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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2023–2423; Airspace Docket No. 23–ANM–63]

RIN 2120–AA66

Modification of Class D and E Airspace; Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman, MT

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies the Class D surface area airspace, Class E airspace area designated as surface area, Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area, and the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the earth at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman, MT. These actions support the safety and management of visual flight rules (VFR) and instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, August 7, 2025. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Policy

Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan A. Chaffman, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231–3460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it modifies Class D and Class E airspace to support VFR and IFR operations at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman, MT.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA–2023–2423 in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 8001; January 23, 2025), proposing to modify Class D and Class E airspace at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman, MT. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. Three comments were received. Two comments were in favor of the proposal and one comment was not germane to the airspace action.

Differences From the NPRM

Subsequent to the publication of the NPRM and effective February 10, 2025, the FAA's definition of the acronym "NOTAM" changed from "Notice to Air Missions" to "Notice to Airmen." As such, the part-time language within the Class D and Class E surface area airspace legal descriptions should read "This Class D/E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and

times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen." Additionally, the legal description of the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E airspace area within the NPRM now contains part-time language to better align with FAA regulations.

Incorporation by Reference

Class D, E2, E4, and E5 airspace designations are published in paragraphs 5000, 6002, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11J, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA Order JO 7400.11J is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11J lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the Class D surface area airspace, the Class E airspace area designated as surface area, the Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area, and the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface of the earth at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman, MT.

The radius of the Class D surface area and Class E airspace area designated as surface area is expanded to 5.1 miles to appropriately contain departures until reaching the next adjacent airspace. The southeast extension of the Class D surface area and Class E airspace area designated as surface area is removed as it is no longer needed.

In addition, the Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area northwest of the airport is lengthened by .8 miles and widened by one mile to better contain arriving IFR aircraft on the very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) Runway (RWY) 12 approach while below 1,000 feet above the surface.

Finally, the central radius of the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is expanded to 7.2 miles to better contain IFR aircraft

departing on the BOZEMAN SIX DEPARTURE (OBSTACLE) until reaching 1,200 feet above the surface. The southeast extension centered on the 131° bearing is lengthened and realigned to the 136° bearing to better contain departing IFR aircraft on the BOBKT FIVE DEPARTURE (Area Navigation [RNAV]) until reaching 1,200 feet above the surface and IFR arrivals on the RNAV (Required Navigation Performance [RNP]) Z RWY 30 approach below 1,500 feet above the surface. The southeast extension centered on the 155° bearing is expanded by .7 miles, shortened by .1 miles, and realigned to the 165° bearing to better contain IFR departures until reaching 1,200 feet above the surface and IFR arrivals on the RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 30 approach below 1,500 feet above the surface. The northwest extension is widened by .6 miles and shortened by 1 mile to 4.2 miles on either side of the 316° bearing, extending from the 7.2-mile radius to 14.7 miles northwest of the airport to contain the hold-in-lieu-of procedure turn for the instrument landing system (ILS) localizer (LOC) RWY 12 arrival procedure for IFR aircraft descending below 1,500 feet above the surface.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5–6.5.a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

- 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

- 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11], Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace
* * * * *

ANM MT D Bozeman, MT [Amended]

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, MT
(Lat. 45°46′38″ N, long. 111°09′01″ W)
That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 7,000 feet MSL within a 5.1-mile radius of the airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.
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Paragraph 6002 Airspace Areas Designated as Surface Area
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ANM MT E2 Bozeman, MT [Amended]

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, MT
(Lat. 45°46′38″ N, long. 111°09′01″ W)
That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 5.1-mile radius of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.
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Paragraph 6004 Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area
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ANM MT E4 Bozeman, MT [Amended]

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, MT
(Lat. 45°46′38″ N, long. 111°09′01″ W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 4.1 miles southwest and 3.7 miles northeast of the airport’s 316° bearing extending from its 5.1-mile radius to 14.5 miles northwest of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth
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ANM MT E5 Bozeman, MT [Amended]

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, MT
(Lat. 45°46′38″ N, long. 111°09′01″ W)
That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.2-mile radius from the airport, and within 2 miles northeast and 1.3 miles southwest of the airport’s 136° bearing extending from its 7.2-mile radius to 14.8 miles southeast of the airport, and within 4.3 miles east and 2 miles west of the airport’s 165° bearing extending from its 7.2-mile radius to 10.5 miles south of the airport, and within 4.2 miles either side of the airport’s 316° bearing extending from its 7.2-mile radius to 14.7 miles northwest of the airport.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Parts 275 and 279

[Release No. IA–6865; File No. S7–22–22]

RIN 3235–AN13

Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission.
ACTION: Joint final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) (collectively, “we” or

“Commissions”) are adopting amendments to Form PF, the confidential reporting form for certain SEC-registered investment advisers to private funds, including those that also are registered with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator (“CPO”) or commodity trading adviser (“CTA”). The amendments correct certain errors in Form PF.

