

Signed in Washington, DC, this 8th day of November, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1257]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Kiewit Offshore Services, Ltd. (Offshore Drilling Platforms), Ingleside, TX

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, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the FTZ Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, an application from the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, grantee of FTZ 122, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for the offshore drilling platform manufacturing facility of Kiewit Offshore Services, Ltd., in Ingleside, Texas, was filed by the Board on June 3, 2002, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 26-2002, 67 FR 40269, June 12, 2002); 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 would be satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest if approval were given subject to the standard shipyard restriction on foreign steel mill products;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the offshore drilling platform manufacturing facility of Kiewit Offshore Services, Ltd. (KOS), in Ingleside, Texas (Subzone 122P), at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and subject to the following special conditions:

1. Any foreign steel mill product admitted to the subzone, including plate, angles, shapes, channels, rolled steel stock, bars, pipes and tubes, not incorporated into merchandise otherwise classified, and which is used in manufacturing, shall be subject to Customs duties in accordance with applicable law, unless the Executive Secretary determines that the same item is not then being produced by a domestic steel mill.

2. In addition to the annual report, KOS shall advise the Board's Executive Secretary (§ 400.28(a)(3)) as to significant new contracts with appropriate information concerning foreign purchases otherwise dutiable, so that the Board may consider whether any foreign dutiable items are being imported for manufacturing in the subzone primarily because of subzone status and whether the Board should consider requiring Customs duties to be paid on such items.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 020904209-2209-01]

Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency Concerning the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America (short title "U.S. Additional Protocol")

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: On May 9, 2002, the President transmitted the Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the U.S. Additional Protocol), signed by the United States in 1998, to

the Senate for its advice and consent to ratification. The requirements of the U.S. Additional Protocol would supplement the existing Agreement Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States (U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement) by expanding the declaration, reporting and on-site access requirements of the U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement to capture elements of the domestic nuclear fuel-cycle additional to those covered by the present U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement. These elements include mining and milling of nuclear materials, nuclear-related equipment manufacturing, nuclear-related imports and exports, nuclear fuel cycle research and development not involving nuclear material, and forms of nuclear material not currently subject to the U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement. The Department of Commerce, in consultation with other Executive Branch agencies, is working to reach an understanding of the universe of commercial locations that would be affected by implementation of the Additional Protocol. This Notice of Inquiry is part of an effort to collect information to estimate the potential impact that the implementation of the U.S. Additional Protocol will have on U.S. industry and to gain a better understanding of the universe of locations that may be affected by implementation, should the Additional Protocol enter into effect.

DATES: Comments are due on or before January 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments (four copies) should be submitted to Willard Fisher, Regulatory Policy Division, Office of Exporter Services, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2705, Washington, DC 20230. In order to meet the due date for comments, single copies may be faxed to (202) 482-3355, provided that you follow up by submitting the appropriate number (four copies) of written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on the U.S. Additional Protocol, contact Brandon Williams, Treaty Compliance Division, Office of Nonproliferation Controls and Treaty Compliance, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Phone: (703) 605-4400. For questions on the submission of comments, contact Willard Fisher, Regulatory Policy Division, Office of Exporter Services, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Phone: (202) 482-2440.