

recovery following heavy, chronic infestations. While public forest managers have alternative protection measures available, implementation of these protection measures is costly and the economic benefits of protecting hemlock health are largely unknown.

Eastern hemlock forests provide a suite of public and private goods that have economic value, including wildlife habitat, aesthetic landscapes, and commercial timber. In addition, hemlock forests located on public land provide unique natural settings for recreational activities, provide habitat for many species of wildlife, and help prevent soil erosion along the banks of streams and rivers. As the impacts of this invasion accrue, forest managers' demand for information increases.

Forest Service and university researchers will collect and analyze information regarding the value of the ecosystem services provided by hemlock forests located on public land in the Southern Appalachian Mountains from residents living within 500 miles of Asheville, North Carolina. The data and analyses will provide guidance to public forest managers regarding the value of ecosystem services supplied by hemlock forests on the land that they manage and the level of public support for alternative hemlock forest-protection programs.

Telephone interviewers will contact individual head-of-households via random digit dialing. Those agreeing to participate will receive a questionnaire via the United States Postal Service, along with a cover letter describing the purpose of the study, information about current hemlock forest conditions in Southern Appalachian Mountain public forests, and available protection alternatives. Approximately two weeks after receiving the questionnaire, respondents will share answers via telephone interview.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 45 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Individuals, heads of households.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 375 hours.

Comment Is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: June 23, 2008.

David A. Cleaves,

Associate Deputy Chief, Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

(Docket 41-2008)

Foreign-Trade Zone 7 – Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Application for Subzone, Amgen Manufacturing Limited, (Biotechnology and Healthcare Products), Juncos, Puerto Rico

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company, grantee of FTZ 7, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacture of biotechnology and healthcare products at the facility of Amgen Manufacturing Limited (Amgen), located in Juncos, Puerto Rico. 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 June 19, 2008.

The Amgen facility (2,000 employees, 28 buildings with 1,900,718 square feet on 221 acres) is located at Road PR 31 Km. 24.6, in Juncos, Puerto Rico. The facility will be used to manufacture, test, package and warehouse Epogen®, (Epoetin Alfa), Neupogen® (Filgrastim), Aranesp® (Darbepoetin Alfa), Enbrel® (Etanercept), Kineret® (Anakinra), and Neulasta® (Pegfilgrastim) (duty-free). Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing 2% of the value of the finished product) include: vials, syringes, stoppers, plunger rods,

partitions and dispenser packs (HTSUS duty rate ranges from duty-free to 2.7%).

FTZ procedures would exempt Amgen from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. The company anticipates that some 48 percent of the plant's shipments will be exported. On its domestic sales, Amgen could choose the duty-free rate during customs entry procedures that applies to finished biotechnology and healthcare products for the foreign inputs noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Elizabeth Whiteman of the FTZ staff is 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 August 25, 2008. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to September 9, 2008.

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, Tower II Suite 702, Road 165, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968. Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2111, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Whiteman at Elizabeth_Whiteman@ita.doc.gov or (202) 482-0473.

Dated: June 19, 2008.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members Date Extension

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is announcing the creation of and recruiting individuals for a technical

advisory committee that will review and provide recommendations to the Department of Commerce on emerging technology and research issues. The Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC) will advise the Department and other agency officials on (i) the identification of emerging technologies and research and development activities that may be of interest from a dual-use perspective; (ii) the prioritization of new and existing controls to determine which are of greatest consequence to national security; (iii) the potential impact of dual-use export control requirements on research activities; and (iv) the threat to national security posed by unauthorized export technologies.

DATES: To respond to the recruitment notice, please send a copy of your resume to the individual identified under the **ADDRESSES** heading. This Notice of Recruitment has been extended until July 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit their resume to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov or mail to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Room 1093, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Crawford, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, telephone: (202) 482-4933 or e-mail: mcrawfor@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

BIS is proposing the establishment of a technical advisory committee, the Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC), under the terms of section 5(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (EAA), 50 U.S.C. app. 2401-2420 (2000), the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-1707 (2007), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. app. 2 (2005)), which will provide an important vehicle for gathering necessary data as part of the Department's efforts to ensure that export controls continue to apply to sensitive items and keep pace with technological and research innovation without stifling U.S. competitiveness.

BIS's decision to establish the ETRAC drew on three sources: Public comments submitted to BIS last year regarding the Commerce Control List (CCL), the report recently issued by the Deemed Export Advisory Committee (DEAC), a Federal advisory committee charged with making recommendations to the Secretary regarding BIS's deemed export

policy and a new Presidential directive calling for BIS to regularly reassess and update the CCL.

First, in response to a notice of inquiry, "Request for Public Comments on a Systematic Review of the Commerce Control List," published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2007, BIS received public comments stating that the CCL was not keeping pace with technology and suggesting that university experts play a greater role in updating the list.

Second, on December 20, 2007, the DEAC submitted its final report, The Deemed Export Rule in the Era of Globalization, to the Secretary of Commerce. The DEAC recommended that BIS create a panel of outside experts in the fields of science and engineering to conduct a "zero-based" annual review of the list of technologies on the CCL subject to deemed export licensing policy. The DEAC also suggested that the Department increase the focus on and "build higher fences around those elements of technical knowledge that could have the greatest consequences in the national/homeland security sphere by systematically reviewing the Commerce Control List, with advice from independent experts, to eliminate those items and technologies that have little or no such consequences."

The DEAC's recommendations contained in the report constitute a written request from representatives of a substantial segment of an industry that produces goods or technology subject to export controls, a requirement under section 5(h) of the EAA for the establishment of a technical advisory committee. Specifically, the DEAC's members were senior officials with significant experience in business, educational research, and national homeland security matters related to scientific and engineering knowledge. As such, they represented a substantial segment of an affected industry that produces items subject to export controls, namely, the U.S. technology community, which is engaged in producing technical data and providing technical assistance.

Finally, the President issued a *Dual-Use Trade Reform* directive on January 22, 2008 that called for export controls to be constantly reassessed to ensure that they control the export and reexport of sensitive items while minimizing their impact on U.S. economic competitiveness and innovation. In order to meet this objective, the President directed the Secretary of Commerce to develop a regularized process that would consider input by

technical advisory committees in the review and updating of the CCL.

The ETRAC will be charged with identifying emerging technologies and research and development activities that may be of interest from a dual-use perspective, prioritizing new and existing controls related to deemed exports to determine which are of greatest consequence to national security, and examining how research is performed to understand the impact that the Export Administration Regulations have on academia, federal laboratories, and industry.

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC): Notice of Recruitment of Members. The membership is drawn from both private and public sectors, based on the description below as well as the draft charter.

BIS is recruiting members for the ETRAC. The ETRAC will consist of a maximum of 25 members and will feature a balanced membership that will include diverse points of view. It will consist of experts drawn equally from academia, federal laboratories, and industry to ensure a comprehensive discussion of emerging technologies and research and development activities and their implications with regard to national and economic security. ETRAC members will be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serve a term of not more than four consecutive years. Each member must be able to qualify for a Secret clearance prior to appointment. These clearances are necessary so that members may be permitted access to sensitive intelligence and law enforcement information related to the ETRAC's mission. The ETRAC will also reach out to other government and non-government experts to ensure a broad and thorough review of the issues. To respond to the recruitment notice, please send a copy of your resume to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov. This Notice of Recruitment has been extended until July 22, 2008.

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Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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