DATES: The amendments to Form PF are effective April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: SEC: John Cavanagh, Senior Counsel; Jill Pritzker, Senior Counsel; or Robert Holowka, Branch Chief, Investment Adviser Regulation Office, at (202) 551–6787, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–8549.

CFTC: Pamela Geraghty, Acting Deputy Director; or Elizabeth Groover, Special Counsel, at (202) 418–6700, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commissions are adopting amendments to Form PF (17 CFR 279.9) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”).¹

Agency	Reference	CFR citation
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I. Discussion

The Commissions are adopting amendments to Form PF, the confidential reporting form for certain

SEC-registered investment advisers to private funds (including those that also are registered with the CFTC as CPOs or CTAs) to correct certain errors and incorrect cross references. Additionally, these amendments incorporate certain of the amendments that the SEC adopted on July 12, 2023, to Section 3 of Form PF that were erroneously excluded from the version of Form PF that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 12, 2024. Unless otherwise indicated, such errors occurred in the Form PF amendments the Commissions adopted on February 8, 2024.³ In this release, we refer to the form as adopted on February 8, 2024, as the “Final Form PF,” and the form that remains in effect until the Final Form PF’s compliance date as the “Current Form PF.”⁴

General Instruction 6

We are amending Instruction 6 to correct an erroneous omission of the words “do not” before the instruction to “report information for any private fund advised by any of your related persons unless you have identified that related person in Question 1(b) as a related person for which you are filing Form PF.” A nearly identical instruction is contained in Instruction 5 of the Current Form PF, which states that filers “should *not*” report that same information. Instruction 6, however, was erroneously revised to instruct filers to report such information. Such a revision was not discussed in the 2024 Adopting Release and is inconsistent with Question 1(b), which requires filers to provide certain information for each related person *with respect to which it is reporting*. The final rule corrects Instruction 6, directing filers: “*do not* report information for any private fund advised by any of your related persons unless you have identified that related person in Question 1(b) as a related person for which you are filing Form PF” (emphasis added).

Question 47

We are amending Question 47 to remove stray column headings for reporting market factors that are “Not relevant” and “Relevant/not formally tested” because they are no longer

applicable. A nearly identical question in Current Form PF (Question 42 therein)⁵ included a table reporting the effect of certain market factors on the reporting fund’s portfolio and had two columns to designate those market factors that are either “Not relevant” and “Relevant/not formally tested.” An instruction in the Current Form PF allowed an adviser to omit from that table certain market factors and to check either the box in the “Not relevant” column or the box in the “Relevant/not formally tested” column, as applicable. The Final Form PF removes that instruction, and the 2024 Adopting Release specifically discusses adopting requirements for advisers to qualifying hedge funds to respond on Form PF to all market factors to which their portfolio is directly exposed instead of being permitted to omit a response to any market factor that they do not regularly consider in formal testing in connection with the reporting fund’s risk management.⁶ Furthermore, an instruction was added in Question 47 in Final Form PF stating that advisers should enter zero for market factors that have no direct effect on the reporting fund’s portfolio. Accordingly, we are removing the “Not relevant” and “Relevant/not formally tested” column headings that were erroneously retained from the Current Form PF.

“Collateral Posted Entries” and “Collateral Received Entries”

The definitions of the terms “collateral posted entries” and “collateral received entries” included certain errors and incorrect cross references that we are correcting. The definitions for the two terms use similar wording and we are making certain similar changes in both definitions as a result.

First, we are replacing erroneous references in both definitions to a “counterparty credit exposure and collateral table” (which does not exist in the Final Form PF) with the correct references to the “consolidated counterparty exposure table.”

Second, in the definition of “collateral posted entries,” we are correcting erroneous cross references to Questions 26 and 41 by changing them to Questions 27 and 28 and Questions 42 and 43, respectively. These new cross references contain the only uses of the term “collateral posted entries” in the Final Form PF. For similar reasons, we are correcting erroneous cross

¹ 15 U.S.C. 80b. Unless otherwise noted, when we refer to the Advisers Act, or any section of the Advisers Act, we are referring to 15 U.S.C. 80b, at which the Advisers Act is codified, and when we refer to rules under the Advisers Act, or any section of these rules, we are referring to title 17, part 275 of the Code of Federal Regulations [17 CFR part 275], in which these rules are published.

