DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[B–29–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone 281—Miami, Florida; Application for Expansion (New Magnet Site); Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by Miami-Dade County, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 281, requesting authority to expand its zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) to include a new magnet site in Miami, Florida. The application was submitted pursuant to 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 2, 2017.

FTZ 281 was established by the Board under the alternative site framework on August 2, 2012 (Board Order 1844, 77 FR 47816, 8/10/2012). The zone currently has a service area that includes the northern half of Miami-Dade County and consists of three magnet sites and forty-eight usage-driven sites. There is an application currently pending with the FTZ Board to expand the zone to include an additional magnet site (proposed Site 31) in Miami (Docket B–50–2015).

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand its zone to include an additional magnet site: Proposed Site 55 (3,248.24 acres)—Miami International Airport, 4200 NW 36th Street, Building 5A, Miami. The proposed new site is adjacent to the Miami Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Qahira El-Amin 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 Board. Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 8, 2017. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 23, 2017.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Qahira El-Amin at Qahira.El-Amin@trade.gov or (202) 482–5928.

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Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security
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RIN: 0694–XC036
Reminder of Offsets Reporting Requirements for Calendar Year 2016

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; annual reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: This notice is intended to remind the public that U.S. companies are required, pursuant to the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (DPA), to report annually to the Department of Commerce (Commerce) information on contracts for the sale of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries or foreign companies that are subject to offsets agreements exceeding $5,000,000 in value. Consistent with the DPA, U.S. companies are also required to report annually to Commerce information on offsets transactions completed in performance of existing offsets commitments for which an offsets credit of $250,000 or more has been claimed from the foreign representative. Such reports from calendar year 2016 must include relevant information and must be submitted to Commerce no later than June 15, 2017.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 723(a)(1) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (DPA) (50 U.S.C. 4568 (2015)) requires the President to submit an annual report to Congress on the impact of offsets on the U.S. defense industrial base. Section 723(a)(2) directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to prepare the President’s report and to develop and administer the regulations necessary to collect offsets data from U.S. defense exporters.

The authorities of the Secretary regarding offsets have been delegated to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. The regulations associated with offsets reporting are set forth in part 701 of title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Offsets are compensation practices required as a condition of purchase in either government-to-government or commercial sales of defense articles and/or defense services, as defined by the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR 120–130). Offsets are also applicable to certain items controlled on the Commerce Control list (CCL) and with an Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) including the numeral “6” as its third character (“600 series” items). The CCL is found in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations.

An example of an offset is as follows: A company that is selling a fleet of