

steel tensioners; steel threaded nuts; steel transport assemblies, including machined part with processing pathways for reaction vessel; steel tray; steel wiring duct; stepper motor assemblies, including cable harness and connectors; stoppers; storage containers; stranded steel cables; support brackets; suspension mechanism; switch sensor components; synthetic grease lubricants; syringe assemblies, including motor, lead screw, pistons, syringe function, printed circuit boards and wire harness; system control modules; tapes; targets; teflon lubricants; temperature probes; thermistors; transfer pumps; transport rollers; transport wheels; tray loaders; trays; trigger assemblies, including stepper motors, driving pistons and mounting brackets; tube director assemblies, mounting brackets for tube management; tweezers; unloader transport assemblies, including steel component of reaction vessel unloading mechanism; USB couplers; USB flash drives; vacuum pump assemblies, including vacuum pump, tubing and fittings; vacuum upgrade kit, including vacuum pump, tubing and fittings; valve assemblies, including manifold with diaphragm valve and wire harness with connectors; variable resistor sensors; wash chamber; wash cup assemblies, including dispense verification module with printed circuit boards, metal frames and wire harness; washer inserts; waste bins; waste line connection; water regulators; wheel assemblies, including caster frames, insert rods and wheels; wired loader assemblies, including metal frame with pump, wire harness and tubing with fittings; and, wrenches (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 12.50%).

The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under 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 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 September 15, 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 Brian Warnes at brian.warnes@trade.gov.

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Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-98-2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 45, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Ascentec Engineering, LLC; (Semiconductor Equipment Precision Parts, Assemblies, and Production Kits); Tualatin and Dallas, Oregon

Ascentec Engineering, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in Tualatin and Dallas, Oregon within FTZ 45. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 28, 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 specialized parts and accessories used in semiconductor manufacturing machines (duty free).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: synthetic sapphire pin guides for semiconductor lift mechanisms; aluminum alloy round bars; aluminum alloy plates; aluminum base plate pin caps; aluminum housings; stainless steel height-adjust plugs; aluminum low-profile chuck lock plugs; aluminum structural arms; aluminum structural feet; plastic pins; plastic stops; stainless steel pins; titanium pins; aluminum bushings; aluminum brackets; aluminum spacers; aluminum clamp plates; aluminum cooling plates; aluminum calibration fixtures; stainless steel studs; aluminum sealing collars; aluminum guides; nickel alloy screws; aluminum flanges; laser target pads; aluminum inserts; stainless steel dowel pins; stainless steel screws; aluminum plugs; and, aluminum rods (duty rate ranges from 2.5% to 10%).

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Bureau of Industry and Security

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Request for Public Comments on the Proposed Implementation of Duties on Additional Aluminum, Steel, and Copper Derivative Articles Under Section 232

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice requests public comments on a proposal to include 14 additional derivative articles within the scope of the Section 232 duties on steel, aluminum, and copper: aluminum powder; brass-wind musical instruments and their parts and accessories; parts of welding machines and apparatus; floor safes; certain electric conductor cables; fire extinguishers; parts of heat exchange units; parts of certain hydraulic engines and motors; certain self-propelled cranes, mobile lifting frames, and straddle carriers; tanker trailers and semi-trailers; self-loading or self-unloading trailers and semi-trailers for agricultural purposes; certain other trailers and semi-trailers; and certain filled steel containers.