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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 26—Atlanta, Georgia; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; PBR, Inc. d/b/a/ SKAPS Industries (Non-Woven Geotextiles); Athens, Georgia**

PBR, Inc. d/b/a/SKAPS Industries (SKAPS) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Athens, Georgia. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on March 9, 2018.

SKAPS' facility is located within Site 29 of FTZ 26. The facility currently has authority to produce non-woven geotextile fabric using polypropylene staple fiber (PPSF) for a five-year period (until August 23, 2018) subject to a restriction requiring admission of all foreign-status PPSF to the zone under privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41). SKAPS' current notification would extend that restricted authority indefinitely.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt SKAPS from customs duty payments on the foreign-status material used in its export production of non-woven geotextiles (duty-free). SKAPS would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status material which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The material sourced from abroad is PPSF (duty rate 4.3%), which will be admitted to the zone in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41), thereby precluding inverted tariff benefits.

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 May 8, 2018.

A copy of the notification 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 website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

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**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-74-2017]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 204—Tri-Cities, Tennessee; Authorization of Production Activity; Eastman Chemical Company (Acetic Anhydride and Acetic Acid); Kingsport, Tennessee**

On November 21, 2017, the Tri-Cities Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 204, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Eastman Chemical Company, within Site 12, in Kingsport, Tennessee.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (82 FR 56212, November 28, 2017). On March 22, 2018, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 2049]

#### **Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 241; (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework; Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

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 (FTZ) 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 and Border Protection ports of entry;

*Whereas*, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

*Whereas*, the City of Fort Lauderdale, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 241, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B-49-2017, docketed August 2, 2017) for authority to expand the service area of the zone to include a portion of Broward County known as the Dania Cut, and to expand Subzone 241A, as described in the application, adjacent to the Port Everglades Customs and Border Protection port of entry;

*Whereas*, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 37192, August 9, 2017) 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;

*Now, therefore*, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 241 to expand the service area and to expand Subzone 241A under the ASF is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone.