

Northern Mariana Islands, and (ii) adopting uniform language for the reference to the States (“the fifty States”).

III. Classification

A. Administrative Procedure Act

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), the provisions of the APA requiring notice of proposed rulemaking and the opportunity for public participation are inapplicable to this rule because it relates to “agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts.” This rule modifies definitions set forth in 15 CFR parts 8 and 20, both of which establish nondiscrimination requirements in connection with Federal assistance. Additionally, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Department finds good cause to waive notice of proposed rulemaking and the opportunity for public participation because public participation would be unnecessary. This rule only removes an outdated definition of the United States that no longer aligns with its current boundaries and territories. Public participation would not affect the legal and accurate definition of the United States.

B. Executive Orders 12866, 14192, 13132

The Office of Management and Budget has determined this rule is not significant pursuant to E.O. 12866. This rule is an E.O. 14192 deregulatory action. This rule does not contain policies having federalism implications as the term is defined in E.O. 13132.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public participation are not required to be given for this rule by 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) are not applicable. Accordingly, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required, and none has been prepared.

D. Executive Order 12250

Pursuant to Executive Order 12250, the Department of Justice has the responsibility to “review . . . proposed rules . . . of the Executive agencies” implementing nondiscrimination statutes such as Title VI in order to identify those which are inadequate, unclear or unnecessarily inconsistent.” The Department of Justice has reviewed and approved this rule.

E. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule will not impose additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements

under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 8

Administrative practice and procedure, Civil rights, Equal employment opportunity, Government contracts, Grant programs, Grants administration.

15 CFR Part 20

Administrative practice and procedure, Civil rights, Grant programs, Public assistance programs.

Dated: April 13, 2026.

Paul Dabbar,

Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, parts 8 and 20 of title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended as follows:

PART 8—NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—EFFECTUATION OF TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

■ 1. The authority citation for part 8 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 602, Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d–1).

■ 2. Amend § 8.3 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 8.3 Definitions

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(c) United States means the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Wake Island, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

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PART 20—NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF AGE IN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

■ 3. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq. and the government-wide regulations implementing the Act, 45 CFR part 90.

■ 4. Amend § 20.3 by revising paragraph (o) to read as follows:

§ 20.3 Definitions.

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(o) United States means the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Wake Island, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the

territories and possessions of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

15 CFR Part 28

[Docket No. 260311–0068]

RIN 0605–AA73

Removing Redundant, Obsolete, and Inefficient Provisions From the Regulations Governing Restrictions on Lobbying

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce (Commerce).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: By this rule, Commerce is amending its regulations governing restrictions on lobbying. Specifically, Commerce is amending said regulations by removing two redundant and unnecessary compliance provisions and by removing two reporting requirements that are obsolete and unwarranted. The intended effects of this action are to eliminate redundancy, promote administrative efficiency, and update Commerce’s lobbying regulations to properly reflect and implement the underlying statutory authority in its current form.

DATES: The rule is effective May 18, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Sweeney, Senior Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, at (202) 482–1395.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Commerce is amending its regulations at 15 CFR part 28, “New Restrictions on Lobbying.” These regulations implement section 319 of Public Law 101–121 (31 U.S.C. 1352), which established government-wide restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for lobbying activities in connection with federal contracts, grants, loans, and cooperative agreements. The primary purpose of part 28 is to ensure transparency and accountability by requiring certification and disclosure of lobbying activities intended to influence federal executive or legislative branch officials regarding such federal awards.

Commerce, along with numerous other executive branch agencies, originally established these regulations through a government-wide interim final rule published on February 26, 1990 (55 FR 6735, 6748).

On January 15, 2026, Commerce issued a proposed rule to amend part 28

by removing §§ 28.405 and 28.410, because they merely restate 31 U.S.C. 1352(c)(3) and 31 U.S.C. 1352(f), and by removing 28.600 and 28.605, because they establish reporting requirements that are no longer statutorily required or warranted (91 FR 1724). As stated in the proposed rule, these removals are intended to streamline part 28, eliminate regulatory clutter, reduce the possibility of confusion, and promote administrative efficiency.

Public Comment

Commerce requested comment on the proposed rule. The comment period closed on February 17, 2026. No comments were received during the public comment period, and no changes were made from the proposed rule.

