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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with OMB Memorandum M-09-12, President's Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government—Interagency Collaboration, OMB Memorandum M-10-06, Open Government Directive, and OMB Memorandum M-16-16, 2016 Agency Open Government Plans, the Department continues to develop, publish, and update its Open Government Plan every two years. The Plan describes how the Department continuously strives to improve transparency and integrate public participation and collaboration into its activities. In September 2022, the Department published the seventh version of its Open Government Plan, building on the Department's long history of innovative approaches to data dissemination and highlighting the adoption of new tools and technology to facilitate the principles of open government.

Now, as the Department develops the eighth version of its Open Government Plan, we welcome public input on how to improve upon the approach we took for the presentation of the seventh version of the Open Government Plan, including how to improve the organization, scope, form and format of the plan; enhance readability; and reach a broader audience. We also welcome

public input on how best to convey how the Department will incorporate the following themes from the fifth U.S. Open Government National Action Plan, issued on December 28, 2022:

- improving access to government data, research, and information;
 - increasing civic space within which to engage with the public;
 - transforming government service delivery;
 - countering corruption and ensuring government integrity and accountability to the public; and
 - ensuring equal justice under the law.
- Please Note:** The focus of this request for information is the presentation of the Department's Open Government Plan document. Comments or suggestions for improvements to the Department's programs or activities in furtherance of open government will not be considered in connection with this request for information.

To learn more about the Department's commitment to open government and to access the seventh or previous versions of the Department's Open Government Plan, visit www.commerce.gov/open. To learn more about the fifth U.S. Open Government National Action Plan, visit: <https://open.usa.gov/national-action-plan/5/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 49, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Merck, Sharp & Dohme LLC; (Pharmaceutical Products for Research and Development); Rahway, New Jersey

Merck, Sharp & Dohme LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Rahway, New Jersey, within Subzone 49Y. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 18, 2024.

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 and material/component would be added to the production authority that the Board previously approved for the operation, as reflected on the Board's website.

The proposed finished product for research and development is MK-6878 HIV drug product (duty-free).

The proposed foreign-status material/component is MK-6878 HIV active pharmaceutical ingredient (duty rate, 6.5%). The request indicates that this material/component is subject to duties under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable 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 November 5, 2024.

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 Diane Finver at Diane.Finver@trade.gov.

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Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-29-2024]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 32; Authorization of Production Activity; J.J.C. International Distributors LLC dba Clar Company; (Galvanized Steel Products); Miami, Florida

On May 23, 2024, J.J.C. International Distributors LLC dba Clar Company submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within FTZ 32, in Miami, Florida.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (89 FR 47129, May 31, 2024). On September 20, 2024, the