

by the Secretary of Commerce to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, its amendments, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

The purpose of the conference call is to allow Panel members to deliberate and vote on recommendations related to topics that were presented during a public meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 14–15, 2009. Written public comments should be submitted to Captain Steven Barnum, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by May 29, 2009.

**Date and Time:** The conference call will convene at 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, June 8, 2009, and end by 3 p.m., if not earlier.

**Public Participation:** The meeting will be open to the public, with conference connection information below. It is recommended that interested public call in at 2 p.m. when the meeting starts because there is not a fixed time for public comment. The HSRP Chair will ask at large if there are any comments or questions from the public after the Panel discusses recommendations from the April 14–15, 2009 meeting. A final vote on recommendations will follow before the meeting ends.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This conference call is available to the public through the following, toll free call-in number: (800) 799-9311 participant passcode: HSRP. Interested members of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting, and provide comment or ask questions when the HSRP Chair announces the Public Comment Period. Persons with hearing impairments may follow the proceedings by calling the Federal Relay Service [TTY (800) 877-8339, Voice (866) 377-8642 or Voice Carry-Over (877) 877-6280] and provide the Service with the conference call number and participant passcode. Be sure to notify the operator that it is a "Conference Call" before you provide call number and participant passcode.

**Matters to be Considered:** The Panel will deliberate and vote on recommendations to be presented to NOAA for improving NOAA's Hydrographic Services. Topic areas include: efficiency and coordination of national hydrographic survey standards and datums; appropriate funding and resources to ensure long-term success of restoration efforts; expansion of full Federal funding of the PORTS® program; continued improvements to the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS); non-traditional supporters of NOAA's Hydrographic Services; and economic stimulus funding opportunities for hydrographic services and functions, including private contracting. Draft recommendations can be viewed at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrpt.htm>, or upon request from the DFO.

Dated: May 7, 2009.

**Steven R. Barnum,**

*NOAA, Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

#### Proposal for Changes to the Format of Annual Reports Submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board

**SUMMARY:** The Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board is inviting public comment on a staff proposal to revise the format of annual reports that are submitted by zone grantees to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board. The revisions are intended to clarify the information that is being requested and focus on the information that is most important for oversight of the FTZ program. For comparison, the current format for annual reports is available on the FTZ Board's Web site—accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>—within the "Already in a Zone?" section. Relative to the current format, a number of multiple-part questions have been broken out into separate questions for purposes of clarity and ease of use. In general, the amount of information being requested in the proposed format is reduced relative to the existing format.

#### Part 1: Zone Project Summary

1. Was foreign-status merchandise stored within the zone under zone procedures during the fiscal year?

If the answer is no, complete questions 2–3 below:

2. Describe the promotion and marketing efforts that are being undertaken to provide local companies with information on using the zone?

3. Has the zone ever been used for the admission and storage of zone status merchandise? If yes, indicate when.

If the answer is yes, complete questions 4–12 of Part 1 below for all warehouse and distribution operations within the general-purpose zone and any subzones. In addition, for *each* general-purpose zone (GPZ) or subzone operation involved in manufacturing/processing, complete a separate Part 2 (Manufacturing/Processing GPZ and Subzone Operations).

4. Provide a summary of the warehouse and distribution activity that occurred within the zone project. Specifically discuss any developments or trends in shipments or activity and any value added activity that occurred within active zone space.

5. Discuss how the zone project contributes to the local economy and local economic development efforts, including the FTZ impact on local employment, port activity, industrial development, international trade and investment. If applicable, describe in what ways the zone has been used locally by the logistics industry and other companies to address supply chain issues.

6. The general-purpose zone served \_\_\_ zone users during the fiscal year. The number employed by zone users within activated general-purpose zone areas was \_\_\_ persons. Employment figures should include both direct and contract persons. For part time workers, please report a full time equivalent (e.g., 60 contract employees working for 6 months would equal a full time equivalent of 30 workers).

#### 7. Activity Summary:

Provide a list of general-purpose zone sites and indicate the number of acres that are activated at each site. Also indicate if the site is subject to a time or sunset limit.

Provide a list of approved subzones and indicate the activation status of each subzone. If the subzone is active, provide the employment (direct + contract) for the subzone. If inactive, indicate if the subzone has lapsed.

#### 8. Movement of Merchandise:

This section should include the movement of merchandise for all general-purpose and subzone operations that did *not* require FTZ Board manufacturing/processing authority. (There is a separate section below where manufacturing/processing operations that occurred within the general-purpose zone or any subzone will be reported individually.)

Zone reports should reflect only activity within activated portions of zones/subzones. Foreign and domestic merchandise handled within activated FTZ areas should be reported.

**MERCHANDISE IN THE ZONE AT BEGINNING AND END OF FISCAL YEAR**

	Beginning value (\$)	End value (\$)
Domestic Status .....	.....	.....
Foreign Status. ....	.....	.....
<i>Total: .....</i>	.....	.....

Merchandise received	Value (\$)
Domestic Status .....	
Foreign Status. ....	
From Other U.S. FTZ's: ..	
Domestic Status. ....	
Foreign Status. ....	
<i>Total: .....</i>	
Merchandise forwarded	Value (\$)
To the U.S. Market ...	
To Foreign Countries (Exports).	
To Other U.S. FTZ's. ....	
<i>Total: .....</i>	

*Merchandise destroyed: \$*

*Explanation of Discrepancies:*

a. Does Beginning Inventory + Total Merchandise Received – Total Merchandise Forwarded – Merchandise Destroyed = Ending Inventory? If not, explain.

b. Is the level of Merchandise Received this year significantly different from the previous year? If yes, explain.

c. Is the Ending Inventory from the previous year equal to the Beginning Inventory for this year?