² Congress enacted sections 404 and 406 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (“Dodd-Frank Act”), which require that private fund advisers file reports and specified certain types of information that should be subject to reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements. Public Law 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010). With respect to such reports, the Dodd-Frank Act authorizes the SEC to require that private fund advisers file such information “as necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, or for the assessment of systemic risk.” The result of this enactment is Form PF, which is a joint form between the SEC and CFTC only with respect to sections 1 and 2 of the Form.

³ *Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers*, Release No. IA–6546 (Feb. 8, 2024) [89 FR 17984 (Mar. 12, 2024)] (“2024 Adopting Release,” and the amendments adopted thereunder, the “2024 Amendments”).

⁴ On January 29, 2025, the Commissions extended the compliance date for the Final Form PF, which was originally March 12, 2025, to June 12, 2025. *Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers; Extension of Compliance Date*, Release No. IA–6838 (Jan. 29, 2025) [90 FR 9007 (Feb. 5, 2025)].

⁵ Question 47 was redesignated in the Final Form PF from Question 42 in the Current Form PF.

⁶ See 2024 Adopting Release *supra* footnote 3, at 139.

references to Questions 26 and 41 in the definition of “collateral received entries” by changing them to Questions 28 and 43, respectively, which contain the only uses of the term “collateral received entries.”

Third, in the second paragraph of the “collateral posted entries” definition (beginning “For Question 41” in Final Form PF), we are correcting clauses “(c)(ii)” and “(d)(ii)” to become “(c)(ii) and (iii)” and “(d)(ii) and (iii),” respectively, to align the reference to “government securities and other securities” in the definition with the corresponding rows in the consolidated counterparty exposure table in Question 41. We are also fixing a minor typographical error in this paragraph (correcting the reference “(b)iii),” to “(b)(iii)).”

Finally, in the first paragraph of the “collateral posted entries” definition (beginning “For Question 26” in Final Form PF), we are adding the parenthetical “(other than cash and cash equivalents)” after the words “other securities” in each of clauses “(c)(ii)” and “(d)(ii).” Similarly, in the second paragraph of the same “collateral posted entries” definition (beginning “For Question 41” in Final Form PF), we are adding the same parenthetical “(other than cash and cash equivalents)” following the words “other securities” in clauses “(b)iii), and (iv),”⁷ “(c)(ii),”⁸ and “(d)(ii).”⁹ The corrected clauses refer to “government securities and other securities (other than cash and cash equivalents)” to align with the corresponding rows in the consolidated counterparty exposure table in Questions 26 and 41. For similar reasons, we are adding the parenthetical “(other than cash and cash equivalents)” after the words “other securities” to clauses “(c)(ii)” and “(d)(ii)” in the first paragraph of the “collateral received entries” definition (beginning “For Question 26” in Final Form PF),¹⁰ and to clauses “(b)(iii) and (iv),” “(c)(ii) and (iii),” and “(d)(ii) and (iii)” in the second paragraph of that definition (beginning “For Question 41” in Final Form PF) so that the corrected

clauses in the “collateral received entries” definition also refer to “government securities and other securities (other than cash and cash equivalents).”¹¹

Reporting Requirements Included in the Money Market Fund Reforms Release

On July 12, 2023, the SEC adopted amendments to certain rules that govern money market funds under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and modified Section 3 of Form PF with respect to reporting obligations related to liquidity funds (“MMF Amendments”). The MMF Amendments revised Section 3 of Form PF, in part, with respect to how advisers report operational information about their liquidity funds and how advisers report assets and portfolio information. Certain of such modifications were mistakenly excluded from the version of Form PF that was attached as Appendix A to the 2024 Adopting Release published in the **Federal Register** on March 12, 2024.¹² The MMF Amendments have been effective since June 11, 2024, and advisers have been reporting information in response to these modified questions through the Private Fund Reporting Depository filing system accordingly. We are adding these modifications back to the version of Form PF that is published in the **Federal Register**.

Other Errors and Incorrect Cross References

The Commissions are amending Final Form PF to correct certain other errors and incorrect cross references in the instructions, glossary, and questions.

- **General Instruction 7:** We are amending Instruction 7 to correct an erroneous cross reference to Question 7(b) in the paragraph titled “*Trading vehicles*.” The corrected cross reference refers to Question 9, which requests information on trading vehicles through which the reporting fund conducts certain activities.

