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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 July 6, 2004. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 20, 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 U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 435, Charlotte, NC 28217.

Dated: April 29, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 17-2004]

Foreign-Trade Zone 84—Houston, TX; Application for Subzone, Michelin North America (Tire and Tire Accessories Distribution), Houston, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of Houston Authority, grantee of FTZ 84, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the tire and tire accessory warehousing/distribution facility of Michelin North America (MNA), in Houston, Texas. The facility is located within the Houston-Galveston CBP 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 April 29, 2004.

The MNA facility (1 building, 660,000 sq. ft. on 40.6 acres) is located at 8800 City Park Loop, Houston (Harris County), Texas. The facility (50 employees) is used for the warehousing and distribution of tires and tire accessories (including tire flaps, inner tubes and gaskets), activities which MNA intends to perform under FTZ procedures. Some 30 percent of the tires are sourced abroad. About 10 percent of MNA's tire sales are currently exported.

Zone procedures would exempt MNA from Customs duty payments on foreign products that are re-exported. On domestic sales, the company would be able to defer payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. FTZ designation would further allow MNA to utilize certain Customs procedures resulting in increased efficiencies for its logistics and distribution operations. MNA would be able to avoid duty on foreign inputs which become scrap/waste, estimated at 1-3 percent of total inventory. FTZ status may also make a site eligible for benefits provided under State/local programs. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

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15600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 530, Houston, TX 77032.

Dated: April 29, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042904A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on May 17-20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Westin Beach Resort, 97000 South Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL; telephone: (305) 852-5553.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

May 19, 2004

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m.—11 a.m.—Receive public testimony on the Draft Reef Fish Amendment 22 (Red Snapper Rebuilding Plan) and Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (if any).

11 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the National Mercury Working Group.

1 p.m.—1:30 p.m.—Receive the Habitat Protection Committee report.

1:30 p.m.—4 p.m.—Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

4 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

4:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.—(Closed Session) Receive the report of the Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee.

4:45 p.m.—5:15 p.m.—(Closed Session)—Receive the report of the Personnel Committee.

5:15 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—(Closed Session)—Receive the report of the