

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 02/18/2000–03/15/2000—Continued

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Hemingway Apparel Manufacturing, Inc	North Highway 41, Hemingway, SC 29554.	Feb 24, 2000	Women's briefs and panties, knitted or crocheted of man-made fibers and tee-shirts of cotton for men and women.
Shultz Steel Company	5321 Firestone Blvd., South Gate, CA 90280.	Feb 24, 2000	Titanium, stainless steel and aluminum aircraft parts.
Edgewater Steel, Ltd	300 College Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139.	Feb 29, 2000	Forged wheels for locomotives and industrial use.
Starbus, Ltd	91 Mellor Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21228	Feb 29, 2000	Jackets and wind shirts for the sporting industry.
Thomas Strahan, Inc	260 Maple Street, Chelsea, MA 02150	Feb 29, 2000	Surface printed wallpaper.
Jan Bar, Inc	1205 3rd Street, NW, Great Falls, MT 59404.	Mar 2, 2000	Caps of cotton, nylon, wool and polyester.
ByTec, Inc	44801 Cemter Court East, Clinton Township, MI 48038.	Mar 3, 2000	Electrical motors for lumbar systems, plastic switches and lighting, and metal clutch assembly and anti-theft devices.
Zenith Dyeing & Finishing Corporation ...	68 E. 24th Street, Patterson, NJ 78514	Mar 3, 2000	Commercial dyeing and finishing.
Mohawk Resources, Ltd	65 Vrooman Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010.	Mar 3, 2000	Vehicle service lifts.
Providence Metallizing Company, Inc	51 Fairlawn Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860.	Mar 3, 2000	Light fixture parts, key blanks, jewelry and candles.
BPC Industries, Inc	624 N. Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74106.	Mar 3, 2000	Bolts, nuts and gaskets.
Elk Valley Woodworking, Incorporated ...	Rt. 1, Box 87, Carter, OK 73627	Mar 3, 2000	Ornamental wooden plaques.
Looper Leather Goods Company, Inc	2124 S. Prospect Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73129.	Mar 8, 2000	Leather belts.
Lancaster Steel Service Company, Inc ...	3915 Walden Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086.	Mar 15, 2000	Flat rolled carbon steel.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

Anthony J. Meyer,
Coordinator,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 11-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 39—Dallas/Fort Worth, TX—Application for Subzone; Zale Corporation (Distribution/Processing of Jewelry and Accessories), Irving, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board, grantee of FTZ 39, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the jewelry and accessories warehousing/distribution/processing facilities of Zale Corporation (Zale), located in Irving, TX, some 20 miles northwest of Dallas. 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 March 21, 2000.

The Zale facility is located at 901 W. Walnut Hill Lane (430,000 sq. ft. on 15.22 acres). There are 80 employees within the distribution center. The facility is used for storage, inspection, packaging, repair and distribution of a wide variety of jewelry and accessories, watches and giftware. About 30 percent of the products are sourced from abroad. Subzone status is sought for quality inspection/distribution to Zale Canada. One hundred percent of foreign items admitted into the zone will be exported to Canada. Seventy percent of Zale Canada's inventory is NAFTA-qualified. No authority is being sought for activity conducted under FTZ procedures that would result in a change in tariff classification.

Zone procedures would exempt Zale from Customs duty payments on foreign products that are reexported. On any domestic sales, the company would be limited to deferral of duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's 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 May 30, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 12, 2000.)

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 Export Assistance Center, 2050 N. Stemmons Fwy., Suite 170, P.O. Box 420069, Dallas, Texas 75207

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

Dated: March 21, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 27-98 and 28-98]

Withdrawal of Applications for Subzone Status for Hanover Direct, Inc. (Distribution of Consumer Goods); Foreign-Trade Zone 147—Reading, PA (Hanover, PA); Foreign-Trade Zone 204—Blountville, TN (Roanoke, VA)

Notice is hereby given of the withdrawal of the applications submitted by the Foreign-Trade Zone Corporation of Southeastern Pennsylvania, grantee of FTZ 147, Reading, PA, and Tri-Cities Airport Commission, grantee of FTZ 204, Blountville, TN, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the consumer goods distribution facilities of Hanover Direct, Inc., located in Hanover, PA (Docket 27-98) and Roanoke, VA (Docket 28-98). The applications were filed on June 1, 1998 (63 FR 29699, 6/1/98).

The withdrawals were requested because of changed circumstances, and the cases have been closed without prejudice.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Michigan; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope

This is a decision pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 00-002. *Applicant:* The Regents of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2143. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010F. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 65 FR 11986, March 7, 2000. *Order Date:* April 22, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as the instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031400D]

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Generic Amendment to the Fishery Management Plans for the Gulf of Mexico to Establish the Tortugas Marine Reserve

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmosphere Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS); request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the intent of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare a DSEIS for a Generic Amendment to the Fishery Management Plans for the Gulf of Mexico to Establish the Tortugas Marine Reserve (Generic Amendment). The Generic Amendment would amend all of the Council's fishery management plans (FMPs) in a manner necessary to establish a marine reserve in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the vicinity of the Dry Tortugas, Florida, along with appropriate fishing restrictions. The purpose of this document is to solicit public comments on the scope of the issues to be addressed in the DSEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the DSEIS must be received on or before April 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the DSEIS and requests for additional information on the Generic Amendment should be sent to Wayne Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, 813-228-2815, or Michael Barnette, 727-570-5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Council's November 1999 meeting, representatives of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) requested the Council to draft fishing regulations, under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), for the EEZ for a proposed ecological reserve (marine reserve) in the Tortugas region. The proposed marine reserve is approximately 70 miles west of Key West, Florida.

Currently, the Council is considering proposed measures for the Generic Amendment that would prohibit all fishing (i.e., fishing for all species managed under its FMPs as well as fishing for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS)) and anchoring of fishing vessels in the marine reserve. The expected benefits include: (1) Protection and conservation of essential fish habitat, including critical coral reef resources, as mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Act; (2) establishment of a refuge and biological resource replenishment area to conserve