DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1997]


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...the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new ‘subzones’ or ‘usage-driven’ FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s ‘service area’ in the context of the FTZ Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone project. 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 docketed on May 4, 2016. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under the State of Washington Statute RCW 53.08.030.

The proposed zone would be the 2nd zone for the Portland Oregon CBP port of entry. The existing zone is as follows: FTZ 45, Portland, Oregon (Grantee: Port of Portland, Board Order 140, December 18, 1978).

The applicant’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Clark County, Washington. If approved, the applicant would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Portland, Oregon U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The proposed zone would include one “magnet” site: Proposed Site 1 (485 acres)—Port of Vancouver Complex, Terminals 2, 3, 4, and 5, Harborside Drive and Gateway Avenue, Vancouver, Clark County. The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the “sunset” time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes that Site 1 be so exempted.

The application indicates a need for zone services in the Vancouver, Washington area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution activities for a variety of products. Specific production approvals are not being sought at this time. Such requests would be made to the FTZ Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the FTZ Board’s regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 11, 2016. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to July 23, 2016.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room