

Foreign-origin materials used in the manufacturing process include: iron and steel (alloy or non-alloy including carbon, stainless and chrome) pipes, flanges, elbows, fittings, swage nipples and related items. (Foreign materials would be admitted in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41)).

Zone procedures would exempt Mid States from Customs duty payments on the foreign materials used in export production (20% of output). On domestic sales, the company would be able to defer Customs duties until finished products are shipped from the plant. The company is also seeking an exemption from the Customs duty on scrap and waste that results from the production process (3%). The foreign materials and finished products held for export would be eligible for an exemption from certain state and local ad valorem taxes. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plants' 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 the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 4, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period June 19, 1996.

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

U.S. Department of Commerce District Office, 425 W. Capitol Avenue, 7th Floor, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 28, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zone 124—Gramercy, LA, Subzone 124A, TransAmerican Natural Gas Corporation (Oil Refinery Complex) Request for Modification of Restrictions

A request has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations, for modification of the restrictions in FTZ Board Order 379 (53 FR 11539, 4/7/88) authorizing Subzone 124A at the crude oil refinery complex of TransAmerican Natural Gas Corporation (TransAmerican), in Destrehan, Louisiana. The request was formally filed on March 25, 1996.

The Board Order in question was issued subject to certain standard restrictions, including one that required the election of privileged foreign status on incoming foreign merchandise. The zone grantee has requested that the latter restriction be modified so that TransAmerican would have the option available under the FTZ Act to choose non-privileged foreign (NPF) status on foreign refinery inputs used to produce certain petrochemical feedstocks and by-products, including the following: benzene, toluene, xylene, naphthalene, carbon black, other aromatic hydrocarbon mixtures, ethane, methane, propane, butane, natural gas, ethylene, propylene, butylene, cumene, petroleum jelly, paraffin wax, petroleum coke, sulfur, and sulfuric acid.

The request cites the FTZ Board's recent decision in the Amoco, Texas City, Texas case (Board Order 731, 60 FR 13118, 3/10/95) which authorized subzone status with the NPF option noted above. In the Amoco case, the Board concluded that the restriction that precluded this NPF option was not needed under current oil refinery industry circumstances.

Public comment on the proposal is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 6, 1996.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits 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 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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[Order No. 809]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 145, Shreveport, Louisiana, Area

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, an application from the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 145, for authority to expand its general-purpose zone in the Shreveport, Louisiana, area was filed by the Board on May 30, 1995 (FTZ Docket 28-95, 60 FR 30267, 6/8/95); and,

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in Federal Register and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; 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 the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 145 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of March 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,

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

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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[Order No. 808]

Revision of Grant of Authority, Subzone 87A, Conoco, Inc. (Oil Refinery) Lake Charles, Louisiana

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 (FTZ) Board (the Board) authorized