

controllers; radio frequency transceivers; attenuators; digital attenuators; doublers (power; frequency); heat sinks; beamformers; phase shifters; silicon wafer carriers (6 inch or 8 inch); integrated circuit lids; semiconductor probe cards; and, semiconductor device test boards (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.0%).

The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 1702(a)(1)(B) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 1702), section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232), or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 1702, section 232, and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign (PF) status (19 CFR 146.41). The request also indicates that polyethylene bags are subject to an antidumping/countervailing duty (AD/CVD) order/investigation if imported from certain countries. The Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.13(c)(2)) require that merchandise subject to AD/CVD orders, or items which would be otherwise subject to suspension of liquidation under AD/CVD procedures if they entered U.S. customs territory, be admitted to the zone in PF status.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is March 3, 2026.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information System" section of the Board's website.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov.

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Elizabeth Whiteman,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-6-2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 39, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Qorvo US, Inc.; (Semiconductor Wafers, Modules, and Chips); Richardson, Texas

Qorvo US, Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for

its facility in Richardson, Texas, within FTZ 39. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on January 15, 2026.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

The proposed finished products include: wafers (gallium nitride; gallium arsenide; unmounted transistor; gallium arsenide amplifier; gallium nitride amplifier); telecommunications inductors; ferrite beads; modules (integrated circuit switch; amplifier; microwave amplifier); bias controllers; thermal spreaders; aluminum capacitors; capacitor chips (ceramic single layer; ceramic multi-layer; ferrite); resistors (two terminal fixed surface mounted; carbon film; fixed surface mounted chip); printed circuit boards; printed circuit board connectors; diodes; discrete transistors; integrated circuit-based frequency and signal control units; and, integrated circuit lead frame packages (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 3.7%).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: crystals (iodine resublimed; quartz piezoelectric); solder (pure tin; lead-tin); wafers (4 inch or 6 inch gallium nitride; 6 inch gallium arsenide; 6 inch doped gallium arsenide; 4 inch or 6 inch doped polycrystalline silicon; 4 inch or 6 inch dope silicon carbide; 4 inch or 6 inch unmounted transistor; 6 inch or 8 inch bulk acoustic wave filter; 6 inch surface acoustic wave filter; 6 inch pseudomorphic high electron mobility transistor amplifier; 4 inch or 6 inch heterojunction bipolar transistor amplifier; 6 inch high electron mobility transistor amplifier; 6 inch bipolar high electron mobility transistor amplifier; 6 inch gallium arsenide amplifier; 4 inch or 6 inch gallium nitride amplifier; 6 inch or 8 inch silicon carrier); 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone-99%; solutions (synthetic cleaning; dilute of acrylic copolymer/ammonium hydroxide; copper sulfate); solder fluxes; compounds (epoxy resin; epoxy resin molding for encapsulation of semiconductor devices); thermosetting conductive die attach adhesives; tapes (low static; ultraviolet; carrier; cover); plastic wafer trays; semiconductor tape reels; pre-form

pastes for gold-to-gold bonding; wires (gold; precut copper; insulated); copper laminates; pellets (nickel; titanium); aluminum scandium alloy ingots; aluminum heat sinks; wafer frames; targets (aluminum silicon; tungsten physical vapor disposition; aluminum scandium; germanium; tungsten; aluminum copper); solder preforms; telecommunications inductors; ferrite beads; switches (discrete; limit); circuits (antenna switch integrated; up/down converter; upconverter); switch dies; amplifiers (power with duplexer integrated circuits; spatium power; balanced X band gallium nitride low noise; feedback; heterojunction bipolar transistor broadband feedback; monolithic microwave integrated circuit; variable gain; driver); bias controllers; thermal spreaders; aluminum capacitors; capacitor chips (ceramic single layer; ceramic multi-layer; ferrite); resistors (two terminal surface mounted fixed; carbon film; fixed surface mounted chip; axial lead); lids (integrated circuit packaged; integrated circuit); circuit boards (multi-layer printed; ceramic-based printed; semiconductor testing device); connectors (coaxial; terminal; printed circuit board); diodes (Zener; signal; rectifier; light-emitting); transistors (packaged; discrete; power); filters (high pass; low pass); complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor heterojunction bipolar transistor amplifier dies; solid state power amplifier drivers; radio frequency transceivers; attenuators; digital attenuators; doublers (power; frequency); heat sinks; beamformers; phase shifters; microwave amplifier modules; and, semiconductor device test boards (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.1%).

The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 1702(a)(1)(B) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 1702), section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232), or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 1702, section 232, and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is March 3, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Hardwood and Decorative Plywood From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of hardwood and decorative plywood (plywood) from the People’s Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable January 22, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Taushani or Rebecca Janz, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1012 and (202) 482–2972, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on June 16, 2025.¹ On July 22, 2025, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation.²

¹ See *Hardwood and Decorative Plywood from the People’s Republic of China, Indonesia, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 90 FR 25225 (June 16, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See *Hardwood and Decorative Plywood from the People’s Republic of China, Indonesia, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of*

Due to the lapse in appropriations and Federal Government shutdown, on November 14, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by 47 days.³ Additionally, due to a backlog of documents that were electronically filed via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) during the Federal Government shutdown, on November 24, 2025, Commerce tolled all deadlines in administrative proceedings by an additional 21 days.⁴ Accordingly, the deadline for this preliminary determination is now December 29, 2025.⁵

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via ACCESS. ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is plywood from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce’s regulations,⁷ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁸ Certain interested

Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations, 90 FR 34415 (July 22, 2025).

³ See Memorandum, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated November 14, 2025.

⁴ See Memorandum, “Tolling of all Case Deadlines,” dated November 24, 2025.

⁵ December 26, 2025, is a federal holiday. Commerce’s practice is that when a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

⁶ See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Hardwood and Decorative Plywood from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁷ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

⁸ See *Initiation Notice*, 90 FR at 25226.

parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. Commerce intends to issue its preliminary decision regarding comments concerning the scope of the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations in the preliminary determination of the companion LTFV investigation.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁹

Commerce notes that, in making these findings, it relied on facts available and, because it finds that one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to Commerce’s requests for information, it drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.¹⁰ For further information, see “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences” section in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

In accordance with section 703(e)(1) of the Act, Commerce preliminarily determines that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of plywood from China for Linyi Evergreen, Xuzhou Shelter, the non-responsive companies, and all other exporters or producers not individually examined. For a full description of the methodology and results of Commerce’s analysis, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), Commerce is aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion AD investigation of plywood from China based on a request made by the petitioner.¹¹ Consequently, the final

⁹ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

¹⁰ See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

¹¹ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Request to Align Countervailing Duty Investigation Final Determinations with Antidumping Duty