



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

**[B-98-2026]**

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 45, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Ascentec Engineering, LLC; (Semiconductor Equipment Precision Parts, Assemblies, and Production Kits); Tualatin and Dallas, Oregon**

Ascentec Engineering, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in Tualatin and Dallas, Oregon within FTZ 45. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 28, 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](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

The proposed finished products include specialized parts and accessories used in semiconductor manufacturing machines (duty free).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: synthetic sapphire pin guides for semiconductor lift mechanisms; aluminum alloy round bars; aluminum alloy plates; aluminum base plate pin caps; aluminum housings; stainless steel height-adjust plugs; aluminum low-profile chuck lock plugs; aluminum structural arms; aluminum structural feet; plastic pins; plastic stops; stainless steel pins; titanium pins; aluminum bushings; aluminum brackets; aluminum spacers; aluminum clamp plates; aluminum cooling plates; aluminum calibration fixtures; stainless steel studs; aluminum

sealing collars; aluminum guides; nickel alloy screws; aluminum flanges; laser target pads; aluminum inserts; stainless steel dowel pins; stainless steel screws; aluminum plugs; and, aluminum rods (duty rate ranges from 2.5% to 10%).

The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under 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 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](mailto: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 Brian Warnes at [brian.warnes@trade.gov](mailto:brian.warnes@trade.gov).

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