

on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period prior to the filing of the notice; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,¹ this exemption will be effective on October 2, 2026, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues² must be filed by September 11, 2026.³ Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and interim trail use/railbanking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by September 14, 2026. Petitions to reopen and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by September 22, 2026.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub No. 422X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must

be served on NSR's representative, William A. Mullins, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L St. NW, Suite 720 Washington, DC 20036.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

NSR has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) by September 4, 2026. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245. Comments on environmental or historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the Draft EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/railbanking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by September 2, 2027, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: August 27, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

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Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Conforming Amendments to Product Exclusions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Effective July 1, 2026, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) implemented certain changes to statistical reporting categories in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). As a result of

these changes, USTR is making conforming amendments to four product exclusions associated with the Section 301 investigation of China Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation.

DATES: The conforming amendments announced in the Annex to this notice are effective as of July 1, 2026. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Senior Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Rachel Hasandras at (202) 395-5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions identified in the Annex to this notice, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Effective July 1, 2026, the USITC implemented certain changes to ten-digit statistical reporting categories of the HTSUS in accordance with its responsibility under section 484(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1484(f). Four of the product exclusions associated with the Section 301 investigation of China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation, as set out in the Annexes at 89 FR 46948 (May 30, 2024), 90 FR 23987 (June 5, 2025), 90 FR 42500 (September 2, 2025), and 90 FR 55232 (December 1, 2025), are affected by the amended statistical reporting categories.

B. Conforming Amendments to Product Exclusions

To maintain the pre-existing product coverage of the China 301 actions, four conforming amendments to the corresponding note provision in the HTSUS are required. In particular, the Annex to this notice makes conforming amendments to U.S. notes 20(vvv)(i)(4), 20(vvv)(i)(5), 20(vvv)(i)(6), and 20(vvv)(iv)(4) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS, as set out in the Annexes at 89 FR 46948, 90 FR 23987, 90 FR 42500, and 90 FR 55232.

Annex

1. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(i)(4) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified by inserting "through June 30, 2026; described

¹ Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

in statistical reporting numbers 8413.91.9039, 8413.91.9046, 8413.91.9059 or 8413.91.9099 effective July 1, 2026" after "January 1, 2020."

2. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(i)(5) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by inserting "through June 30, 2026; described in statistical reporting numbers 8413.91.9039, 8413.91.9046, 8413.91.9059 or 8413.91.9099 effective July 1, 2026" after "January 1, 2020."

3. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(i)(6) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by inserting "through June 30, 2026; described in statistical reporting numbers 8413.91.9039, 8413.91.9046, 8413.91.9059 or 8413.91.9099 effective July 1, 2026" after "January 1, 2020."

4. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(iv)(4) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by inserting "prior to July 1, 2026; described in statistical reporting numbers 3926.90.9915 or 3926.90.9920 effective July 1, 2026" after "3926.90.9910".

Jennifer Thornton

General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Transportation Project in Massachusetts

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of Actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces action taken by FHWA that are final. The actions relate to the proposed Cape Cod Bridges Project which includes replacement of the Sagamore Bridge carrying U.S. Route 6 and replacement of the Bourne Bridge carrying State Route 28 as it travels across the Cape Cod Canal and their respective approaches in the town of Bourne in Barnstable County Massachusetts. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim

seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before February 1, 2027. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Joi B. Singh, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, MA Division, 220 Binney Street, 9th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02142; Telephone (617) 494-3657; Joi.Singh@dot.gov. The Massachusetts Division Office's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). For the Massachusetts Department of Transportation: Luisa Paiewonsky, Executive Director, Megaprojects Delivery Office, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), 10 Park Plaza, Room 7450, Boston, MA 02116; Telephone (781) 816-3994; luisa.paiewonsky@dot.state.ma.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FHWA has taken final agency action subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing approval for the following highway project in the State of Massachusetts: Cape Cod Bridges Program (Program), Bourne MA, Project Number FHWA-MA-EIS-25-01-D. FHWA's final action includes issuance of a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Selected Alternative, Replacement of the Highway Bridges Built to Modern Design Standards. The purpose of the Proposed Program is to improve cross-canals mobility and accessibility between Cape Cod and mainland Massachusetts for all road users and to address the increasing maintenance needs and functional obsolescence of the aging Sagamore and Bourne Bridges. The bridges are also known as the Cape Cod Canal highway bridges, which the United States owns and USACE operates and maintains as part of the Cape Cod Canal Federal Navigation Project.

Program needs include addressing the deteriorating structural condition and escalating maintenance demands of the Sagamore and Bourne Bridges; addressing the substandard design elements of the Sagamore and Bourne Bridges, the immediate mainline approaches, and their adjacent interchanges and intersections; improving vehicular operations; and improving accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The actions by FHWA, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Project, signed June 26, 2026, and in other documents in the project records. The FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the FHWA administrative record files are available by contacting FHWA or MassDOT at the addresses provided above. The FEIS and ROD can also be viewed and downloaded from the Program website at: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/final-environmental-impact-statement-and-record-of-decision-for-replacing-the-cape-cod-bridges>.

This notice applies to FHWA agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); Federal-Aid Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 109, 128, and 139).
2. *Air:* Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)).
3. *Noise:* Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1970, Public Law 91-605 (84 Stat. 1713); (23 U.S.C. 109(h) and (i)).
4. *Land:* Section 4(f) Requirements (49 U.S.C. 303; 23 U.S.C. 138).
5. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and 1536); Marine Mammal Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 1361-1423h); Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)); Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712); Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668c); Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), with Essential Fish Habitat requirements (16 U.S.C. 1855(b)(2)).
6. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108).
7. *Social and Economic:* Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. 4201-4209); Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*).
8. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Clean Water Act (Section 404, Section 401, Section 319) (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387); Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)-26); Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1452).
9. *Hazardous Materials:* Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6901-6992(k)).
10. The analysis pertaining to any applicable Executive Order considered during the environmental review process to the extent such analysis may be challenged in court. Such Executive Orders include, E.O. 11988, Floodplain Management; E.O. 11990,