

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[Order No. 1176]****Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Matsushita Kotobuki Electronics Industries of America, Inc. (TV/VCR Combination Units), Vancouver, WA**

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 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, the Port of Tacoma, Washington, grantee of FTZ 86, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the manufacturing facilities (9- and 13-inch television/video cassette recorder combination units) of Matsushita Kotobuki Electronics Industries of America, Inc. (MKA), located at sites in Vancouver, Washington (FTZ Docket 46–2000, filed 8/2/2000);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 49536, 8/14/2000); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the 9- and 13-inch TV/VCR unit manufacturing facilities of Matsushita Kotobuki Electronics Industries of America, Inc. in Vancouver, Washington (Subzone 86E), 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 8th day of June 2001.

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. 1171]****Approval for Expansion of Subzone 49D Merck & Company, Inc., Plant (Pharmaceuticals); Rahway, New Jersey**

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 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, grantee of FTZ 49, has requested authority on behalf of Merck & Company, Inc. (Merck), to add capacity and to expand the scope of authority under zone procedures within Subzone 49D at the Merck plant in Rahway, New Jersey (FTZ Docket 3–2001, filed 1/18/2001);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 8195, 1/30/01);

Whereas, pursuant to section 400.32(b)(1) of the FTZ Board regulations (15 CFR 400), the Secretary of Commerce’s delegate on the FTZ Board has the authority to act for the Board in making decisions regarding manufacturing activity within existing zones when the proposed activity is the same, in terms of products involved, to activity recently approved by the Board and similar in circumstances (15 CFR 400.32(b)(1)(i)); 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 the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to add capacity and to expand the scope of authority under zone procedures within Subzone 49D on behalf of Merck & Company, Inc., is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of May 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary 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. 1166]****Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 138 Columbus, Ohio Area**

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 Rickenbacker Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 138, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 138 in the Columbus, Ohio area, adjacent to the Columbus Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 31–2000, filed 6/20/2000);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 39866, 6/28/2000) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 138 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board’s regulations, including section 400.28, and further subject to the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of May 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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