

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

[B-57-2018]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 149—  
Freeport, Texas; Notification of  
Proposed Production Activity; DSM  
Nutritional Products, LLC; (Vinylol)  
Freeport, Texas**

The Port of Freeport, grantee of FTZ 149, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of DSM Nutritional Products, LLC (DSM) (formerly Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.), located in Freeport, Texas. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 11, 2018.

DSM already has authority to produce beta carotene crystalline, C-25 aldehyde and vinyl salt within Subzone 149B. The current request would add a finished product (vinylol-pure and crude) to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific finished product described in the submitted notification and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt DSM from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components in the existing scope of authority used in export production of vinylol-pure and crude. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components in the existing scope of authority (duty rates, 3.7% or 5.5%), DSM would be able to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to vinylol-pure and crude (duty rate 5.5%). DSM would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. 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 Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is October 29, 2018.

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 Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Diane Finver at [Diane.Finver@trade.gov](mailto:Diane.Finver@trade.gov) or (202) 482-1367.

Dated: September 12, 2018.

**Andrew McGilvray,**  
Executive Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration**

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**Draft 2018 Marine Mammal Stock  
Assessment Reports**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments and correction.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS reviewed the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regional marine mammal stock assessment reports (SARs) in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act. SARs for marine mammals in the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific regions were revised according to new information. NMFS solicits public comments on the draft 2018 SARs. NMFS also announces the availability of revised Atlantic Regional 2016 and 2017 SARs that include technical corrections.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 17, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The 2018 draft SARs are available in electronic form via the internet at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/draft-marine-mammal-stock-assessment-reports>. The revised final Atlantic Regional SAR for 2016 is available at <https://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/publications/tm/tm241/> and the revised 2017 SAR is available at <https://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/publications/tm/tm245/>.

Copies of the Alaska Regional SARs may be requested from Marcia Muto, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-6349.

Copies of the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Regional SARs may be requested from Elizabeth Josephson, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543.

Copies of the Pacific Regional SARs may be requested from Jim Carretta, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037-1508.

You may submit comments, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2018-0086, by either of the following methods:

*Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0086](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0086), click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

*Mail:* Send comments or requests for copies of reports to: Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Attn: Stock Assessments. *Instructions:* NMFS may not consider comments if they are sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Section 117 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) requires NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to prepare stock assessments for each stock of marine mammals occurring in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Exclusive Economic Zone. These reports must contain information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stock, population growth rates and trends, estimates of annual human-caused mortality and serious injury (M/SI) from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries with which the stock interacts, and the status of the stock. Initial reports were completed in 1995.

The MMPA requires NMFS and FWS to review the SARs at least annually for