Classification

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 14192

This rule is an Executive Order 14192 deregulatory action.

Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA)

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (SBA) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The factual basis for the certification was published in the proposed rule and is not repeated here. No comments were received regarding this certification. As a result, a regulatory flexibility analysis was not required, and none was prepared.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule contains no new information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 28

Administrative practice and procedure, Government contracts, Grant programs, Grants administration, Loan programs, Lobbying, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: April 13, 2026.

Paul Dabbar,

Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, part 28 of title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 28—NEW RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

■ 1. The authority citation for part 28 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 319, Pub. L. 101–121 (31 U.S.C. 1352; 5 U.S.C. 301; Sec. 4, as amended, and sec. 5, Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); Pub. L. 104–134, 110 Stat. 1321, 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

Subpart D—Penalties and Enforcement

§ 28.405 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 2. Remove and reserve § 28.405.

§ 28.410 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 3. Remove and reserve § 28.410.

Subpart F [Removed and Reserved]

■ 4. Remove and reserve subpart F. [FR Doc. 2026–07431 Filed 4–15–26; 8:45 am]

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 232

[Release Nos. 33–11411; 34–105011; 39–2562; IC–36018]

Adoption of Updated EDGAR Filer Manual

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is adopting amendments to Volumes I and II of the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system Filer Manual (“EDGAR Filer Manual” or “Filer Manual”) and related rules and forms. EDGAR Release 26.1 was deployed in the EDGAR system on March 16, 2026.

DATES: *Effective date:* April 16, 2026. The incorporation by reference of the revised Filer Manual volumes is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of April 16, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the amendments to Volume I or II of the Filer Manual, please contact Rosemary Filou, Deputy Director and Chief Counsel, Laurita Finch, Senior Special Counsel, or Dan Chang, Senior Special Counsel, in the EDGAR Business Office at (202) 551–3900. For questions regarding changes to the Fee Exhibit Preparation Tool (FEPT), ACH limits, or filing fee exhibit warnings being changed to suspensions, please contact Luba Dinitis, Senior Accountant, Office of Financial

Management, at (202) 551–3839 or Mark W. Green, Senior Special Counsel, Division of Corporation Finance, at (202) 551–3430. For questions regarding Forms 3, 4, or 5 with regards to filing obligations for directors or officers of foreign private issuers or changes to Schedule 13D and 13G filings to support multiple CUSIPs, please contact the Disclosure Management Office in the Division of Corporation Finance at (202) 551–2076. For questions regarding the change to Form X–17A–5 Part III in terms of the oath or affirmation no longer being required to be notarized, please contact Raymond Lombardo, Assistant Director, at (202) 551–5755 or Valentina Deng, Special Counsel, at (202) 551–5778 in the Division of Trading and Markets. For questions regarding the change to Item 6 of Form 13H, please contact Kathleen Gross at (202) 551–5305 in the Division of Trading and Markets.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are adopting an updated Filer Manual, Volume I: “General Information,” Version 43 (effective March 16, 2026) and Volume II: “EDGAR Filing,” Version 77 (March 16, 2026) and amendments to 17 CFR 232.301, Rule 301 of Regulation S–T. The updated Filer Manual Volumes are incorporated by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations.

I. Background

The Filer Manual contains information needed for filers to make submissions on EDGAR. Filers must comply with the applicable provisions of the Filer Manual in order to assure the timely acceptance and processing of filings made in electronic format.¹ Filers must consult the Filer Manual in conjunction with our rules governing mandated electronic filings when preparing documents for electronic submission.

II. Amendments to Volume I of the Filer Manual

Volume I of the Filer Manual, which sets forth the requirements for becoming an EDGAR filer, was amended to reflect the implementation of technical changes adopted in EDGAR Filer Access and Account Management, Release No. 33–11313 (Sept. 27, 2024) (“EDGAR Next rulemaking”).² Among other things, the EDGAR Next rulemaking eliminated the use of EDGAR access codes such as passwords and passphrases and instead required the use of individual account

¹ See Rule 301 of Regulation S–T.

² EDGAR Filer Access and Account Management, Release No. 33–11313 (Sept. 27, 2024) [89 FR 106168 (December 27, 2024)].