

[Docket 20-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 199; Texas City, Texas; Application for Subzone Status, Seaway Pipeline Company (Crude Oil Terminal), Texas City, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Texas City Foreign Trade Zone Corporation, grantee of FTZ 199, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the crude oil distribution terminal of Seaway Pipeline Company (Seaway) (general partnership between wholly-owned subsidiaries of ARCO Pipe Line Company (APL) and Phillips Petroleum Company), located in Texas City, Texas. 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 March 19, 1997.

The Seaway facilities (115 acres) consist of three sites in Texas City (Galveston County), Texas: *Site 1*: (14 acres)—marine terminal located at 801 Dock Road, on the Texas City Channel of Galveston Bay, 2 miles southeast of Texas City; *Site 2*: (4 tanks/2.1 million barrel capacity on 98 acres)—tank farm located at Loop 197 and State Highway 3, some 2 miles south of the marine terminal and 1 mile west of Galveston Bay; and *Site 3*: (3 acres)—pump station located at Loop 197 and State Highway 3, adjacent to the tank farm. The terminal facilities (13 employees), operated by APL, are used for the receipt, storage, blending and distribution via pipeline of crude oil for use by refinery customers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and other midwestern and northern states. Some of the crude is transshipped to APL's terminal in Cushing, Oklahoma.

Zone procedures would allow Seaway customers to defer Customs duty payment on foreign crude oil to domestic refineries with subzone status. Seaway customers would be able to maintain the appropriate zone status of the crude so that these refineries can use zone procedures as authorized by the FTZ Board. This procedure will give these refineries the same opportunity to use zone procedures for foreign crude delivered from the Seaway system as those refineries with subzone status that take direct delivery of foreign crude from vessels.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report 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 June 2, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 16, 1997).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, Suite 1160, 500 Dallas, Houston, Texas 77002
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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International Trade Administration

Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese; Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Publication of Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department), in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, has prepared its quarterly update to the annual list of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty during the period October 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996. We are publishing the current listing of those subsidies that we have determined exist.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Morris or Maria MacKay, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 702(a) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) (the Act) requires the Department to determine, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, whether any foreign government is providing a subsidy with respect to any article of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty, as defined in section 702(g)(b)(4) of the Act, and to publish an annual list and quarterly updates of the type and amount of those subsidies. We hereby provide the Department's quarterly update of subsidies on cheeses that were imported during the period October 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

The Department has developed, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, information on subsidies (as defined in section 702(g)(b)(2) of the Act) being provided either directly or indirectly by foreign governments on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available.

The Department will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

The Department encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: March 25, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

APPENDIX—SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross ¹ subsidy	Net ² subsidy
Austria	European Union Restitution Payments	\$0.16	\$0.16