- **Question 7:** We are amending Question 7(a) to correct an erroneous instruction to complete only sub-questions (i) and (ii) for each feeder fund. The corrected instruction in Question 7(a) directs filers to complete sub-questions (i), (ii), and (iii), each of which requests information related to feeder funds.

- **Question 35:** We are amending Question 35 to remove an outdated reference to Instruction 15. Instruction 15 provides instructions on calculating a numerator to determine the percentage of net asset value for Question 25 but does not reference Question 35.

- **Question 58:** We are amending Question 58(b) to correct an erroneous cross reference to Question 60(a) as there is no Question 60(a) in Final Form PF. The corrected cross reference refers to Question 58(a).

- **Question 73:** The 2024 Amendments erroneously redesignated two questions, Questions 70 and 71 in the Current Form PF, as Question 73 in the Final Form PF. We are amending Question 73 to correct this error by redesignating the two questions as Question 73(a) (Question 70 in the Current Form PF) and Question 73(b) (Question 71 in the Current Form PF).

- **Definition of “Net asset value or NAV”:** We are amending the definition of “net asset value or NAV” in the Glossary of Terms to correct an erroneous cross reference to Question 12 for gross assets reported. The corrected cross reference refers to Question 11, which requires filers to report gross asset value.

II. Procedural and Other Matters

The Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”) generally requires an agency to publish notice of a rulemaking in the **Federal Register** and provide an opportunity for public comment. This requirement does not apply, however, if the agency “for good cause finds . . . that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.”¹³

The amendments do not impose any new substantive regulatory requirements on any person.¹⁴ The amendments merely reflect the correction of certain errors and incorrect cross references, and the addition of previously adopted amendments that were erroneously excluded from the version of the Final Form PF that was published in the **Federal Register**.

The APA generally requires publication of a rule at least 30 days before its effective date. This requirement does not apply, however, if the agency finds good cause for making

⁷ As discussed above, while this clause is “(b)iii), and (iv)” in Final Form PF, we are amending this clause to become “(b)(iii) and (iv)” as part of these amendments.

⁸ As discussed above, while this clause is “(c)(ii)” in Final Form PF, we are amending this clause to become “(c)(ii) and (iii)” as part of these amendments.

⁹ As discussed above, while this clause is “(d)(ii)” in Final Form PF, we are amending this clause to become “(d)(ii) and (iii)” as part of these amendments.

¹⁰ As discussed in this release, we are correcting the erroneous reference to Question 26 to Questions 27 and 28.

¹¹ As discussed in this release, we are correcting the erroneous reference to Question 41 to Questions 42 and 43.

¹² The version of Form PF that is available to file electronically through the Private Fund Reporting Depository correctly incorporates the MMF Amendments.

¹³ 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

¹⁴ The amendments also do not make any substantive modifications to any existing collection of information requirements or impose any new substantive recordkeeping or information collection requirements within the meaning of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Accordingly, we are not revising any burden and cost estimates in connection with the remaining amendments.

the rule effective sooner.¹⁵ The amendments correct certain errors and incorrect cross references in the instructions, glossary, and Form PF questions. Given the limited nature of these amendments and the associated minimal exercise of discretion, the Commissions find that notice and public comment are unnecessary and that there is good cause for the final rule to take effect on April 11, 2025. For the same reasons the Commissions are forgoing notice and comment, the Commissions find good cause to make the amendments effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**. The finding that notice and public comment are unnecessary also satisfies the requirements of the Congressional Review Act, allowing the amendments to become effective at such time that the Commissions determine.¹⁶ Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has designated these amendments as not a “major rule,” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The amendments also do not require analysis under the Regulatory Flexibility Act.¹⁷

III. Economic Analysis

As discussed above, the amendments to Form PF correct certain errors and incorrect cross references. The SEC is mindful of the economic effects, including the benefits and costs, of the adopted amendments to Form PF. The following analysis considers the likely economic effects of the form amendments against a baseline that consists of the current regulatory framework and current market practices.¹⁸ Where we are unable to quantify the economic effects of the amendments, we discuss them in qualitative terms. The amendments we are adopting are limited in nature; therefore, many of the economic effects, including the anticipated and estimated benefits and costs of the amendments,

will be minimal or null. Given the nature of the benefits and the minimal costs expected to result from these amendments, we do not anticipate any changes to efficiency, competition, or capital formation will result from these amendments.

