

activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in Aberdeen, Washington, within FTZ 173. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 13, 2025.

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 product is prefabricated modular steel buildings (duty rate is 2.9%).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: PEX (crosslinked polyethylene) water supply pipes; plastic fittings for PEX piping system; luxury vinyl tile; plastic baths; plastic shower baths; plastic sinks; plastic washbasins; plastic (vinyl) windows; acoustical underlayment sheets made of SBR foam (rubber); wood flooring; wood doors; magnesium oxide boards; porcelain baths; porcelain sinks; porcelain wash basins; porcelain lavatories; porcelain flush tanks; fiberglass insulation sheets; flat rolled non-alloy zinc coated steel coils, width of 600 mm or more; cast iron sanitary pipes; stainless steel fittings for PEX piping system; steel fabricated structural hold down posts (parts of steel structures); pre-fabricated bathroom pods consisting of steel stud framing covered with gypsum boards, electrical wiring/fixtures, plumbing fixtures, piping, and tiles; pre-fabricated kitchen pods consisting of steel stud framing covered with gypsum boards, electrical wiring/fixtures, plumbing fixtures, piping, and tiles; panelized steel wall frames; panelized steel wall components; pre-fabricated steel wall panels; galvanized steel studs; galvanized steel tracks; steel bolts; steel screws; brass fittings for PEX piping system; air conditioning units; energy recovery ventilator units; control valves for PEX piping system; circuit breakers; electrical switches for household use; electrical outlets for household use; electrical boxes for protecting electrical circuits (metal junction boxes); electrical boxes for protecting electrical circuits (utility boxes); electrical boxes for protecting electrical circuits (square boxes); electrical panel boxes containing circuit breakers voltage not exceeding 1,000 volts; and, light-emitting diode house lights (duty rate ranges from duty-

free to 6.3%). 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 June 30, 2025.

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 Luke Engan at Luke.Engan@trade.gov.

Dated: May 15, 2025.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

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Reporting for Calendar Year 2024 on Offsets Agreements Related to Sales of Defense Articles or Defense Services to Foreign Countries or Foreign Firms

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; annual reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: This notice is to remind the public that U.S. firms are required to report annually to the Department of Commerce (Commerce) information on contracts for the sale of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries or foreign firms that are subject to offsets agreements exceeding \$5,000,000 in value. U.S. firms are also required to report annually to Commerce information on offsets transactions completed in performance of existing offsets commitments for which an offsets credit of \$250,000 or more has been claimed from the foreign representative. This year, such reports must include relevant information from calendar year 2024 and must be

submitted to Commerce no later than June 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit reports in both hard copy and electronically. Address the hard copy to "Offsets Program Manager, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230, Room 3876, Washington, DC 20230." Submit electronic copies to OffsetReport@bis.doc.gov.

DATES: Reports must include relevant information from calendar year 2024 and must be submitted to Commerce no later than June 15, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Reid, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: 202-482-4506; email: OffsetReport@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 723(a)(1) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (DPA) (50 U.S.C. 4568), requires the President to submit an annual report to Congress on the impact of offsets on the U.S. defense industrial base. Section 723(a)(2) of the DPA directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to prepare the President's report and to develop and administer the regulations necessary to collect offsets data from U.S. defense exporters.

The authorities of the Secretary regarding offsets have been delegated to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. The regulations associated with offsets reporting are set forth in 15 CFR part 701 (Offsets Regulations). Offsets are compensation practices required as a condition of purchase in either government-to-government or commercial sales of defense articles and/or defense services, as defined by the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR 120 through 130). Offsets are also applicable to certain items controlled on the Commerce Control list (CCL) and with an Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) including the numeral "6" as its third character. The CCL is found in supplement no. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

An example of an offset is as follows: a company that is selling a fleet of military aircraft to a foreign government may agree to offset the cost of the aircraft by providing training assistance to plant managers in the purchasing

country. Although this distorts the true price of the aircraft, the foreign government may require this sort of extra compensation as a condition of awarding the contract to purchase the aircraft. As described in the Offsets Regulations, U.S. firms are required to report information on contracts for the sale of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries or foreign firms that are subject to offsets agreements exceeding \$5,000,000 in value. U.S. firms are also required to report annually information on offsets transactions completed in performance of existing offsets commitments for which an offsets credit of \$250,000 or more has been claimed from the foreign representative.

Commerce's annual report to Congress includes an aggregated summary of the data reported by industry in accordance with the Offsets Regulations and the DPA (50 U.S.C. 4568). As provided by section 723(c) of the DPA, BIS will not publicly disclose individual firm information it receives through offsets reporting unless the firm furnishing the information specifically authorizes public disclosure. The information collected is sorted and organized into an aggregate report of national offsets data and therefore does not identify company-specific information.

To enable BIS to prepare the next annual offsets report reflecting calendar year 2024 data, affected U.S. firms must submit required information on offsets agreements and offsets transactions from calendar year 2024 to BIS no later than June 15, 2025.

Julia Khersonsky,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Materials and Equipment Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Materials and Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (METAC) advises and assists the Secretary of Commerce and other Federal officials on matters related to export control policies; the METAC will meet to review and discuss these matters. The meeting will be partially closed to the public pursuant to the

exemptions under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 5, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. eastern time (all times are eastern time). The open session will start at 10 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m. The closed session will start at approximately 1 p.m. and end no later than 3 p.m. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the open session should contact *TAC@bis.doc.gov* no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 29, 2025, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Individuals interested in participating virtually should contact *TAC@bis.doc.gov* no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 3884 of the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC (enter through the Main Entrance on 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues). The open session will be accessible via teleconference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Coyne, Committee Liaison Officer, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, *TAC@bis.doc.gov*, (202) 482-4933.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Materials and Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (METAC) advises and assists the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and other Federal officials and agencies with respect to actions designed to carry out the policy set forth in section 1752 of the Export Control Reform Act. The purpose of the meeting is to have the METAC members and U.S. Government representatives mutually review the updated technical data and policy-driving information that has been gathered.

Agenda

The open session will include working group reports, open business discussions, and industry presentations. The closed session will include discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the open meeting and public participation requirements found in sections 1009(a)(1) and 1009(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. 1001-1014).

Open Session Attendance

The open session will be accessible via teleconference. Registration in advance is required to receive the meeting invite for virtual attendance. Individuals interested in participating

virtually should contact *TAC@bis.doc.gov* no later than 11:59 p.m. eastern time on June 3, 2025. A limited number of seats will be available for members of the public to attend the open session in person on a first-come basis. Reservations to attend in person are not accepted. Registration in advance is not required for in-person attendance, but you will be asked to sign an attendance log when you arrive.

Special Accommodations

Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the open session should contact *TAC@bis.doc.gov* no later than 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 29, 2025, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Public Participation

To the extent that time permits during the open session, members of the public may present oral statements to the METAC. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of materials to the METAC members, the METAC suggests that members of the public forward their materials prior to the meeting via email to *TAC@bis.doc.gov*. Material submitted by the public will be made public; therefore, submissions should not contain confidential information. Meeting materials from the open session will be accessible via the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) website at: <https://tac.bis.doc.gov>, within 30 days after the meeting.

Closure Determination

A Senior Advisor, performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and Duties of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(d), that the portion of the meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and the U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(1) and 1009(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public. The exemption is authorized by section 1009(d) of the FACA, which permits the closure of advisory committee meetings, or portions thereof, if the head of the agency to which the advisory committee reports determines such meetings may be closed to the public in accordance with subsection (c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)). In this case, the applicable provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) are subsection 552b(c)(4), which