

also requests that the scope of FTZ manufacturing authority be expanded to include the additional production capacity (new total would be 610 million feet per year). Uponor uses foreign-origin polyethylene (HDPE) resin (HTSUS 3901.10, 6.5%) to manufacture the PEX tubing, which represents about 21 percent of the finished tubing's value. The company distributes certain foreign parts and materials used to construct the radiant heating systems, including thermostats, fittings, aluminum pipe, polyethylene pipe, polymers and resins, plastic foil, insulation, packaging materials, polyester tape, fasteners, mounting tracks, valves, transformers, fuses, relays, junction boxes, flow meters, and regulators.

Expanded FTZ procedures could continue to exempt Uponor from customs duty payments on the foreign-origin resin used in production for export (about 1% of shipments). On its domestic shipments, the company would be able to elect the duty rate that applies to finished PEX tubing (3.1%) for the foreign resin used in the manufacturing process. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Pierre Duy of the FTZ Staff is 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 the following address: Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002. The closing period for receipt of comments is January 5, 2009. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 20, 2009.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, Suite 210-C, 100 North 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403; and, at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed above. For further information, contact Pierre Duy, examiner, at: Pierre_Duy@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482-1378.

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Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 58-2008]

Foreign-Trade Zone 163 – Ponce, Puerto Rico, Application for Expansion

Correction

The **Federal Register** notice published on October 17, 2008 (73 FR 61780) describing the application by CODEZOL, C.D., grantee of FTZ 163, requesting authority to expand the zone to include an additional site in Ponce is corrected as follows:

In paragraph 4, line 3, the correct address for proposed Site 10 is Road 506 and Road 14, Coto Laurel Ward, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

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Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 62-2008]

Foreign-Trade Zone 57 – Charlotte, North Carolina, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, grantee of FTZ 57, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area, adjacent to the Charlotte CBP port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the FTZ Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on October 28, 2008.

FTZ 57 was approved on April 28, 1980 (Board Order 156, 45 FR 30466, 05/08/80). The zone was expanded on September 23, 1982 (Board Order 199, 47 FR 43103, 09/30/82), on July 29, 2002 (Board Order 1240, 67 FR 51535, 08/08/02), and on February 9, 2005 (Board Order 1369, 70 FR 9613, 02/28/05).

The general-purpose zone currently consists of the following sites in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area: *Site 1*

(100,000 sq. ft.)--at 11425 Granite Street, Mecklenburg County; *Site 1A* (23 acres)--located at 1411 and 1701 Continental Boulevard, Mecklenburg County; *Site 2* (137,368 sq. ft.)--located at 14620 Carowinds Boulevard, Mecklenburg County; *Site 3* (26 acres)--located at International Airport Center, 3401 International Airport Drive, Charlotte; *Site 4* (542 acres)--proposed industrial park (Great Meadows), located between US Highway 70 and Interstate 40, Burke County; *Site 5* (78 acres, 2 parcels): *Parcel 1* (40 acres)--Lenoir Business Park and *Parcel 2* (38 acres)--J&M Industrial Park, located on NC Highway 18 in Lenoir (Caldwell County); *Site 6* (160 acres)--Alexander County Rail Park, located on NC Highway 90, one mile east of Taylorsville, Alexander County; *Site 7* (619 acres, 2 parcels) *Parcel 1* (576 acres)--Hickory Regional Airport/Lakepark, located on Clement Boulevard, City of Hickory (Catawba/Burke Counties) and *Parcel 2* (43 acres)--Consolidation Services distribution facility, 543 12th Street Drive, NW in Hickory, Catawba County; *Site 8* (1 acre)--Conwareco Logistics, Inc., warehouse facility, 1070 Main Avenue NW, Hickory, Catawba County; *Site 9* (4 acres)--Diamante Group LLC warehouse/industrial facility at 406 20th Street SE, Hickory, Catawba County; *Site 10* (330 acres)--within the 700-acre Conover West Business Park in Hickory, Catawba County; *Site 11* (311 acres, 11 parcels)--City of Newton industrial park, Newton, Catawba County; *Site 12* (85 acres)--Lakemont West Business Park located on Carowinds Boulevard, Charlotte; *Site 13* (12 acres)--West Logistics facility located at 2301 Nevada Boulevard, Charlotte; *Site 14* (69 acres)--West Pointe Business Park located on West Pointe Drive, Charlotte; and, *Site 15* (70 acres)--Ridge Creek Distribution Center, located at the intersection of General Drive and Ridge Creek Drive, Charlotte (includes 14 acres located at 10230 Ridge Creek Drive).

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area: *Proposed Site 16* (351 acres)--Monroe Corporate Center, Airport Road and Goldmine Road, Monroe. The site is owned by multiple owners. The site will provide public warehousing and distribution services to area businesses. No specific manufacturing authority is being requested at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Kathleen Boyce of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to