

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 1539]

Approval for Expansion of Subzone 107A, Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Motor Home Vehicles), Charles City and Forest City, IA

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 Iowa Foreign-Trade Zone Corporation, grantee of FTZ 107, has requested authority on behalf of Winnebago Industries, Inc., to expand the subzone and the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 107A at the company's facilities in Charles City and Forest City, Iowa (FTZ Docket 26–2007, filed 7/23/07);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 41705, 7/31/07); 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, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby approves the expansion of Subzone 107A as well as the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 107A at the Winnebago Industries, Inc., facilities located in Charles City and Forest City, Iowa, as described in the application and the **Federal Register** notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of January 2008.

David M. Spooner, David M. Spooner

Assistant Secretary of Commerce For Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 1540]

Approval for Manufacturing Authority Merck Sharpe & Dohme Quimica de Puerto Rico Inc. (Pharmaceutical Products) Caguas, PR

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 Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 7, has requested manufacturing authority under § 400.32(b)(2) of the Board's regulations on behalf of Merck Sharpe & Dohme Quimica de Puerto Rico Inc. within FTZ 7 at the MOVA Pharmaceutical Corporation facility in Caguas, Puerto Rico (FTZ Docket 31–2007, filed 7/27/07);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 43233, 8/3/07); 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, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application for manufacturing authority within FTZ 7 on behalf of Merck Sharpe & Dohme Quimica de Puerto Rico Inc. is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of January 2008.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 2–2008]

Foreign-Trade Zone 124—Gramercy, LA; Application for Subzone; Baker Hughes, Inc., (Barite Grinding and Milling), Morgan City, LA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the

Board) by the Port of South Louisiana, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 124, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the barite grinding and milling facility of Baker Hughes, Inc. (Baker Hughes) located in Morgan City, Louisiana. 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 January 16, 2008.

The Baker Hughes facility (12 acres, 13 employees) is located at 100 First Street, in Morgan City, within the Morgan City Customs and Border Protection port of entry. The facility is used for manufacturing, warehousing and distribution activities related to the processing of raw barite (HTSUS 2511.10) into ground barite (up to 350,000 tons annually). Ground barite is used in the production of drilling fluids (drilling mud) and various specialty chemicals for use by the oil and gas exploration industry. Baker Hughes sources the majority of its raw barite from abroad. The duty rate on the imported raw barite is \$1.25 per metric ton.

This application requests authority for Baker Hughes to conduct the activity under FTZ procedures, which would exempt the company from Customs duty payments on the imported barite used in export production. Less than one percent of production is exported. On domestic sales, the company could choose the lower duty rate (duty-free) for the imported raw barite used in manufacturing that applies to the finished product. The majority of FTZ-related savings will come from the elimination of the duty on the finished product. Baker Hughes will also realize additional savings on the elimination of duties on materials that become scrap/waste during manufacturing. The application indicates that the FTZ-related savings would improve the plant's international competitiveness.

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 listed below. The closing period for their receipt is March 31, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 14, 2008).