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Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: April 9, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

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

status for the oil refinery complex of Basis Petroleum, Inc. (Basis) (formerly Phibro Energy USA, Inc.), located in Texas City, Texas. 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 11, 1996.

The refinery complex (130,000 BPD, 310 acres) is located at 1301 Loop 197 South, Texas City (Galveston County), Texas, some 40 miles southeast of Houston. The refinery (400 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. Fuels produced include gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, naphthas, and residual fuels. Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products include methane, ethane, propane, butane, propylene and sulfur. About 85 percent of the crude oil (95 percent of inputs), and some feedstocks and motor fuel blendstocks used in producing fuel products are sourced abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the operations involved from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the finished product duty rate (nonprivileged foreign status—NPF) on certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (duty-free). The duty on crude oil ranges from 5.25¢/barrel to 10.5¢/barrel. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery'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 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, #1 Allen Center, Suite 1160, 500 Dallas, Houston, Texas 77002.
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

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Executive Secretary.
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National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Approval of Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 177-1, Initial Graphics Exchange Specification (IGES)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Secretary of Commerce has approved a revision of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 177, Initial Graphics Exchange Specification (IGES), which will be published as FIPS Publication 177-1. This revision adopts the American National Standard Digital Representation for Communication of Product Definition Data, ANSI/US PRO/IPO (United States Product Data Association/IGES PDES Organization)-100-1993, Version 5.2, and the specified application protocols. FIPS PUB 177-1 addresses IGES implementation and data file acquisition, interpretation, and conformance.

On April 12, 1995, notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 18583-18586) that a revision of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 177, Initial Graphics Exchange Specification (IGES), was being proposed for Federal use.

The written comments submitted by interested parties and other material available to the Department relevant to this standard were reviewed by NIST. On the basis of this review, NIST recommended that the Secretary approve the revised standard as Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) 177-1, and prepared a detailed justification document for the Secretary's review in support of that recommendation.

The detailed justification document which was presented to the Secretary, and which includes an analysis of the written comments received, is part of the public record and is available for inspection and copying in the Department's Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street

between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

This FIPS contains two sections: (1) an announcement section, which provides information concerning the applicability, implementation, and maintenance of the standard; and (2) a specifications section, which deals with the technical requirements of the standard. Only the announcement section of the standard is provided in this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This revised standard becomes effective November 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may purchase copies of this revised standard, including the technical specifications section, from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Specific ordering information from NTIS for this standard is set out in the Where to Obtain Copies Section of the announcement section of the standard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms Lynne Rosenthal, telephone (301) 975-3353, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

Dated: April 16, 1996.
Samuel Kramer,
Associate Director.

Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 177-1

Announcing the Standard for Initial Graphics Exchange Specification (IGES)

Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, Public Law 104-106.

1. Name of Standard. Initial Graphics Exchange Specification (IGES) (FIPS PUB 177-1).

2. Category of Standard. Software Standard; Graphics and Information Interchange.

3. Explanation. This publication is a revision of the FIPS PUB 177 and supersedes FIPS PUB 177 in its entirety. It provides a substantial, upward-compatible enhancement of IGES Version 4.0. FIPS PUB 177-1 specifies new conformance requirements, the addition and use of application protocols (APs), and increased enhancement, correction, and clarification of the existing specification. It does not contain any new requirements that would make an