

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 24-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 9—Honolulu, HI
Request for Removal of Board Order
Restriction, Pacific Allied Products,
Ltd. (Plastic Food/Beverage
Containers)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism of the State of Hawaii, grantee of FTZ 9, requesting authority, on behalf of Pacific Allied Products, Ltd. (PAP), to extend its authority to manufacture plastic food/beverage containers under FTZ procedures, subject to restriction. It was formally filed on June 2, 2000.

Board Order 735 (60 FR 26715, 5/18/95) authorized the manufacture of plastic food/beverage containers under zone procedures within FTZ 9 solely for the Hawaiian and export markets for a period ending July 1, 2000. The State of Hawaii is now requesting that the manufacturing authority for PAP be extended on a permanent basis. Foreign-sourced components used in PAP's manufacturing include polyethylene terephthalate and high density polyethylene.

FTZ procedures exempt PAP from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its Hawaiian sales, the company is able to choose the duty rate that applies to the plastic containers (3%) for the foreign components noted above (duty rates 1.2¢/kg. + 7.5% and 8.9%, respectively). The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures will continue to help improve the facility'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 August 11, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 28, 2000.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room 4008,

14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 25-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 158 Jackson, MS—
Application for Subzone Status: Alliant
Aerospace Composite Structures
Company Plant (Space Launch Vehicle
Composite Structures), Iuka,
Mississippi**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Vicksburg/Jackson Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 158, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the space launch vehicle composite structures manufacturing plant of Alliant Aerospace Composite Structures Company (Alliant), located in Iuka, Mississippi. 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 June 2, 2000.

The Alliant plant (20 acres/317,000 sq. ft.) is located at within the Tri State Commerce Park at 751 County Road 989, Iuka (Tishomingo County), Mississippi. The facility (200 employees) is used to produce composite foam structural components (thermal shield, center body, forward skirt, nose cone) for space launch vehicles (i.e., rockets) manufactured by U.S. aerospace firms. The production process involves heat forming polymethacrylimide ("Rohacell") foam, machining, layering with carbon fiber and adhesives, pressurization/heat curing, and trimming. The only material input purchased from abroad that would be admitted to the proposed subzone in foreign status (19 CFR 146.42(a)) is polymethacrylimide foam—HTSUS# 3921.19.00; duty rate: 6.5% (representing 8% of finished product value).

FTZ procedures would exempt Alliant from Customs duty payments on the foreign polymethacrylimide foam used in export production. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished composite structures (duty free) for the foreign foam input noted

above. 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 August 11, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 28, 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, 704 East. Main Street, Raymond, MS 39154.

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room 4008,
14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20230-0001.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

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Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Docket 23-2000]****Foreign-Trade Zone 78, Nashville,
Tennessee Application for Expansion
and Request for Manufacturing
Authority (Personal Computers)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, grantee of FTZ 78, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Nashville, Tennessee area, and requesting, on behalf of Dell Computer Corporation (Dell), authority to manufacture personal computers under zone procedures within FTZ 78 (Nashville 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 June 1, 2000.

FTZ 78 was approved on March 2, 1982 (Board Order 190, 47 FR 16191, 4/

15/82) and expanded on February 18, 1999 (Board Order 1024, 64 FR 9472, 2/26/99). The zone currently consists of five sites in the Nashville, Tennessee area:

Site 1—(52,000 square feet) within a 200,000 square foot warehouse located at 750 Cowan Street, Nashville;

Site 2—(63 acres) within the 2,000-acre Cockrill Bend industrial park, Nashville;

Site 3—(275,000 square feet) within a 400,000 square foot warehouse located at 323 Mason Road, La Vergne, Tennessee;

Site 4—(39 acres) Space Park North Industrial Park, 1000 Cartwright Street, Goodlettsville, Tennessee; and

Site 5—(19 acres) Old Stone Bridge Industrial Park, Old Stone Bridge, Goodlettsville.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the FTZ to include two additional sites:

Site 6—“Airport Site,” to include 806 acres located in Nashville at Nashville International Airport, One Terminal Drive, Nashville. The Airport Site involves an industrial-park type of facility that will include manufacturing, distribution, and logistics facilities for Dell and warehousing and logistics facilities for other parties requiring FTZ procedures at the airport, particularly involving air freight; and

Site 7—“Eastgate Site,” at 3850 Eastgate Boulevard, Lebanon, Tennessee. This site is in the Eastgate Business Park, off Interstate 40, twelve miles east of Nashville International Airport. The site contains 38 acres with one 300,000 square foot building currently occupied by Dell—the remainder of the site will be available for other users.

The application also requests authority on behalf of Dell to manufacture personal computers, including servers and workstations, within FTZ 78 (within the proposed expansion sites). Dell is already authorized to manufacture such computers under zone procedures within Foreign Trade Zone 183 and Subzone 183A. This proposal requests the same scope of manufacturing authority under FTZ procedures in terms of products or components as requested in Dell’s previous applications, and involves an increase in the overall level of production under FTZ procedures for Dell.

The specific finished products for which Dell seeks authority to produce under FTZ procedures are various types of computers (desktop and notebook computers, workstations, and network

servers) and data storage products. All of these products fall into HTSUS classifications which are duty free. The imported components for which Dell is seeking inverted tariff benefits include: plastic and rubber components; cloth tape; metal screws, clamps, washers, clips, and springs; locks and keys; fans; adapters and battery chargers; magnets; batteries; microphones; speakers; surge protectors; switches; sockets and plugs; cables, connectors, and power cords; “populated” printed circuit boards; and leather carrying cases. Duty rates on these items range up to 6.2% *ad valorem*.

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 August 11, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 28, 2000.

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Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room 4008,
14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20230.

Nashville Export Assistance Center,
211 Commerce Ave, Suite 100,
Nashville, TN 37201.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Public Workshop: Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Transactions in the Borderless Online Marketplace

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice Announcing Reopening of Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce (the “Department”) and the Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”) have extended the deadline to June 29, 2000, for submitting comments in the public workshop on alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) for online consumer transactions (announced in 65 FR 7831 (Feb. 16, 2000)).

DATES: Public comments will be accepted until June 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H-159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Submission of Documents: Comments should be captioned “Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Transactions in the Borderless Online Marketplace.” To enable prompt review and public access, paper submissions should include three hard copies and a version on diskette in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version), or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format. Diskettes should be labeled with the name of the party and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. As an alternative to paper submissions, email comments to: adr@ftc.gov. Messages to that address will receive a reply in acknowledgment. Comments submitted in electronic form should be in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version), or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format. Written comments will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552 and Commission regulations, 16 CFR Part 4.9 on normal business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. The Department and the FTC will make this notice, and, to the extent possible, all papers or comments received in response to this notice available to the public through the Internet at: <http://www.ecommerce.gov/adr>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about the workshop, please contact either Kate Rodriguez, International Trade Administration, phone (202) 482-2145; email: kate_rodriguez@ita.doc.gov or Maneesha Mithal, Federal Trade Commission, phone: (202) 326-2771; email: mmithal@ftc.gov. All materials relating to the workshop can also be found at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/adr>.