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*Executive Secretary.*

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**[Docket 28-96]**

**Foreign-Trade Zone 138—Columbus, OH, Application for Subzone Status; Abbott Manufacturing, Inc./Ross Products, Plant (Infant Formula, Adult Nutritional Products), Columbus, OH**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Rickenbacker Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 138, requesting special-purpose subzone status for export activity at the infant formula and adult nutritional products manufacturing plant of Abbott Manufacturing, Inc. (AMI) (a subsidiary of Abbott Laboratories, Inc.), located in Columbus, Ohio. 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 9, 1996.

The plant (642,000 sq. ft. on 56 acres), known as the Ross Products facility, is located at 585 Cleveland Avenue in the City of Columbus (Franklin County), Ohio. The facility (560 employees) is used to produce milk and sugar-based infant formula and adult nutritional products for export and the domestic market; however, zone procedures would be used only for production for export. The production process involves blending foreign, ex-quota milk powder and foreign, ex-quota sugar with domestically-sourced oils, soy isolates, vitamins and minerals, and EZO ends. Other foreign-sourced items that may be used in the export-blending activity include: cocoa powder, pharmaceutical grade fat emulsions, vitamins and minerals, and caseinates (up to 14% of finished product value). All foreign-origin milk and sugar would be re-exported as finished blended products.

Zone procedures would exempt AMI from quota requirements and Customs duty payments on the foreign milk and sugar products used in the export activity and from Customs duty payments on the other foreign ingredients involved. 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 June 24, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 8, 1996).

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, District Office, 4th Floor, 37 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002.

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**Foreign-Trade Zone 168—Dallas/Fort Worth, TX; Application for Expansion**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Dallas/Fort Worth Maquila Trade Development Corporation (MTDC), grantee of FTZ 168, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Fort Worth, Texas, area, within the Dallas/Fort Worth 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 April 3, 1996.

FTZ 168 was approved on November 1, 1990 (Board Order 491, 55 FR 46974, 11/8/90) and reorganized in 1992 and 1994. The zone currently consists of three sites in the Fort Worth, Texas, area:

*Site 1* (24 acres)—an industrial area at Alta Mesa and Will Rogers Boulevards, Fort Worth;

*Site 2* (263 acres)—within the Centreport industrial development, south of DFW International Airport, Fort Worth;

*Site 3* (195 acres)—within the Fossil Creek Business Park, I-35W and I-820, Fort Worth.

An application is currently pending (Doc. 77-95, 60 FR 61528, 11/30/95) for a fourth site located at the Regency Business Park, Post & Paddock Road, Grand Prairie, Texas, west of the City of Dallas.

The applicant is now applying for a fifth site (630 acres) within the 1,200-acre Mercantile Center, located at I-35 and Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas. The site is owned by Mercantile Partners, L.P., a Texas Limited Partnership. Zone services will be provided by the FTZ Operating Company of Texas.

No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

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 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 24, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 8, 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, 2050 N. Stemmons Fwy., Suite 170, Dallas, Texas 75258

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

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**[Docket 29-96]**

**Foreign-Trade Zone 199—Texas City, TX, Application for Subzone Status, Basis Petroleum, Inc. (Oil Refinery Complex), Texas City, TX**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Texas City Foreign Trade Zone Corporation, grantee of FTZ 199, requesting special-purpose subzone