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International Trade Administration

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Extending Deadlines for Submissions by Importers of Automobiles Qualifying for Preferential Tariff Treatment Under the USMCA To Determine U.S. Content

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; Deadline Extension

SUMMARY:

In Proclamation 10908 of March 26, 2025, "Adjusting Imports of Automobiles and Automobile Parts Into the United States," the President imposed additional tariffs on imports of specified automobiles and automobile parts to eliminate the threat to national security posed by such imports. That Proclamation also provided that importers of automobiles that qualify for preferential tariff treatment under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) may submit documentation to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) identifying the amount of U.S. content in each model imported into the United States. In a Federal Register Notice published on May 20, 2025, "Procedures for Submission by Importers of Automobiles Qualifying for Preferential Tariff Treatment Under the USMCA to Determine U.S. Content," the Department of Commerce (Department) established procedures for submission and review of such documentation. The Department amended the submission timelines outlined in those procedures in a Federal Register Notice published on August 19 "Amending Procedures for Submissions by Importers of Automobiles Qualifying for Preferential Tariff Treatment Under the USMCA To Determine U.S. Content." This Notice extends the submission deadlines provided in that Federal Register Notice.

DATES: Importers may begin submitting documentation as described below on or after [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted electronically via Autos232USMCAContent@trade.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

On March 26, 2025, the President issued Proclamation 10908, "Adjusting Imports of Automobiles and Automobile Parts Into the United States" (90 FR 14705) (Proclamation 10908), finding that imports of automobiles and certain automobile parts continue to threaten to impair the national security of the United States and determining that it is necessary and appropriate to impose specified tariffs to adjust imports of automobiles and certain automobile parts so that such imports will not threaten to impair national security pursuant to section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862). Proclamation 10908 imposed a 25 percent tariff on certain imports of automobiles and certain imports of auto parts. Proclamation 10908 also provided that for automobiles that qualify for preferential tariff treatment under the USMCA, importers of such automobiles may submit documentation to the Secretary identifying the amount of U.S. content in each model imported into the United States and apply the additional tariff exclusively to the value of the non-U.S. content of the automobile. Consistent with Proclamation 10908, on May 20, 2025, the Department issued a Federal Register Notice, "Procedures for Submissions by Importers of Automobiles Qualifying for Preferential Tariff Treatment Under the USMCA To Determine U.S. Content" (90 FR 21450) (May 20 Notice) that established the procedures for submission and review of U.S. content submissions by importers of automobiles.

On August 19, 2026, the Department published a Federal Register Notice "Amending Procedures for Submissions by Importers of Automobiles Qualifying for Preferential Tariff Treatment Under the USMCA To Determine U.S. Content" (August 19 Notice) (91 FR 53602), which amended the May 20 Notice to make the timelines therein consistent with the timelines established for submissions by importers of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles in a February 2, 2026 Federal Register Notice (91 FR 4504) (February 2 Notice).

Proclamation 10908 provides the Secretary with the authority to issue regulations and guidance consistent with that Proclamation, including to address operational necessity. The Secretary has determined that it is necessary for the operation of the procedures outlined in the February 2 Notice and the August 19 Notice to extend the expiration dates for existing U.S. content determinations for automobiles until March 1, 2027 to allow the Department sufficient time to fully consider and process those applications in light of the number of applications, existing staff resources, and other responsibilities.

II. Amended Review Process

All U.S. content eligibility determinations for automobiles approved by the Department under the procedures in the May 20 Notice and the August 19 Notice remain valid for automobiles imported before March 1, 2027, regardless of model year and any expiration date set forth in the determination. Importers seeking eligibility for an automobile model imported on or after March 1, 2027 must submit new documentation to the Department by December 30, 2026 to ensure timely processing; determinations made in response to such applications will be valid for automobiles imported before March 1, 2028. Importers seeking eligibility for an automobile model imported on or after March 1, 2028 must submit documentation supporting eligibility no later than November 30, 2027 to ensure timely processing. Those eligibility determinations will apply to automobiles imported on or after March 1, 2028 and before March 1, 2029. Importers of a new automobile model may apply at any time for a U.S. content eligibility determination,

which shall apply to automobiles imported on or after the date the application was submitted and before the March 1 occurring after the date the application was submitted.

Importers must promptly inform the Department and request a new eligibility determination if any changes in sourcing or production occur that results in a decrease in U.S. content relevant to an eligibility determination. If a change in sourcing or production results in an increase in U.S. content, the importer may inform the Department and request a new eligibility determination by providing a new submission. These determinations will be valid for automobiles imported after the date of the change in sourcing as set forth in the determination and before the March 1 occurring after the date of the determination. Importers may continue to submit new or amended U.S. content eligibility submissions, including updated submissions, for automobiles imported before March 1, 2027; however, an eligibility determination granted in response to such a submission shall only be valid for automobiles imported before that date.

III. Authority

This Notice is issued pursuant to the authority delegated to the Secretary by Proclamation 10908 consistent with section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862).

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