

Arthur; *Site 4*—Sun Marine Terminal-Nederland tank storage facility, leased storage (1,278,500 barrel capacity), along the Neches River in Nederland, Texas. Authority was granted for the manufacture of fuel products and certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (Board Order 772, 60 FR 49564, 9/26/95).

The refinery (180,000 barrels per day; 450 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. The expansion request involves a new petrochemical unit. Fina, in a limited partnership with BASF Corporation will construct a single-train naphtha cracker facility on 51 acres of Site 1. The new facilities (with 150 additional employees) will produce ethylene (1.9 billion lbs./year), propylene (1.2 billion lbs./year), as well as butadiene, styrene, benzene, toluene and xylene (HTS 2901, duty free). In addition, the expansion will increase storage capacity by 1.5 million barrels, and increase the overall crude and condensate capacity of the refinery to 240,000 BPD. New feedstocks for use in the expanded facilities will include natural gas condensate, and virgin gas oil (HTS 2710.00.45, 2710.00.05, and 2710.00.10, duty rate ranges from 5.25 cents/barrel to 10.5 cents/barrel). Approximately 75 percent of the crude oil and 85 percent of the condensates will be sourced from abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the new refinery facility from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates for certain petrochemical feedstocks (duty-free) by admitting foreign crude oil and natural gas condensate in non-privileged foreign status. The application indicates that the additional 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 appointed 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 January 21, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period February 7, 2000.

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, Export Assistance Center, 500 Dallas, Suite 1160, Houston, TX 77002
Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce,
14th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW.,
Washington, DC 20230

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1065]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Mercury Marine (Inc.) (Marine Propulsion Products), Fond Du Lac and Oshkosh, WI

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, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides 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," and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in our 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, the Foreign Trade Zone of Wisconsin, Ltd., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 41, has made application for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the marine propulsion products manufacturing facilities of Mercury Marine (Inc.), located in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh, Wisconsin (FTZ Docket 47-98, filed 10-30-98);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 60293, 11-9-98); 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 grants authority for subzone status at the marine propulsion products manufacturing facilities of Mercury Marine (Inc.), located in Fond du Lac and Oshkosh, Wisconsin (Subzone 41H), 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 9th day of November, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

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

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1996 (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: 99-022. *Applicant:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139. *Instrument:* Fish Tank System, replacement parts for existing tank system, and fish breeding accessories. *Manufacturer:* Klaus-Jurgen Schwartz, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 64 FR 53999, October 5, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is indented to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reason:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) An optimal design based on small tank size, simple operation and uniformity for genetic analysis of early development using large numbers of zebra fish and (2) compatibility with an existing tank system. These capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and we know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign

instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-025. **Applicant:** University of North Carolina, School of Pharmacy, CB #7360, Beard Hall, S. Colombia Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. **Instrument:** Nose Only Inhalation System. **Manufacturer:** ADG Developments Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used to evaluate novel therapies for the treatment of tuberculosis in animal models by delivering aerosols of drug by nose only exposure to Mycobacterium infected guinea pigs. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** October 28, 1999.

Docket Number: 99-026. **Applicant:** Boston University, Department of Biology, 44 Cummington Street, Boston, MA 02215. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010. **Manufacturer:** JEOL Ltd., Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used in the study of the ultrastructure of biological specimens, especially neurons in the brain during experiments conducted to determine whether the structure of neurons is altered under a variety of experimental conditions, such as different levels of activity or molecular signaling. In addition, the instrument will be used to investigate the development and

maturation of brain neurons and their synapses to determine how structure and ultrastructure change with growth and maturation of the organism.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 28, 1999.

Docket Number: 99-027. **Applicant:** University of Hawaii, School of Ocean, Earth Science and Technology, Department of Oceanography, 1000 Pope Road, MSB 610, Honolulu, HI 96822. **Instrument:** Low-Level Beta Counter, Model GM-25-5. **Manufacturer:** Riso National Laboratory, Denmark. **Intended Use:** The instrument is intended to be used for the measurement of naturally occurring radionuclides in seawater. Various marine regimes will be sampled at a variety of oceanic depths in order to estimate the spatial and temporal distribution of radioactive elements. The instrument will be used during the graduate level course Ocean 633, Chemical Oceanography Lab Methods to teach oceanographic laboratory and field analytical techniques. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** November 4, 1999.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Business Development Mission to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of business development mission to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to inform the public of a Secretarial Business Development Mission to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, February 13-21, 2000, and of the opportunity to apply for participation in the mission; sets forth objectives, procedures and participation criteria for the mission; and requests applications.

DATES: Applications should be submitted to Lucie Naphin by December 27, 1999, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Recruitment and selection of private sector participants will be conducted according to the Statement of

Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Request for and submission of applications—Applications are available from Lucie Naphin, Director, Office of Business Liaison, at (202) 482-1360 or via facsimile at (202) 482-4054. Numbers listed in this notice are not toll-free. An original and two copies of the required application materials should be sent to Ms. Naphin. Applications sent by facsimile must be immediately followed by submission of the original application to Ms. Naphin at the following address: Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucie Naphin, Director of the Office of Business Liaison, or Jennifer Andberg at (202) 482-1360. Information is also available via the International Trade Administration's (ITA) website at: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the Mission

Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley will travel to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile as head of a senior-level business development mission focused on three key growth sectors—information and communications technology, environment and energy. Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, together with Paraguay, form Mercosur, the acronym in Spanish for the Southern Common Market, the world's fourth largest economic area, a customs union with a population in excess of 200 million people and a combined GDP of approximately \$1 trillion. Chile, along with Bolivia, is an associate member of Mercosur.

The mission will visit Brasilia, Sao Paulo, Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Santiago. The overall focus of the trip will be commercial opportunities for U.S. companies, including joint ventures, presented by the continuing market liberalization and privatizations within Mercosur. In each country, briefings and matchmaking business appointments will be arranged for members of the business delegation in order that they may take full advantage of the commercial opportunities available to firms in these key South American markets. Individual country briefings will include local public and private sector officials to discuss developments in the country that affect the commercial environment.