

inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Port Director, Sacramento-Yolo Port District, 1251 Beacon Boulevard, Suite 210, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

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[Docket 16-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 70; Detroit, MI; Application for Subzone Status MascoTech, Inc., Plant (Forged Steel Automotive Products) Detroit, Michigan

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Detroit Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 70, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the automotive parts forging facility of MascoTech, Inc. (MTI), located in Detroit, Michigan. 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 12, 1997.

The MTI plant, known as the "MascoTech Forming Technologies-Braun" facility (12 acres, 270,000 sq. ft.) is located at 19001 Glendale Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. The facility (241 employees) is used to produce various forged automotive components, including clutch housings, pinion and differential gears, combustion plates, brake parts, bumper tubes, parts of air conditioners, constant velocity joints, piston pins, and axle arms for the U.S. market and export. The production process involves warm and cold forging using coiled and straight bar alloy and carbon steel (grades 1018, 1019, 4615; HTSUS Headings 7213, 7214, 7215, 7227, 7228; duty rate range 1.3%-5.2%).

FTZ procedures would exempt MTI from Customs duty payments on the foreign steel used in the export production. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to the finished automotive components (2.7%) for the foreign steel inputs noted above. The motor vehicle duty rate (2.5%) could apply to the finished products that are shipped to U.S. motor vehicle assembly

plants with subzone status for manufacture into finished motor vehicles under FTZ procedures. FTZ procedures would also exempt foreign steel that becomes scrap during the production process from Customs duties. The application indicates that subzone status would help improve the international competitiveness of the MTI plant.

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 on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three 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 the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center, McNamara Building, Room 1140, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002

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Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone; Piedmont Triad Area, North Carolina (Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson and Surry Counties, North Carolina) Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Piedmont Triad Partnership (a North Carolina non-profit corporation), to establish a general purpose foreign-trade zone at sites in Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson and Surry Counties, North Carolina, adjacent to the Winston-Salem Customs port of entry. 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 20, 1997. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Chapter 55C of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The proposed zone would consist of 6 sites (3,610 acres) in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina: *Site 1* (188 acres)—within the 206-acre Lexington Business Center, Hargrave Road and Business Interstate 85, Lexington (Davidson County), owned by the City of Lexington and Davidson Progress, Inc., an economic development group; *Site 2* (2,800 acres)—Piedmont Triad International Airport, adjacent to U.S. 68 and U.S. 421, Greensboro (Guilford County), owned by the Piedmont Triad International Airport Authority; *Site 3* (46 acres)—High Point site, intersection of Elon Place and Kivett Drive, High Point (Guilford County), owned by the City of High Point and Rite Industries; *Site 4* (78 acres)—Salem Business Park, intersection of Interstate 40, U.S. Highway 52, and U.S. Highway 311, Winston-Salem (Forsyth County), owned by Salem Business Park; *Site 5* (125 acres)—Westwood Industrial Park, adjacent to U.S. Highway 52, Mt. Airy (Surry County), owned by the City of Mount Airy and private owners; and, *Site 6* (373 acres)—Mount Airy-Surry County Industrial Park, McKinney Road, Mt. Airy (Surry County), owned by the City of Mount Airy.

The application contains evidence of the need for foreign-trade zone services in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures within the proposed project for warehousing/distribution activity. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. Requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

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.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on April 24, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., at the Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC), Jamestown Campus, Percy H. Sears Applied Technologies Center, Jamestown, North Carolina 27282.

Public comment on the application 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