DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-62–2014]

Foreign-Trade Zone 75—Phoenix, Arizona; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Orbital Sciences Corporation (Satellites and Space Craft Launch Vehicles), Gilbert, Arizona

Orbital Sciences Corporation (OSC), an operator of Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) 75, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Gilbert, Arizona, within FTZ 75. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on August 28, 2014.

OSC already has authority to produce satellites and space craft launch vehicles within Site 10 of FTZ 75. The current request would add a foreign component (aluminum cable tie mounts) to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt OSC from customs duty payments on the foreign status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, OSC would be able to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to finished satellites and space craft launch vehicles (free) for the foreign status aluminum cable tie mounts and the components in the existing scope of authority. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is October 20, 2014. A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pierre Duy at Pierre.Duy@trade.gov, or (202) 482–1178.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1948]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 160 Under Alternative Site Framework; Anchorage, Alaska

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 Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Municipality of Anchorage, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 160, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B-87–2013, docketed September 19, 2013) for authority to reorganize under the ASF with a service area of the Municipality of Anchorage, within and adjacent to the Anchorage U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry, and FTZ 160’s existing Sites 1 through 7 would be categorized as magnet sites;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (78 FR 59014–59015, September 30, 2013) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; 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;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 160 under the ASF is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, to the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone, and to a five-year ASF sunset provision for magnet sites that would terminate authority for Sites 2 through 7 if not activated by 08/31/2019.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of August 2014.
Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number: 140305199–4619–02]

Notice of Termination of Selected National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation Program Services

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; Termination of Selected NVCASE Program Services.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces the termination of the Organic Production and Processing sub-program offered by NIST’s National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation (NVCASE) program, effective January 1, 2016. NIST takes this action because there are now suitable alternative paths to foreign market access, and there would be no significant public disadvantage to terminating the Organic Production and Processing sub-program.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2016, the NVCASE sub-program on Organic Production and Processing will be terminated.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments regarding NVCASE should be directed to the NVCASE Program Manager, National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2100, or by email to ramona.saar@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ramona Saar, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2100, email to ramona.saar@nist.gov, or phone 301–975–5521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) administers the National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation (NVCASE) program under regulations
found in Part 286 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Under the NVCASE program NIST evaluates U.S.-based conformity assessment bodies in order to be able to provide assurances to a foreign government that qualifying bodies meet that government's requirements and can provide results that are acceptable to that government. The program is intended to provide a technically-based U.S. approval process for U.S. industry to gain foreign market access.

On December 6, 2002, NIST received a request from a U.S. accreditation body to establish a sub-program, under the NVCASE program, for Organic Production and Processing. The stated objectives of the request were to provide confidence in the quality of this accreditation body's work, and to provide assurance that this accreditation body complied with the requirements of some foreign governments, thus facilitating the export of U.S. products. NIST, having determined that there was no satisfactory recognition alternative available and that there was evidence that significant public disadvantage would result from the absence of any alternative, established the NVCASE sub-program for Organic Production and Processing on November 4, 2003, following a public workshop held on May 9, 2003. A notice was published in the Federal Register on November 4, 2003, announcing the establishment of the program (68 FR 62434).

In the decade since the establishment of the sub-program, the United States has made numerous trade arrangements to facilitate the international trade of organic products. The resulting changes in the international requirements have increased international market access for U.S. producers. NIST considers that there are now suitable alternative paths to foreign market access, and that there would be no significant public disadvantage to terminating the Organic Production and Processing sub-program.

In a Federal Register notice published on April 15, 2014 (79 FR 21210), NIST requested written comments on the intended termination of the Organic Production and Processing sub-program offered by NVCASE, and announced a 30-day comment period for that purpose. No comments were received.

Accordingly, the NIST NVCASE program announces that it will cease to grant or renew recognition under the Organic Production and Processing sub-program, effective January 1, 2016. Conformity assessment bodies currently recognized under the sub-program will remain recognized until January 1, 2016, provided they continue to meet program requirements.

DATED: August 29, 2014.

Willie E. May,
Associate Director of Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (Council). The meeting is open to the public, and participants may provide comments at the appropriate time during the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 24, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT. An opportunity for public comment will be provided at 4:35 p.m. EDT. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Knot Harbor View Room of the National Aquarium, 501 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Holyoke, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301–713–7204, Fax: 301–713–0404; email: rebecca.holyoke@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ONMS serves as the trustee for 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. National marine sanctuaries protect our Nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (Council) has been formed to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of the ONMS with the business community. Additional information on the Council can be found at http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/welcome.html.

Matters To Be Considered: The meeting will provide an opportunity for council representatives to hear how national marine sanctuaries are connected to users, communities, corporations, and economies and the avenues being pursued to enhance these connections. Advisory council representatives will be asked to provide advice on how ONMS can enhance its connections, programming, and marketing to expand its reach beyond a subset of communities. The agenda is subject to change. The agenda is available at http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/welcome.html.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction of the Block Island Wind Farm

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC (DWBI) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to construction of the Block Island Wind Farm.

DATES: Effective October 31, 2014, through October 30, 2015. A copy of the IHA and application are available by