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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In a document published in the **Federal Register** of March 4, 2026 (91 FR 10525), FDA announced that we had filed a food additive petition (animal use) (FAP 2325) submitted by Kemin Industries, Inc., 1900 Scott Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317. The petition proposed that the regulations for food additives permitted in feed and drinking water of animals be amended to provide for the safe use of chromium propionate as a source of chromium in food for laying hens and breeder chickens.

II. Conclusion

FDA concludes that the data establish the safety and utility of chromium propionate as a source of chromium in food for laying hens and breeder chickens and that the food additive regulations should be amended as set forth in this document.

III. Public Disclosure

In accordance with § 571.1(h) (21 CFR 571.1(h)), the petition and documents we considered and relied upon in reaching our decision to approve the petition will be made available for public disclosure (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). As provided in § 571.1(h), we will delete from the documents any materials that are not available for public disclosure.

IV. Analysis of Environmental Impact

The Agency has carefully considered the potential environmental effects of this action and has concluded that the action will not have a significant impact on the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required. FDA's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding, contained in an environmental assessment, may be seen in the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

V. Objections and Hearing Requests

If you will be adversely affected by one or more provisions of this regulation, you may file with the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**) either electronic or written objections. You must separately number each objection, and within each numbered objection you must specify with particularity the provision(s) to which you object, and the grounds for your objection. Within each numbered objection, you must specifically state whether you are requesting a hearing on

the particular provision that you specify in that numbered objection. If you do not request a hearing for any particular objection, you waive the right to a hearing on that objection. If you request a hearing, your objection must include a detailed description and analysis of the specific factual information you intend to present in support of the objection in the event that a hearing is held. If you do not include such a description and analysis for any particular objection, you waive the right to a hearing on the objection.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 573

Animal feeds, Food additives.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, 21 CFR part 573 is amended as follows:

PART 573—FOOD ADDITIVES PERMITTED IN FEED AND DRINKING WATER OF ANIMALS

- 1. The authority citation for part 573 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321, 342, 348.

- 2. In § 573.304, revise paragraphs (b)(1), (d)(3)(i), and (e)(2)(ii)(A) to read as follows:

§ 573.304 Chromium propionate.

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(b) * * *

(1) In complete feed for broiler chickens, laying hens, breeder chickens, and growing turkeys at a level not to exceed 0.2 milligrams (mg) of chromium from chromium propionate per kilogram feed.

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(d) * * *

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(i) A level of 0.2 ppm in complete feed for broiler chickens, laying hens, breeder chickens, and growing turkeys.

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(e) * * *

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(ii) * * *

(A) For feed for broiler chickens, laying hens, breeder chickens, and growing turkeys, “Chromium from all sources of supplemental chromium cannot exceed 0.2 parts per million of the complete feed.”

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Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

29 CFR Part 4044

Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans to prescribe the spreads component of the interest assumption under the asset allocation regulation for plans with valuation dates of October 31, 2026–January 30, 2027. These interest assumptions are used for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans and for other purposes.

DATES: Effective October 31, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044) prescribes actuarial assumptions—including an interest assumption—for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The interest assumption is also posted on PBGC's website (www.pbgc.gov).

PBGC uses the interest assumption in § 4044.54 to determine the present value of annuities in an involuntary or distress termination of a single-employer plan under the asset allocation regulation. The assumptions in part 4044 of PBGC's regulations are also used in other situations where it is appropriate for liabilities to align with private sector group annuity prices. For example, PBGC's regulations on Notice, Collection, and Redetermination of Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR part 4219) and Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) provide that these assumptions are used to value liabilities for purposes of determining withdrawn employers' reallocation liability in the event of a mass withdrawal from a multiemployer

plan. Multiemployer plans that receive special financial assistance under the regulation on Special Financial Assistance by PBGC (29 CFR part 4262) must, as a condition of receiving special financial assistance, use the interest assumption to determine withdrawal liability for a prescribed period. Additionally, plan sponsors are required to use some, or all of these assumptions for specified purposes (e.g., reporting benefit liabilities in filings required under PBGC's regulation on Annual Financial and Actuarial Information Reporting (29 CFR part 4010) or determining certain amounts to transfer to PBGC's Missing Participants Program on behalf of a missing participant of a terminating defined benefit plan under PBGC's regulation on Missing Participants (29 CFR part 4050)) and may use them for other purposes (e.g., to ensure that plan spinoffs comply with section 414(l) of the Internal Revenue Code).

Part 4044 of PBGC's regulations provides that the interest assumption for part 4044 purposes is a yield curve (i.e., the "4044 yield curve") that is based on a blend of two publicly available bond yield curves that is adjusted to the extent necessary so that the resulting liabilities align with group annuity prices. The adjustments are referred to as "spreads." PBGC determines and publishes spreads quarterly based on survey data on pricing of private-sector group annuities. PBGC posts the 4044

yield curve on its website at www.pbgc.gov each month shortly after its underlying data becomes available. In addition, practitioners are able to determine the 4044 yield curve as of the end of any month using the publicly available bond yield curves and the spreads specified in the regulation.