Baseline. We analyze economic effects against a baseline that consists of the current state of the market, Form PF filers’ current practices, and the current regulatory framework. Form PF is not an investor-facing disclosure form, and information that private fund advisers report on Form PF is provided to the Commissions and FSOC on a confidential basis. Certain errors were made on Form PF in the 2024 Amendments;¹⁹ the amendments we are adopting will correct these errors. These amendments will apply to all private fund advisers required to file Form PF, including advisers of hedge funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, securitized asset funds, liquidity funds, venture capital funds, and other private funds that are required to file Form PF. As of June 2024, 50,445 private funds managed by 3,926 fund advisers report on Form PF, with over 23 trillion gross assets under management.²⁰

Economic effects. The amendments to Form PF will correct certain errors and incorrect cross references. These include instances of incorrect cross-reference numbering, incomplete items in cross references, inclusion of inapplicable cross references, erroneous redesignation of question numbers, incorrect use of defined terms in cross references, and omission of parenthetical explanatory text from cross references.²¹ The amendments also include other corrections in General Instruction 6 and Question 47.²² Correcting these errors will benefit filers to the extent that if left unamended, the errors could result in confusion, unnecessary calculations, and inaccurate responses.²³ For example,

correcting the cross-reference numbering will make it easier for filers to locate correct items referenced; updating the question numbers will ensure that these items are reported in the appropriate order and improve the consistency and quality of data collected. Additionally, correcting the use of defined terms in cross references and with appropriate parenthetical explanatory text will assist filers in understanding the scope of entries to be reported on the form. Overall, we expect that these amendments will benefit filers to the extent that fewer compliance resources are required to complete the form; however, we expect the benefit to be small. Similarly, we expect advisers and their clients to incur minimal costs.

The amendments will add certain modifications back to the version of Form PF that is published in the **Federal Register** with respect to reporting obligations related to liquidity funds in Section 3 of the form. These modifications were adopted as part of the MMF Amendments but mistakenly excluded from the version of Form PF that was attached as Appendix A to the 2024 Adopting Release published in the **Federal Register**.²⁴ Correcting this mistake will ensure filers’ ability to continue reporting these modified questions on the form. We do not expect incremental costs for these filers because they have already been reporting information in response to these modified questions on Current Form PF through the Private Fund Reporting Depository filing system when the modifications went into effect as of June 11, 2024.

Statutory Authority

CFTC: The CFTC authority for this rulemaking is provided by 15 U.S.C. 80b–11.

SEC: The SEC is amending Form PF, referenced in 17 CFR 279.9, pursuant to its authority set forth in sections 204(b) and 211(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. 80b–4 and 15 U.S.C. 80b–11], respectively.

List of Subjects in 17 CFR Part 279

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, title 17, chapter II of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows.

following erroneous instructions, a filer may incur unnecessary costs. Amending these errors would mitigate such costs for future reporting.

²⁴ See *supra* section I.

¹⁵ See 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

¹⁶ See 5 U.S.C. 808(2), allowing the rule amendments to become effective notwithstanding the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 801 (if a Federal agency finds that notice and public comment are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, a rule shall take effect at such time as the Federal agency promulgating the rule determines).

¹⁷ See 5 U.S.C. 604(a) (requiring a final regulatory flexibility analysis only for rules required by the APA or other law to undergo notice and comment).

¹⁸ Section 202(c) of the Advisers Act provides that when the SEC is engaging in rulemaking under the Advisers Act and is required to consider or determine whether an action is necessary or appropriate in public interest, the SEC shall also consider whether the action will promote efficiency, competition, and capital formation, in addition to the protection of investors.

¹⁹ See *supra* footnote 3.

²⁰ According to data collected through Form PF and Form ADV filings received through June 30, 2024. See <https://www.sec.gov/files/investment/private-funds-statistics-2024-q2.pdf>.

²¹ These references appear in the General Instruction 7; Questions 7, 35, 58, and 73; and the definitions of “Net asset value or NAV,” “Collateral posted entries,” and “Collateral received entries.” See *supra* section I.

²² Instruction 6 of Final Form PF erroneously instructs filers to report (rather than *not* to report) information, which creates internal inconsistencies with Question 1(b) and may result in a filer to report information about its related persons that is not required by the form. Question 47 of the Final Form PF erroneously retained stray columns that may result in a filer reporting irrelevant information on the form. See also *supra* section I.

²³ To the extent a filer spends resources in complying with a Form PF reporting requirement

PART 279—FORMS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940

■ 1. The authority citation for part 279 continues to read as follows:

Authority: The Investment Advisers Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. 80b–1, *et seq.*, Pub. L. 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376.

