

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 24-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 9—Honolulu, HI
Request for Removal of Board Order
Restriction, Pacific Allied Products,
Ltd. (Plastic Food/Beverage
Containers)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism of the State of Hawaii, grantee of FTZ 9, requesting authority, on behalf of Pacific Allied Products, Ltd. (PAP), to extend its authority to manufacture plastic food/beverage containers under FTZ procedures, subject to restriction. It was formally filed on June 2, 2000.

Board Order 735 (60 FR 26715, 5/18/95) authorized the manufacture of plastic food/beverage containers under zone procedures within FTZ 9 solely for the Hawaiian and export markets for a period ending July 1, 2000. The State of Hawaii is now requesting that the manufacturing authority for PAP be extended on a permanent basis. Foreign-sourced components used in PAP's manufacturing include polyethylene terephthalate and high density polyethylene.

FTZ procedures exempt PAP from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its Hawaiian sales, the company is able to choose the duty rate that applies to the plastic containers (3%) for the foreign components noted above (duty rates 1.2¢/kg. + 7.5% and 8.9%, respectively). The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures will continue to help improve the facility'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 on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 11, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 28, 2000.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room 4008,

14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 25-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 158 Jackson, MS—
Application for Subzone Status: Alliant
Aerospace Composite Structures
Company Plant (Space Launch Vehicle
Composite Structures), Iuka,
Mississippi**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Vicksburg/Jackson Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 158, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the space launch vehicle composite structures manufacturing plant of Alliant Aerospace Composite Structures Company (Alliant), located in Iuka, Mississippi. 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 June 2, 2000.

The Alliant plant (20 acres/317,000 sq. ft.) is located at within the Tri State Commerce Park at 751 County Road 989, Iuka (Tishomingo County), Mississippi. The facility (200 employees) is used to produce composite foam structural components (thermal shield, center body, forward skirt, nose cone) for space launch vehicles (i.e., rockets) manufactured by U.S. aerospace firms. The production process involves heat forming polymethacrylimide ("Rohacell") foam, machining, layering with carbon fiber and adhesives, pressurization/heat curing, and trimming. The only material input purchased from abroad that would be admitted to the proposed subzone in foreign status (19 CFR 146.42(a)) is polymethacrylimide foam—HTSUS# 3921.19.00; duty rate: 6.5% (representing 8% of finished product value).

FTZ procedures would exempt Alliant from Customs duty payments on the foreign polymethacrylimide foam used in export production. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished composite structures (duty free) for the foreign foam input noted

above. The application indicates that subzone status would 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 on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 11, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 28, 2000).

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

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 704 East. Main Street, Raymond, MS 39154.

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room 4008,
14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20230-0001.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 23-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 78, Nashville,
Tennessee Application for Expansion
and Request for Manufacturing
Authority (Personal Computers)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, grantee of FTZ 78, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Nashville, Tennessee area, and requesting, on behalf of Dell Computer Corporation (Dell), authority to manufacture personal computers under zone procedures within FTZ 78 (Nashville Customs 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 June 1, 2000.

FTZ 78 was approved on March 2, 1982 (Board Order 190, 47 FR 16191, 4/