

General policy with respect to formal applications filed with the Board in connection with proposed zones is that certain items of information are made available for general public information; and that the contents of such formal applications and supporting exhibits are made available to interested parties properly and directly concerned. Board Regulations (sec. 400.605) provide that other information concerning such applications, which is not made available for general public information, will not be made public except upon a showing satisfactory to the Board of the public necessity or desirability therefor, or with the consent of the applicant. In addition, as may be determined by the Board, certain matters of official record may be considered "confidential for good cause found" (sec. 3(c), 5 U.S.C. 1002), and upon that premise the Board may decline to make them available for inspection or otherwise.

8. In what circumstances are private parties dealing with your agency required in any manner to resort to organization or procedure not published in the Federal Register (see section 3(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act)?

Private parties dealing with the Foreign-Trade Zones Board are at no time required to resort to organization or procedure which is not provided for in Board regulations.

9. In what types of cases has your agency refrained from publishing rules where there is involved any function of the United States requiring secrecy in the public interest, pursuant to section 3(1) of the Administrative Procedure Act or other authority?

There have been no cases in which the Board has refrained from publishing rules due to a function of the United States requiring secrecy in the public interest.

10. In what circumstances has your agency refrained from publishing rules where there is involved any matter relating solely to internal agency management, pursuant to section 3(2) of the Administrative Procedure Act or other authority?

There have been on circumstances requiring the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to refrain from publishing rules relating solely to internal agency management.

11. What is your agency's definition of "official record" as used in section 3(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act?

These records include: applications for grants to establish, operate, and maintain a zone; applications for modification of a grant; applications to release merchandise from a zone to United States customs territory; periodic reports by the grantee of each zone; schedules of rates and charges of the grantee for use of facilities and services within a zone; zone grantee's own rules, regulations, and practices for the operation of a zone; transcripts of the proceedings of public hearings held in connection with the investigation of applications for grants to establish zones and of other hearings of the Board relating to the operation and administration of zones; Board orders; and annual reports of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to Congress.

REPLY FROM INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS BOARD

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS BOARD,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 16, 1965.

Hon. JOHN E. MOSS,
Chairman, Committee on Government Operations, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: We have your letter of February 12 requesting information regarding the informational services of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board as related to section 3 of the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board, created by an act of Congress in 1935, serves Indians, Eskimos, and the general public as an informational, promotional, and advisory clearinghouse for all matters pertaining to the development of authentic Indian and Eskimo arts and crafts. The Board publishes a series of fact sheets dealing with various aspects of Indian and Eskimo arts and crafts, in addition to the quarterly circular smoke signals. Two copies of each publication are enclosed for your information. These publications are available to the public upon request free of charge.

Other information regarding Indian and Eskimo arts and crafts is available to the public through the facilities of our library reference books. Because