and their salts, esters of other organic acids, amine function compounds, oxygen function compounds, quaternary ammonium salts, carbonyl function compounds, nitrile compounds, diazo-compounds, organic derivatives of hydrazine, compounds of other nitrogen function, organo-sulfur compounds, heterocyclic compounds, sulfonamides, provitamins, hormones, glycosides, vegetable alkaloids, antibiotics, medicaments in bulk or in measured doses, synthetic coloring matter, color lakes, organic surface active products for use in soap, dextrins and modified starches, chemical products not provided elsewhere, vinyl acetate polymers, acrylic polymers, cellulose, and natural polymers, such as alginic acid.

Zone procedures would exempt Perrigo from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. Some two percent of the plant's shipments are currently exported. On domestic sales, the company would be

able to choose the duty rates that apply to the finished products (primarily duty-free), rather than the duty rates that would otherwise apply to the foreign-sourced materials noted above (duty-free to 10.9 percent). At the outset, zone savings would primarily involve choosing the finished product duty rate on either bulk or dosage packaged pharmaceutical products (HTSUS 3003 and 3004, duty-free), instead of the duty rates on aspirin (HTSUS 2918.22.1000, 6.9%), acetaminophen (HTSUS 2924.29.6210, 6.5%), and ibuprofen (HTSUS 2916.39.1500, 6.5%). Certain aspirin imports from China are subject to anti-dumping/countervailing (AD/CVD) duties. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will 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 [60 days from date of publication]. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 5, 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 address Number 1 listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 401 W. Fulton St., Suite 309–C, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504.

Dated: May 14, 2003.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1273]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Bulova Corporation (Watch and Clock Products), Woodside and Brooklyn, NY

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 City of New York, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 1, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the watch and clock warehousing/distribution/repair facilities of Bulova Corporation, located in Woodside and Brooklyn, New York (FTZ Docket 37–2002, filed 9/23/02);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 61849, 10/2/02); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the watch and clock products warehousing/distribution/repair facilities of Bulova Corporation, located in Woodside and Brooklyn, New York (Subzone 1B), at the locations described in the application, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

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

Jeffrey A. May,

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

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