This rule amends the regulation to specify the spreads used to determine the 4044 yield curve as of the last days of October, November, and December of 2026 (i.e., the "fourth quarter 2026 spreads"). Due to space constraints, table 1 to paragraph (e) shows spreads only for the most recent four quarters. Historical spreads are available on www.pbgc.gov, along with more recent spreads.

Need for Immediate Guidance

PBGC has determined that notice of, and public comment on, this rule are impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. PBGC routinely updates the spreads component of the interest assumption in the asset allocation regulation so that the 4044 yield curve may be determined as soon as the underlying bond yield curves become available. These amendments are merely technical; they ensure that use of PBGC's interest assumption continues to yield liabilities in line with group annuity prices. Accordingly, PBGC finds that the public interest is best served by issuing this rule expeditiously, without an

opportunity for notice and comment, and that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

PBGC has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 4044

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, PBGC amends 29 CFR part 4044 as follows.

PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

- 1. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

- 2. In § 4044.54, revise table 1 to paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 4044.54 Interest assumptions.

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(3) * * *

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (e)—SPREADS

Maturity point	First quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Second quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Third quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Fourth quarter 2026 spreads (percent)
0.5	0.56	0.63	0.71	0.78
1.0	0.56	0.63	0.71	0.78
1.5	0.56	0.62	0.70	0.77
2.0	0.56	0.62	0.70	0.77
2.5	0.55	0.62	0.69	0.77
3.0	0.55	0.62	0.69	0.77
3.5	0.54	0.60	0.68	0.75
4.0	0.54	0.60	0.68	0.75
4.5	0.53	0.59	0.66	0.73
5.0	0.53	0.59	0.66	0.73
5.5	0.52	0.57	0.64	0.71
6.0	0.52	0.57	0.64	0.71
6.5	0.50	0.54	0.61	0.68
7.0	0.50	0.54	0.61	0.68
7.5	0.48	0.52	0.59	0.64
8.0	0.48	0.52	0.59	0.64
8.5	0.45	0.49	0.55	0.61
9.0	0.45	0.49	0.55	0.61
9.5	0.43	0.46	0.52	0.57
10.0	0.43	0.46	0.52	0.57
10.5	0.40	0.43	0.48	0.53
11.0	0.40	0.43	0.48	0.53
11.5	0.37	0.39	0.44	0.49
12.0	0.37	0.39	0.44	0.49
12.5	0.34	0.36	0.40	0.44

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (e)—SPREADS—Continued

Maturity point	First quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Second quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Third quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Fourth quarter 2026 spreads (percent)
13.0	0.34	0.36	0.40	0.44
13.5	0.31	0.32	0.36	0.39
14.0	0.31	0.32	0.36	0.39
14.5	0.28	0.28	0.32	0.35
15.0	0.28	0.28	0.32	0.35
15.5	0.25	0.24	0.28	0.30
16.0	0.25	0.24	0.28	0.30
16.5	0.22	0.21	0.23	0.26
17.0	0.22	0.21	0.23	0.26
17.5	0.19	0.17	0.19	0.21
18.0	0.19	0.17	0.19	0.21
18.5	0.16	0.13	0.15	0.16
19.0	0.16	0.13	0.15	0.16
19.5	0.13	0.10	0.11	0.12
20.0	0.13	0.10	0.11	0.12
20.5	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.08
21.0	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.08
21.5	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04
22.0	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04
22.5	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.01
23.0	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.01
23.5	0.04	−0.02	−0.02	−0.03
24.0	0.04	−0.02	−0.02	−0.03
24.5	0.02	−0.04	−0.05	−0.06
25.0	0.02	−0.04	−0.05	−0.06
25.5	0.00	−0.06	−0.07	−0.08
26.0	0.00	−0.06	−0.07	−0.08
26.5	−0.01	−0.08	−0.09	−0.10
27.0	−0.01	−0.08	−0.09	−0.10
27.5	−0.02	−0.09	−0.10	−0.12
28.0	−0.02	−0.09	−0.10	−0.12
28.5	−0.03	−0.10	−0.11	−0.12
29.0	−0.03	−0.10	−0.11	−0.12
29.5	−0.03	−0.10	−0.11	−0.13
30.0	−0.03	−0.10	−0.11	−0.13

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 98

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RIN 2060–AX07

Extending the Reporting Deadline Under the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule for Reporting Year 2025 to March 10, 2027

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for
comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA) is taking interim final

action to extend the reporting deadline
under the Greenhouse Gas Reporting
Rule for reporting year 2025 data from
October 30, 2026, to March 10, 2027.
This final action only changes the
reporting deadline for annual
greenhouse gas reports for reporting
year 2025 and makes no other changes
to the rule. The EPA is requesting
comments on all aspects of this interim
final rule.

DATES: This interim final rule is
effective on October 14, 2026.
Comments on this rule must be received
on or by November 30, 2026.

Public Hearing. If anyone contacts the
EPA requesting a public hearing on or
before October 19, 2026, the Agency
will hold a virtual public hearing. See
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for
information on requesting and
registering for a public hearing.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments,
identified by Docket Id. No. EPA–HQ–
OAR–2025–0186, by any of the
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