

## Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Notice of Proposed Change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's National Handbook of Conservation Practices

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These new standards include Forage Harvest Management (Code 511); Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (Code 457); and Vegetative Barriers (Code 601). NRCS State Conservationist's who choose to adopt these practices for use within their state will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Some of these practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

**DATES:** Comments will be received until not later than November 18, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to Gary Nordstrom, Director, Ecological Sciences Division (ECS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Post Office Box 2890, Room 6154-S, Washington, DC 20013.

Copies of these standards are available from NRCS-ECS in Washington, DC. Copies are also available electronically on the NRCS server at Fort Worth, Texas. The name of the server is "ftp.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov." Practice standards appear as files in "/pub/nhpc/pending." Practice code numbers are used as file names in this subdirectory. These standards are available as MS Word 6.0 files. They should be downloaded from the FTP server as binary files.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those

comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Gary R. Nordstrom,  
Director, Ecological Sciences Division,  
Natural Resources Conservation Service,  
Washington, DC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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*Acting Executive Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Performance Review Board.*

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### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

#### [Order No. 845]

#### Grant of Authority for Subzone Status United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Group Precision Components International, Inc. (Aircraft Turbine Engine Components) Columbus, GA

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 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;

*Whereas, an application from the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 26, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the aircraft turbine engine component manufacturing facilities of United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Group and Precision Components International, Inc. (an affiliate of Pratt & Whitney), located within a manufacturing complex in Columbus, Georgia, was filed by the Board on November 1, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 68-95, 60 FR 56566, 11-9-95); 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 approval of the application is in the public interest;*

*Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of subzones at the United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Group plant (Subzone 26E) and at the adjacent Precision Components International, Inc., plant (Subzone 26F) in Columbus, Georgia, at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.*

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of October 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,

*Acting 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. 847]

#### Exxon Corporation (Oil Refinery), Baton Rouge, LA, Area; Grant of Authority for Subzone Status

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 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;

Whereas, an application from the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 154, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the oil refinery/petrochemical complex of Exxon Corporation in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area, was filed by the Board on February 7, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 9-96, 61 FR 6623, 2/21/96); 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 is subject to the conditions listed below;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 154A) at the oil refinery/petrochemical complex of Exxon Corporation in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area, at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to 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, #2710.00.2500 and #2710.00.4510 which are used in the production of:
  - Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (examiners report, Appendix D);
  - 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 7th day of October 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,  
*Acting 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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#### [Docket 72-96]

#### **Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone— Springfield, Missouri; Application and Public Hearing**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Springfield Airport Board, on behalf of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in Springfield, Missouri, within the Springfield 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 October 4, 1996. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 351.388 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

The proposed zone would encompass the Springfield-Branson Regional Airport complex (2,363 acres) located some 5 miles northwest of downtown Springfield. The complex includes an industrial park (Air Centre) and fuel storage facilities. The Airport Board owns the airport and it plans to serve as operator of the zone.

The application contains evidence of the need for zone services in the Springfield area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution of such items as electronic components, exercise equipment, medical equipment, food processing/manufacturing, and automobile parts and supplies. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. 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.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on November 12, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 202 John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield, Missouri 65806.

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 December 16, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 2, 1997.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the following locations:

Office of the Port Director, U.S. Customs Service, 5141 West Cargo, Suite C, Springfield, MO 65803  
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: October 10, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,  
*Executive Secretary.*  
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#### [Order No. 848]

#### **Clark Refining and Marketing, Inc. (Oil Refinery), Jefferson County, TX; Grant of Authority for Subzone Status**

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 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;

Whereas, an application from the Foreign Trade Zone of Southeast Texas, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 116, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the oil refinery complex of Clark Refining and Marketing, Inc., in Jefferson County, Texas, was filed by the Board on February 16, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the