

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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**[Docket A(32b1)-3-96]**

**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

subzone status at the oil refinery of Conoco, Inc., in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1988, subject to conditions (Subzone 87A, Board Order 406, 53 FR 52455, 12/28/88);

Whereas, the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, grantee of FTZ 87, has requested, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1)(i), a revision (filed 1/24/96, A(32b1)-1-96; FTZ Doc. 18-96, assigned 3/6/96) of the grant of authority for FTZ Subzone 87A which would make its scope of authority identical to that recently granted for FTZ Subzone 199A at the refinery complex of Amoco Oil Company, Texas City, Texas (Board Order 731, 60 FR 13118, 3/10/95); and,

Whereas, the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, acting for the Board pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1), concurring in the findings and recommendations of the FTZ Staff and Executive Secretary, approves the request;

Now therefore, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, Board Order 406 is revised to replace the two conditions currently listed in the Order with the following conditions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR §§ 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.
2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR § 146.42) may be elected on refinery inputs covered under HTSUS Subheadings # 2709.00.1000-# 2710.00.1050 and # 2710.00.2500 which are used in the production of:
  - petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (FTZ staff report, Appendix B);
  - products for export; and,
  - products eligible for entry under HTSUS # 9808.00.30 and 9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).
3. The authority with regard to the NPF option is initially granted until September 30, 2000, subject to extension.

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.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,  
Executive Secretary.  
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## International Trade Administration

[A-570-803]

### Heavy Forged Hand Tools, Finished or Unfinished, With or Without Handles, from the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** In response to requests by the petitioner and two resellers of the subject merchandise, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on heavy forged hand tools, finished or unfinished, with or without handles, (HFHTs) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The review covers four exporters of subject merchandise to the United States and the period February 1, 1994 through January 31, 1995. The review indicates the existence of dumping margins during the period of review.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties equal to the difference between United States price (U.S. price) and NV.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 5, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Prosser, Rebecca Trainor or Maureen Flannery, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

#### Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Background

On February 19, 1991, the Department published in the Federal Register (56 FR 6622) the antidumping duty order on HFHTs from the PRC. On February 2, 1995, the Department published in the Federal Register (60 FR 6524) a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this antidumping duty order. On February 27, 1995, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(a), two exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States, Fujian Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corporation (FMEC) and Shandong Machinery Import & Export Corporation (SMC), requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of their exports of subject merchandise to the United States. On February 28, 1995, the petitioner, Woodings-Verona Tool Works, Inc., requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of FMEC, SMC, Henan Machinery Import and Export Co. (Henan) and Tianjin Machinery Import and Export Co. (Tianjin). We published the notice of initiation of this review on March 15, 1995 (60 FR 13956).

The Department received no questionnaire responses from either Henan or Tianjin. Therefore, we have based our analysis of these two companies on facts otherwise available. The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

### Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of HFHTs from the PRC comprising the following classes or kinds of merchandise: (1) hammers and sledges with heads over 1.5 kg. (3.33 pounds) (hammers/sledges); (2) bars over 18 inches in length, track tools and wedges (bars and wedges); (3) picks/mattocks; and (4) axes/adzes.

HFHTs include heads for drilling, hammers, sledges, axes, mauls, picks, and mattocks, which may or may not be painted, which may or may not be finished, or which may or may not be imported with handles; assorted bar products and track tools including wrecking bars, digging bars and tampers; and steel woodsplitting wedges. HFHTs are manufactured through a hot forge operation in which steel is sheared to required length, heated to forging temperature and formed to final shape on forging equipment using dies specific to the desired product shape and size. Depending on the product, finishing operations may include shot blasting,