*9. Main Categories of Foreign Status Merchandise Received (Top Five)*

Category	Value (\$)	Main countries of origin
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
<i>Total: .....</i>	.....	

**10. Foreign Status Merchandise Received:**

Nonprivileged Foreign \$

Privileged Foreign \$ \_\_\_\_.

11. Customs duties collected on merchandise entered from the zone during the fiscal year amounted to \$ \_\_\_\_.

12. (Optional) Attachment field: You may attach any photographs of the zone or any information you feel may be useful.

**Part 2: Manufacturing/Processing GPZ and Subzone Operators**

A separate Part 2, questions 2–17 should be included for each manufacturing/processing operation that occurred within the general-purpose zone or any subzone. This reporting of manufacturing/processing applies to any activity requiring FTZ Board approval under the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400). (Note that any oil refinery operations should use the oil refinery-specific Part 2 that follows this section.)

Zone reports should reflect only activity within activated portions of

zones/subzones. Foreign and domestic merchandise handled within activated FTZ areas should be reported.

1. The grantee shall provide a list of each FTZ Board approved manufacturing/processing operation within the general-purpose zone or subzones, and indicate whether or not activity was conducted under zone procedures at each operation during the fiscal year. Note that separate information for questions 2–17 below is required for each active manufacturing/processing operation.

2. Site/Subzone Number.

3. Company Name.

4. Activated Acres.

5. Briefly describe the activity at the subzone/GPZ operation that is occurring under zone procedures. Have there been any changes to the activity or facilities within the past year?

6. Provide the current year's level of production \_\_\_\_ and the level of production approved by the FTZ Board \_\_\_\_.

7. Employment within the FTZ operation.

8. Is the current activity consistent with the plan that was presented to and approved by the FTZ Board (this includes the level of savings, the components that are imported and the finished products). Explain how the activity is consistent.

9. Provide an estimate for the value-added activity that takes place under zone procedures (labor, profit, overhead, etc.). One way to estimate value-added is: Value of Sales from Plant minus Value of merchandise Received at Plant. Value-added should not be included in the Movement of Merchandise figures below.

10. Explain the extent to which FTZ status has helped your facility compete with plants abroad (this includes competition with other company facilities located abroad to expand or maintain product lines in the U.S.).

11. If the manufacturing activity is subject to restriction, list the restriction(s) and describe the method of compliance.

12. Movement of Merchandise:

**MERCHANDISE IN THE ZONE AT BEGINNING AND END OF FISCAL YEAR**

	Beginning value (\$)	End value (\$)
Domestic Status .....	.....	
Foreign Status .....	.....	
<i>Total: .....</i>	.....	

Category	Value (\$)	Main countries of origin
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
<i>Total:</i> .....	.....	

Category	Value (\$)
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
<i>Total:</i> .....	.....

## Part 2 for Oil Refinery Operators

2. Site/Subzone Number.
3. Company Name.
4. Activated Acres.

23. Estimated percentage of foreign crude receipts under 25 degrees API.

### 13. Main Categories of Foreign Status Merchandise Received (Top Five)

a. Affected domestic production employment and refinery capacity.

- b. Helped to offset environmental compliance costs.
- c. Helped to preserve U.S. refining capacity.
- d. Contributed to increased investment in U.S. refining.

In describing industry impact, information may be presented to the FTZ Board on a company-wide or industry-wide basis (rather than from individual refineries). In this manner the accumulated impact of all of a company's facilities or the use of zone

procedures in the industry as a whole may be discussed rather than on an individual basis.

30. If the operation is subject to restriction, please describe method of compliance.

### 31. Movement of Merchandise

### MERCHANDISE IN THE ZONE AT BEGINNING AND END OF FISCAL YEAR

	Beginning value (\$)	End value (\$)
Domestic Status .....	.....	
Foreign Status.		
<i>Total:</i> .....	.....	

Merchandise received	Value (\$)	Merchandise forwarded	Value (\$)
Domestic Status .....		To The U.S. Market ..	
Foreign Status.		To Foreign Countries	
From Other U.S.		(Exports).	
FTZ's:		To Other U.S. FTZ's.	
Domestic Status.		<i>Total:</i> .....	
Foreign Status.			
<i>Total:</i> .....			

Merchandise Forwarded –  
Merchandise Destroyed = Ending Inventory? If not, explain.

b. Is the level of Merchandise Received this year significantly different from the previous year? If yes, explain.

c. Is the Ending Inventory from the previous year equal to the Beginning Inventory for this year?

### 32. Main Categories of Foreign Status Merchandise Received (Top Five)

Category	Value (\$)	Main countries of origin
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
<i>Total:</i> .....	.....	

### 33. Main Categories of Merchandise Forwarded (Top Five)

Category	Value
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
<i>Total:</i> .....	.....

### 34. Foreign Status Merchandise Received:

Nonprivileged Foreign \$  
Privileged Foreign \$

35. Customs duties collected on merchandise entered into U.S. Customs territory from the operation during the fiscal year amounted to \$ .....

36. (Optional) Attachment field: You may attach any photographs of the operation or any information you feel may be useful.

Public comment on this proposal is invited from interested parties. We ask that parties fax a copy of their comments, addressed to the Board's

Executive Secretary, to (202) 482-0002 or e-mail comments to [ftz@ita.doc.gov](mailto:ftz@ita.doc.gov). We also ask that parties submit the original of their comments to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address: U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2111, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230. The closing period for the receipt of public comments is July 14, 2009. Any questions about this proposal should be directed to Elizabeth Whiteman at [Elizabeth\\_Whiteman@ita.doc.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Whiteman@ita.doc.gov) or (202) 482-0473.

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**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List: Proposed Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed Additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

*Comments Must Be Received On or Before: 6/15/2009.*

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

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