■ 2. Amend Form PF (referenced in § 279.9) as follows:

■ a. In Instruction 6, revising the third bullet;

■ b. In Instruction 7, by removing the text “Section 1b, Question 7(b)” in the paragraph titled “*Trading vehicles*,” and adding, in its place, the text “Question 9”;

■ c. In Section 1b, by revising Question 7(a);

■ d. In Section 2, Question 35, by removing the text “(See Instruction 15 for information on calculating the numerator for purposes of this Question.)”;

■ e. In Section 2, Question 47, by removing the columns labeled “Not relevant” and “Relevant/not formally tested” from the table;

■ f. In Section 3, Question 57, by removing the following categories in each of the “*Unsecured borrowing*” and “*Secured borrowing*” tables:

“(A) *U.S. financial institutions*

“(B) *Non-U.S. financial institutions*

“(C) Other U.S. creditors

“(D) Other non-U.S. creditors”

and adding, in their place, the following categories:

“(A) *U.S. depository institutions*

“(B) U.S. creditors that are not *U.S.*

depository institutions

“(C) *Non-U.S. creditors*”;

■ g. In Section 3, Question 58(b), by removing the text “60(a)”, and adding, in its place, the text “58(a)”;

■ h. In Section 3 as follows:

■ i. Amend Question 65(a), by removing the text “Name of the issuer” and adding, in its place, the text “Name of the issuer or the name of counterparty in a *repo*”;

■ ii. Amend Question 65(d), by removing the word “available” and adding, in its place, the word “any”;

■ iii. Amend Question 65(e), by removing the word “available” and adding, in its place, the word “any”;

■ iv. Revise Question 65(f); and

■ v. Amend Question 65(g)(xii), by:

■ 1. Removing the words “of investment” in the parenthetical and adding, in their place, the words “for the collateral”; and

■ 2. Removing the text “*U.S. Treasuries (including strips); Other Instrument*” and adding, in its place, the text “*U.S. Treasuries (including strips); Cash; Other Instrument*”;

■ i. In Section 4, renumbering the first Question 73 (“What is the weighted average debt-to-equity ratio of the *controlled portfolio companies* in which the *reporting fund* invests (expressed as a decimal to the tenths place)?”) as Question 73(a) and renumbering the second Question 73 (“What is the highest debt-to-equity ratio of any *controlled portfolio company* in which the *reporting fund* invests (expressed as a decimal to the tenths place)?”) as Question 73(b);

■ j. Amending the definition of “*Collateral posted entries*” in the Glossary of Terms by:

■ i. Removing the words “*counterparty credit exposure and collateral table*”, and adding, in their place, the words “*consolidated counterparty exposure table*”;

■ ii. Removing the following clauses which constitute part of the sentence beginning “For Question 26, the sum of amounts attributable to an individual counterparty included the entries on the following lines of the *reporting fund’s consolidated counterparty exposure table*”:

“(c)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities posted by the *reporting fund* relating to *repo* and *reverse repo* (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities posted by the *reporting fund* relating to other *secured borrowing*,”

and adding, in their place, the following clauses:

“(c)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities (other than *cash and cash equivalents*) posted by the *reporting fund* relating to *repo* and *reverse repo* (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities (other than *cash and cash equivalents*) posted by the *reporting fund* relating to other *secured borrowing*,”;

■ iii. Removing the following clauses which constitute part of the sentence beginning “For Question 41, entries on the following lines of the *reporting fund’s counterparty credit exposure and collateral table*”:

“(b)iii), and (iv) *government securities* and other securities posted by the *reporting fund* to the counterparty in margin borrowing, securities lending transactions, and as margin for derivatives under any cross-margining agreement,

“(c)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities posted by the *reporting fund* relating to *repo* and *reverse repo* (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities posted by the *reporting*

fund relating to other *secured borrowing*,”

and adding, in their place, the following clauses:

“(b)(iii) and (iv)—*government securities* and other securities (other than *cash and cash equivalents*) posted by the *reporting fund* to the counterparty in margin borrowing, securities lending transactions, and as margin for derivatives under any cross-margining agreement,

“(c)(ii) and (iii)—*government securities* and other securities (other than *cash and cash equivalents*) posted by the *reporting fund* relating to *repo* and *reverse repo* (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii) and (iii)—*government securities* and other securities (other than *cash and cash equivalents*) posted by the *reporting fund* relating to other *secured borrowing*,”;

■ iv. Removing the text “Question 26”, and adding, in its place, the text “Questions 27 and 28”; and

■ v. Removing the text “Question 41”, and adding, in its place, the text “Questions 42 and 43”;

