

proteins and preservatives, polymers of vinyl esters, vinyl acetate polymers, polyamide, petroleum resins and thermosetting polymers (HTS 2918.90, 2921.51, 2922.50, 2923.90, 2924.19, 3402.13, 3824.90, 3905.19, 3908.10, 3911.90, 3923.10, 3923.30, 3923.50, 3923.90, 3926.90, 7010.90, 7010.94, 7020.00, 7117.19, 7612.10, 7612.90 and 9616.20, duty rate ranges from 2.4 to 11%). The application also indicates that the company may import under FTZ procedures other materials used in the production of cosmetic and beauty products falling under the following HTS, as further described in the application: HTS 0408, 0409, 1108, 1301, 1302, 1504, 1505, 1511, 1515, 1516, 1521, 1603, 1702.90.90, 2009, 2106, 2507, 2520, 2525, 2526, 2710, 2712, 2811, 2815, 2817, 2818, 2821, 2823, 2827, 2835, 2836, 2901, 2904, 2906, 2907, 2909, 2914, 2915, 2916, 2918, 2919, 2921, 2922, 2923, 2924, 2925, 2930, 2932, 2933, 2934, 2936, 2938, 3301, 3302, 3304, 3402, 3404, 3501, 3504, 3507, 3806, 3808, 3823, 3824, 3901, 3902, 3903, 3904, 3905, 3906, 3907, 3908, 3910, 3911, 3912, 3913, 3923, 4701, 4819, 4821, 8214, 8424, 9616 (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 7.4%). In addition, the application indicates that they may import coloring matter, but that any products imported under Chapter 32 of the HTS would be admitted in privileged-foreign status.

FTZ procedures would exempt L'Oreal USA from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. Some 5 percent of the plant's shipments are exported. On its domestic sales, L'Oreal USA would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to cosmetic and beauty products (duty-free to 5.8%) 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 June 18, 2004. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 6, 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 the first address listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 425 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 700, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1324]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status General Electric Wind Energy and Energy Rentals (Wind Turbines); Pensacola, Florida

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 (the 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 Pensacola-Escambia County Promotion and Development Commission, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 249, has made application for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the wind turbine manufacturing plant of General Electric Wind Energy and Energy Rentals, located in Pensacola, Florida (FTZ

Docket 50-2003, filed 9-25-2003; application amended 2-27-2004 to remove HTSUS Heading 7019 from the scope of authority);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (68 FR 57868, 10-7-2003); 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, as amended, is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the wind turbine manufacturing plant of General Electric Wind Energy and Energy Rentals, located in Pensacola, Florida (Subzone 249A), at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 2nd day of April, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service; the President's "E" Award and the President's "E" Certificate of Service

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Phone number (202) 482-0266. E-mail: dHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection