



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-3-2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 204, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Eastman Chemical Company; (Paraxylene Derivative Products); Kingsport, Tennessee

Eastman Chemical Company submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Kingsport, Tennessee within Subzone 204B. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on January 9, 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 and materials/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 products include: Dimethyl Terephthalate; 1,4-Cyclohexanedimethanol; (DOTP/DBT) plasticizer; Polyethylene terephthalate (DMT based); Glycol modified Polyethylene terephthalate (DMT based); Glycol modified Polyethylene terephthalate (PTA based); Polycyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate; Polycyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate (acid modified); Polycyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate (modified); Polycyclohexylenedimethylene terephthalate (glycol modified); Polycyclohexanedimethylene cyclohexanedicarboxylate;

and Polycyclohexanedimethylene cyclohexanedicarboxylate (glycol modified) (duty rate ranges from 5.5 to 6.5%).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: paraxylene (duty free). 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) or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 1702 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 **[INSERT DATE 40 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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 John Frye at john.frye@trade.gov.

Dated: January 13, 2026.

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Executive Secretary.