■ k. Amending the definition of “*Collateral received entries*” in the Glossary of Terms by:

■ i. Removing the words “*counterparty credit exposure and collateral table*”, and adding, in their place, the words “*consolidated counterparty exposure table*”;

■ ii. Removing the following clauses which constitute part of the sentence beginning “For Question 26, the sum of amounts attributable to an individual counterparty included the entries on the following lines of the *reporting fund’s consolidated counterparty exposure table*”:

“(c)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities received by the *reporting fund* related to *repo* and *reverse repo* (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities received related to other *secured borrowing*,”

and adding, in their place, the following clauses:

“(c)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities (other than *cash and cash equivalents*) received by the *reporting fund* related to *repo* and *reverse repo* (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii)—*government securities* and other securities (other than *cash and cash equivalents*) received related to other *secured borrowing*,”;

■ iii. Removing the following clauses which constitute part of the sentence beginning “For Question 41, entries on the following lines of the *reporting fund’s counterparty credit exposure and collateral table*”:

“(b)(iii) and (iv)—government securities and other securities received by the reporting fund in cash margin borrowing and securities lending transactions,

“(c)(ii) and (iii)—government securities and other securities received by the reporting fund related to repo and reverse repo (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii) and (iii)—government securities and other securities received related to other secured borrowing,” and adding, in their place, the following clauses:

“(b)(iii) and (iv)—government securities and other securities (other than cash and cash equivalents) received by the reporting fund in cash margin borrowing and securities lending transactions,

“(c)(ii) and (iii)—government securities and other securities (other than cash and cash equivalents) received by the reporting fund related to repo and reverse repo (include tri-party repo),

“(d)(ii) and (iii)—government securities and other securities (other than cash and cash equivalents) received related to other secured borrowing,”;

■ iv. Removing the text “Question 26” and adding, in its place, the text “Question 28”; and

■ v. Removing the text “Question 41”, and adding, in its place, the words “Question 43”;

■ l. Amending the definition of “Net asset value or NAV” in the Glossary of Terms by removing the words “Question 12” and adding, in their place, the words “Question 11”; and

■ m. Amending the definition “WAL” in the Glossary of Terms by removing the words “weighted average portfolio maturity” and adding, in their place, the words “weighted average portfolio life”.

The revisions read as follows:

Note: The text of Form PF does not, and these amendments will not, appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Form PF: General Instructions

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6. * * *

• Do not report information for any private fund advised by any of your related persons unless you have identified that related person in Question 1(b) as a related person for which you are filing Form PF.

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Section 1b. * * *

7. (a) Is the reporting fund the master fund of a master-feeder arrangement? If so, check “yes” below, and complete (i), (ii), and (iii) for each feeder fund.

Otherwise, check “no.” See Instructions 5, 6, and 7 for information on treatment of master-feeder arrangements.

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Section 3 * * *

Question 65 * * *

(f) The category of investment that most closely identifies the instrument

(Select from among the following categories of investment: U.S. Treasury Debt; U.S. Government Agency Debt (if categorized as coupon-paying notes); U.S. Government Agency Debt (if categorized as no-coupon-discount notes); Non-U.S. Sovereign, Sub-Sovereign and Supra-National debt; Certificate of Deposit; Non-Negotiable Time Deposit; Variable Rate Demand Note; Other Municipal Security; Asset Backed Commercial Paper; Other Asset Backed Securities; U.S. Treasury Repo Agreement, if collateralized only by U.S. Treasuries (including Strips) and cash; U.S. Government Agency Repo Agreement, collateralized only by U.S. Government Agency securities, U.S. Treasuries, and cash; Other Repo Agreement, if any collateral falls outside Treasury, Government Agency and cash; Insurance Company Funding Agreement; Investment Company; Financial Company Commercial Paper; Non-Financial Company Commercial Paper; Tender Option Bond; or Other Instrument. If Other Instrument, include a brief description.)

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By the Commissions.

Dated: March 19, 2025.

Christopher Kirkpatrick,

Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman,

Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission.

Note: The following Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

CFTC Appendix to Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers—CFTC Voting Summary

On this matter, Acting Chairman Pham and Commissioners Johnson, Goldsmith Romero, and Mersinger voted in the affirmative. No Commissioner voted in the negative.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

19 CFR Part 12

[CBP Dec. 25–01]

RIN 1685–AA03

Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Material of El Salvador

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations to extend import restrictions on certain material from the Republic of El Salvador. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, has made the requisite determinations for extending the import restrictions, originally imposed on certain archaeological material by Treasury Decision 95–20, and amended by CBP Decision 20–04 to cover certain ecclesiastical ethnological material. These import restrictions are being extended pursuant to an exchange of diplomatic notes. The CBP regulations are being amended to reflect this further extension through March 2, 2030.

