

Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., FTZ 158, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the upholstered furniture manufacturing facilities of Max Home, LLC (Max Home), located in Fulton and 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 October 6, 2009.

The Max Home facilities (348 employees) consist of two sites on 35 acres: *Site 1* (26 acres) is located at 101 Max Place, Fulton, Mississippi; and *Site 2* (9 acres) is located at 1509 Paul Edmondson Drive, Iuka, Mississippi. The facilities are used to produce upholstered furniture (up to 170,000 sofas, sleep sofas, chairs, and sectionals combined annually) and cut-and-sewn upholstery covers for the U.S. market and export. The application proposes that Max Home utilize foreign-origin “micro-denier suede” fabric to be cut and sewn into furniture upholstery covers under FTZ procedures. The finished upholstery covers (HTSUS 9401.90; duty free) would then be assembled into finished chairs, seats, sofas, sleep sofas, and sectionals manufactured by Max Home at the facilities.

The proposed scope of authority under FTZ procedures would only involve duty savings on foreign-origin, micro-denier suede fabrics (classified under HTSUS Headings 5407, 5512, 5515, 5516, 5903, 5906, 6001, 6005, 6006; duty rate range: 2.7–17.2%) finished with a caustic soda wash process, which the applicant indicates are not produced by U.S. mills. The application indicates that Max Home does not seek FTZ benefits on any of the other foreign fabrics used in production at the facilities (*i.e.*, full duties would be paid on all such fabrics). All other material inputs used in production would be domestic-status.

FTZ procedures would exempt Max Home from customs duty payments on the foreign micro-denier suede fabric used in export production. On micro-denier suede fabric used in production for the U.S. market, Max Home could elect the finished upholstery cover (*i.e.*, furniture part) duty rate (free) after the fabric has been cut, sewn, and formed into upholstery covers, at which time they are entered for consumption from the zone. Max Home would also have the option to elect the finished furniture duty rate (free) for the subject fabric when the finished furniture is entered for domestic consumption. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help

improve the facilities’ international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Pierre Duy 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 (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the following address: Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002. The closing period for receipt of comments is December 14, 2009. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 28, 2009.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board’s Executive Secretary at the address listed above and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Pierre Duy at Pierre_Duy@ita.doc.gov or (202) 482–1378.

Dated: October 6, 2009.

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 42–2009]

Foreign-Trade Zone 41—Milwaukee, WI; Application for Subzone; CNH America, LLC (Agricultural Tractors and Component Parts Manufacturing) Racine, WI

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Foreign Trade Zone of Wisconsin, Ltd., grantee of FTZ 41, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the agricultural tractor and tractor components manufacturing facilities of CNH America, LLC (CNH), located in Racine, Wisconsin. 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 October 6, 2009.

The CNH facilities (620 employees) consist of four sites in Racine, Wisconsin: *Site 1* (76.18 acres) main manufacturing plant, located at 7000 Durand Avenue; *Site 2* (300,750 enclosed square feet) warehouse space, located at 7100 Durand Avenue; *Site 3* (38,400 enclosed square feet) warehouse space, located at 7505 Durand Avenue; and; *Site 4* (150,000 sq. ft. enclosed square feet) warehouse space, located at 3535 S. Oakes Road. The facilities are used for the manufacturing, warehousing and distribution of agricultural tractors and tractor components, with the capacity to produce up to some 10,600 tractors, 600 cabs, 560 transmissions, 5,280 axles, and 11,250 valves annually. Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing 10% of the value of the finished products) include: Glues; adhesives; anti-knock preparations; articles of plastic—tubes, tape, boxes, bags, stoppers, bottles, buckets, and handles; articles of rubber, incl. those reinforced with textile materials—tubes, conveyor belts, transmission belts, belting tires, floor coverings and mats, hoses, and hose assemblies; gaskets; washers; seals; safety glass; mirrors; pipe fittings; chain; fasteners; hand tools; vises; locks; hinges; pneumatic cylinders; steel tubing; engines; cast iron parts; fuel pumps; pump parts; air compressors; fans; air conditioners; filters; agricultural machinery parts; starter motors; generators; ignition components; horns; windshield wipers; heater parts; loudspeakers; microphones; radios; video displays; switches; circuit breakers; fuses; lighting; lamps; electrical machinery; valves; ball bearings; transmission components; gear boxes; gears; flywheels; pulleys; clutches; gaskets; electric motors; ballasts; power supplies; couplings; spark plugs; distributors; copper wire; ignition wiring; conductors; cabs for tractors; bumpers; seat belts; drive axles; wheels; radiators; mufflers; steering wheels; optical lenses; thermometers; speedometers; voltage testers; and lighters. Duty rates range between free and 8.6%.

FTZ procedures could exempt CNH from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. CNH anticipates that some 30 percent of the plant’s shipments will be exported. On its domestic sales, CNH would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to the finished products—tractors, cabs, transmissions, axles, and valves (duty rate ranges from free to 4%)—for the foreign inputs noted above. FTZ

designation would further allow CNH to realize savings on materials that become scrap/waste during manufacturing. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facilities' international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Diane Finver 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 (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 14, 2009. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to December 28, 2009.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, 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 <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane_Finver@ita.doc.gov or at (202) 482-1367.

Dated: October 6, 2009.

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

2010 Census Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the 2010 Census Advisory Committee. The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues related to 2010 Decennial Census Programs. Last-minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance notification of schedule changes.

DATES: November 5-6, 2009. On November 5, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5:15 p.m. On November

6, 2009, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Auditorium and Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746, telephone 301-763-6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2010 Census Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and 20 member organizations—all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee considers the goals of the decennial census, including the American Community Survey and related programs, and users' needs for information provided by the decennial census from the perspective of outside data users and other organizations having a substantial interest and expertise in the conduct and outcome of the decennial census. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10(a)(b)).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer named above at least three working days prior to the meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known—preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301-763-3231 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Dated: October 5, 2009.

Robert M. Groves,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 0906221081-91339-02]

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National Environmental Policy Act—Categorical Exclusions covering the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) publishes these Categorical Exclusions (CEs) of actions that the agency has determined do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and thus, should be categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act. These CEs are intended to cover only the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

DATES: This notice is implemented October 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: This notice and the Administrative Record for the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program categorical exclusions are available at: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/procedures.html> under "NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Categorical Exclusions and Administrative Record". Written requests for a hard copy of the "NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Categorical Exclusions and Administrative Record" should be submitted to: Steve Kokkinakis, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Program Planning & Integration, SSMC3, Room 15723, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Kokkinakis, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Program Planning & Integration, SSMC3, Room 15723, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone: 301-713-1622 x189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA requires that Federal agencies prepare environmental impact