

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the proposed Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) General Purpose Operating Agreement with H. Rauvel, Inc. dba Nova Container Freight Station, FTZ 202, Site 36.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Los Angeles Harbor Department that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided in Article III, Class 1(14) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE Agreement No. 13-3181 between the Los Angeles Harbor Department and H. Rauvel, Inc. dba Nova Container Freight Station.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the proposed FTZ Operator Agreement with H. Rauvel, Inc., dba Nova Container Freight Station will have no impact on the City General Fund. Nova Container Freight Station will pay a one-time application/activation fee and administrative fee of \$7,750 per year, for five years, and a total fee of \$161,500, for a total of 20 years, if the contract is renewed for three five-year renewal options. All Funds will be deposited in the Harbor Revenue Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 29, 2014**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 28, 2014)**

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on February 25, 2014, your Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee considered a Harbor Department transmittal relative to FTZ Operating Agreement No. 13-3181 with H. Rauvel, Inc., dba Nova Container Freight Station, in FTZ No. 202, Site No. 36, located in Carson, approximately nine miles from the Port of Los Angeles. The CAO reports that the Los Angeles Harbor Department received a request from H. Rauvel Inc. to activate its FTZ site, Nova Container Freight Station, in Carson. The proposed operating agreement is for an initial term of five years, with three subsequent five-year renewal options, for a contract term up to a total of 20 years. The FTZ operator plans to operate and manage FTZ operations, including distribution and general warehouse facilities at FTZ Site No. 36.

An opportunity for public comment was held. After a brief discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the transmittal with the correction that the proposed action is exempt under Article III, Class 1(14) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
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LABONGE:	YES
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BUSCAINO:	YES
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