

on the survey. The Business Enterprise Research and Development survey (BERD), which merged with the ABS beginning with reference year 2025, will continue to be included within the ABS.

The ABS will sample 230,000 businesses and nonprofit organizations (222,000 employer business; 8,000 nonprofit organizations). The ABS includes all nonfarm employer businesses filing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax forms as individual proprietorships, partnerships, or any other type of corporation, with non-zero receipts or payroll. Also included are nonprofit organizations to measure their research activities. The ABS samples approximately 8,000 nonprofit organizations who are required to complete IRS form 990. The nonprofit sample will yield national estimates of R&D performance within the nonprofit sector. Of note, nonprofit organizations will only see questions relating to research activities and will not be asked any questions relating to owner demographics.

The ABS is designed to incorporate new content, on a rotating basis, each survey year based on topics of relevance. Each year new questions are submitted to the OMB for approval.

The 2026–2028 ABS will collect the following information from employer businesses:

- Company information including sales, employees, and business ownership from all employer businesses.
- Select business owner characteristics questions (*e.g.*, disability, education level) from the principal owner(s) of the business.
- Business characteristics from all employer businesses.
- Research, development, and related topics from select businesses and nonprofits.
- Innovation data and data on critical and emerging technologies from all employer businesses.
- Management practices and employee training data from all employer businesses.
- Intellectual property protection and technology transfer data from all employer businesses.
- Other potential module topics such as cybersecurity and financing.

II. Method of Collection

The ABS utilizes an online survey instrument. Respondents are mailed and emailed letters directing them to create a Census account and access the survey through their account. The online survey automatically skips questions that do not apply and checks for common errors. Detailed question

instructions will be embedded in the electronic instrument where appropriate. Responses will be due approximately 30 days from initial mailing.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–1004.
Form Number(s): ABS–1.

Type of Review: Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations (large and small employer businesses), nonprofit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 174,500 Employer Businesses without BERD Content; 47,500 Employer Businesses with BERD Content, and 8,000 Nonprofit Organizations

Estimated Time per Response: Respondents with Employer Businesses Without BERD Content—45 minutes; Respondents with BERD Content—3 hours and 22 minutes to respond; Nonprofit organizations—38 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 295,858.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182; Title 42, United States Code, Section 1861–76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended); and Section 505 within the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 authorize this collection. Sections 224 and 225 of Title 13, United States Code, require response from sampled firms.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–138–2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 123, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Metal Container (MCC) LP; (Beverage Containers); Windsor, Colorado

Metal Container (MCC) LP submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Windsor, Colorado within FTZ 123. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 30, 2026.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material/component and specific finished product 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 product is empty beverage cans (body only) (duty rate 5.7%).

The proposed foreign-status material/component is aluminum body stock (duty rate 3%).

The request indicates that aluminum stock is subject to duties under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232) and 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 December 1, 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 Christopher Wedderburn at Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov.

Dated: October 16, 2026.

Colin Agostisi,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-139-2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 64, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Metal Container (MCC) LP; (Beverage Containers); Jacksonville, Florida

Metal Container (MCC) LP submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Jacksonville, Florida within FTZ 64. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 30, 2026.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material/component and specific finished product 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 product is empty beverage cans (body only) (duty rate 5.7%).

The proposed foreign-status material/component is aluminum body stock (duty rate 3%).

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For further information, contact Christopher Wedderburn at Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov.

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Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 186, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Pratt & Whitney, a Division of RTX Corporation; (Aircraft Engines, Engine Modules, and Parts); North Berwick, Maine

Pratt & Whitney, a Division of RTX Corporation submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in North Berwick, Maine within FTZ 186. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 14, 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: aircraft turbines, <25kN; aircraft turbines, >25kN; aircraft turbopropellers, >1100 kW; aircraft gas turbines, <5000kW; aircraft engine air ducts; aircraft engine balances; aircraft engine base assemblies; aircraft engine base metal blades; aircraft engine base metal blisks; aircraft engine booster

assemblies; aircraft engine borescope plugs; aircraft engine clevises; aircraft engine combustor diffuser nozzle assemblies; aircraft engine connector links; aircraft engine cores; aircraft engine cowl assemblies; aircraft engine base metal disks; aircraft engine ducts; aircraft engine fairings; aircraft engine fan case assemblies; aircraft engine fan cowls; aircraft engine fan stator assemblies; aircraft engine front rotating seals; aircraft engine fuel nozzles; aircraft engine heat shields; aircraft engine high pressure compressor rotor assemblies; aircraft engine nozzle assemblies; aircraft engine turbine rotor assemblies; aircraft engine hub assemblies; aircraft engine inlet assemblies; aircraft engine interstage seals; aircraft engine manifolds; aircraft engine module assemblies; aircraft engine base metal nozzles; aircraft engine panels; aircraft engine plugs; aircraft engine rear rotating seals; aircraft engine retainer plates; aircraft engine retainer tube assemblies; aircraft engine rings; aircraft engine seal assemblies; aircraft engine sectors; aircraft engine shrouds; aircraft engine spools; aircraft engine spool assemblies; aircraft engine base metal thermal blankets; aircraft engine tube assemblies; aircraft engine turbine center frame assemblies; aircraft engine vane assemblies; aircraft engine weights; and aircraft engine gears (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 2.5%).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: calcined kyanite; jet fuel; lubricating oil; turbine lubricating oil; oil waste; silicon dioxide; synthetic silica gel; aluminum oxide; zirconium dioxide; calcium silicate; blue dyes; non synthetic polymer-based paints; non synthetic polymer-based varnishes; pigments; stamping foils; dyes; metal marking inks; anti-smutting additives; cleaners; metal processing lubricant containing petroleum oils; high temperature grease; waxes; polyvinylsiloxane impression material putties; adhesives; epoxy paste adhesives; x-ray films; pickling preparations for metal surfaces; masking material solutions; coating material solutions; plasma spray powders; injection molding granulates; fan duct seals; monofilament; protector guides; plastic hoses; plastic hoses without fittings; plastic hoses with fittings; plastic tubes; plastic fittings; polyester adhesive decals; plastic storage boxes; plastic storage lids; turboprop engine covers; plastic oil collection containers; plastic covers; tray foam; plastic name plates; motor belts; plastic blocks; plastic bushings; plastic clamps; plastic connectors; plastic protective housing