

would add three finished products and four foreign status materials/components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), additional FTZ authority would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Merck from customs duty payments on the foreign-status materials/components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below and in the existing scope of authority, Merck would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to Primaxin IV (Imipenem, Cilastatin) injectable for infusion, Invanz (Ertapenem), and Primaxin+ (Imipenem, Cilastatin, Relebactam) (duty-free). Merck would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The materials/components sourced from abroad include Imipenem, Ertapenem, Relebactam, and Cilastatin (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.5%). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to special duties under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (Section 232), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 232 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](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is June 24, 2019.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at [juanita.chen@trade.gov](mailto:juanita.chen@trade.gov) or 202-482-1378.

Dated: May 9, 2019.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Industry and Security.

*Title:* Offsets in Military Exports.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0084.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 360 hours.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 12 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is required by the Defense Production Act (DPA). The DPA requires U.S. firms to furnish information to the Department of Commerce regarding offset agreements exceeding \$5,000,000 in value associated with sales of weapon systems or defense-related items to foreign countries or foreign firms. Offsets are industrial or commercial 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 and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations. Such offsets are required by most major trading partners when purchasing U.S. military equipment or defense related items.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov) <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/>. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-489-502]

#### Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From the Republic of Turkey: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review and Intent To Rescind the Review, in Part; Calendar Year 2017

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that exporters/producers of circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR), January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

**DATES:** Applicable May 14, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Conniff or Jolanta Lawska, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1009 and (202) 482-8362, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On March 7, 1986, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the countervailing duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Turkey.<sup>1</sup> On May 2, 2018, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the *Order* covering 25 companies.<sup>2</sup> On November 15, 2018, Commerce extended the due date of the preliminary results of this administrative review until March 29, 2019.<sup>3</sup> On January 28, 2019, Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.<sup>4</sup> As a

<sup>1</sup> See *Countervailing Duty Order; Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube Products From Turkey*, 51 FR 7984 (March 7, 1986) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 83 FR, 19215, (May 2, 2018) (*Initiation*).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Turkey: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated November 15, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government,"

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