

482-4094, Attn: July 15 Cuba Briefing. For further information, please contact John Bolsteins at BXA on (202) 482-3283 or (202) 482-4252.

Background

In March of 1998 and January of 1999, the President announced certain new initiatives intended to aid the Cuban people in their transition to democracy and a market economy.

Under the first initiative, the Department of Commerce and other agencies streamlined the review of license applications for the sale to Cuba of medicines, medical supplies and equipment. Prior to 1998, very few applications to export medicines and medical supplies and equipment for sale to Cuba were submitted to the Commerce Department. Now, since the March 1998 announcement, the volume of applications and licensed medical exports to Cuba has increased notably. These medical exports are monitored to ensure that they are for the use by the Cuban people.

Under the second initiative, the Department of Commerce revised its Cuba regulations to provide for case-by-case review of applications to sell food and certain agricultural items to independent entities and non-governmental organizations in Cuba. This program is intended to aid the small but vital private sector in Cuba. In a corresponding action, the Treasury Department revised its Cuba regulations to provide for specific licensing of travel to Cuba to explore sales opportunities in these commodity areas.

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James Lewis,

Director, Office of Strategic Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet on July 27 & 28, 1999, 9 a.m., in Room 3884 of the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

July 27

Closed Session

1. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

July 28

Public Session 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

2. Election of officers.
3. Comments or presentations by the public.
4. Consultation on renewal of Committee charter.
5. Update on proposed Export Administration Act bill.
6. Discussion paper, Alternatives to High-Performance Computing.
7. Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2000.

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. and Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees is available for public inspection and

copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information or copies of the minutes call Lee Ann Carpenter, 202-482-2583.

Dated: July 6, 1999.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 33-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 59—Lincoln, NE; Application for Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 59A, Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A., Plant, Lincoln, NE (Motorcycles, Personal Watercraft, All-Terrain Vehicles, Utility Work Trucks, Industrial Robots)

A application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Lincoln Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of 59, requesting an expansion of the scope of manufacturing authority to include new manufacturing capacity under FTZ procedures and requesting authority to expand the boundary of FTZ Subzone 59A at the Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A. (KMM), plant in Lincoln, Nebraska. It was formally filed on June 25, 1999.

Subzone 59A was approved by the Board in 1980 with authority granted for the manufacture of motorcycles, jet skis, and four wheel all-terrain vehicles (Board Order 163, 45 FR 58637, 9-4-80). The subzone was subsequently expanded in 1994 (Board Order 712, 59 FR 66891, 12-28-94) and currently consists of a single, 305-acre site with a total of 1.13 million square feet of manufacturing and warehouse space. The Board later approved the manufacture of off-road, utility work trucks and industrial robots with 6 or more axes of motion under FTZ procedures for the U.S. market and export (Board Orders 744 and 745, 60 FR 30517, 6-9-95).

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the subzone boundary to include an adjacent 27-acre parcel and to expand the scope of FTZ manufacturing authority to include increased capacity for the production of motorcycles, personal watercraft, all-terrain vehicles, utility work trucks, and industrial robots. Under the current expansion plan, the KMM plant's