DATES: Effective on April 11, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (Pub. L. 97–446, 19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*) (CPIA), which implements the 1970 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (823 U.N.T.S. 231 (1972)) (the Convention), allows for the conclusion of an agreement between the United States and another party to the Convention to impose import restrictions on eligible

archaeological and ethnological material. Under the CIA and the applicable U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations, found in § 12.104 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 12.104), the restrictions are effective for no more than five years beginning on the date on which an agreement enters into force with respect to the United States (19 U.S.C. 2602(b)). This period may be extended for additional periods, each extension not to exceed five years, if it is determined that the factors justifying the initial agreement still pertain and no cause for suspension of the agreement exists (19 U.S.C. 2602(e); 19 CFR 12.104g(a)).

On March 8, 1995, the United States entered into a bilateral agreement (the 1995 Agreement) with the Republic of El Salvador (El Salvador) to impose import restrictions on certain categories of archaeological material from El Salvador's Pre-Hispanic cultures and ranging in date from approximately 8000 B.C. to 1550 A.D. On March 10, 1995, the former U.S. Customs Service (now CBP) published a final rule, Treasury Decision (T.D.) 95–20, in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 13352), which amended 19 CFR 12.104g(a) to reflect the imposition of these restrictions, including a list designating the types of archaeological material covered by the restrictions.

Since the initial final rule was published on March 10, 1995, the import restrictions were subsequently extended four times. First, on March 9, 2000, following the exchange of diplomatic notes, the former U.S. Customs Service published T.D. 00–16 in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 12470) to extend the import restrictions for a period of five years to March 8, 2005. Second, on March 9, 2005, following the exchange of diplomatic notes, CBP published CBP Dec. 05–10 in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 11539) to extend the import restrictions for an additional five-year period to March 8, 2010. Third, on March 8, 2010, following the exchange of diplomatic notes, CBP published CBP Dec. 10–01 in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 10411) to extend the import restrictions for an additional period of five years to March 8, 2015. Fourth, on March 6, 2015, following the exchange of diplomatic notes, CBP published CBP Dec. 15–05 in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 12080) to reflect the extension of the import restrictions for an additional five-year period to March 8, 2020.

On March 2, 2020, the United States and El Salvador entered into a new Memorandum of Understanding (2020 MOU), that entered into force on March

2, 2020, and superseded the existing agreement that first became effective on March 8, 1995. Pursuant to the 2020 MOU, the import restrictions for archaeological material remain in effect for an additional five-year period until March 2, 2025, and the 2020 MOU also covers import restrictions for ecclesiastical ethnological material until March 2, 2025.

Thereafter, on March 18, 2020, CBP published CBP Dec. 20–04 in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 15363) to reflect the extension of the import restrictions on certain archaeological material and the imposition of import restrictions on certain ecclesiastical ethnological material (from the Colonial period through the first half of the twentieth century ranging in date from approximately A.D. 1525 to 1950).

On August 15, 2024, the United States Department of State proposed in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 66484) to extend the 2020 MOU. On December 16, 2024, after considering the views and recommendations of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State, made the necessary determinations to extend the import restrictions for an additional five years. Following an exchange of diplomatic notes, concluded on January 27, 2025, the United States and El Salvador have agreed to extend the restrictions for an additional five-year period, through March 2, 2030. However, in the absence of a final rule extending enforcement of the restrictions, enforcement of these restrictions ended on March 2, 2025. Enforcement of the extension will begin upon publication of this document in the **Federal Register**.

Accordingly, CBP is amending 19 CFR 12.104g(a) to reflect the extension and reinstate enforcement of these import restrictions. The restrictions on the importation of archaeological and ecclesiastical ethnological material from El Salvador will continue in effect through March 2, 2030. Importation of such material from El Salvador continues to be restricted through that date unless the conditions set forth in 19 U.S.C. 2606 and 19 CFR 12.104c are met.

The Designated List and additional information may also be found at the following website address: <https://eca.state.gov/cultural-heritage-center/cultural-property/current-agreements-and-import-restrictions> by selecting the material for “El Salvador.”

Inapplicability of Notice and Delayed Effective Date

This amendment involves a foreign affairs function of the United States and is, therefore, being made without notice or public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1). For the same reason, a delayed effective date is not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

Executive Order 12866

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) directs agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). CBP has determined that this document is not a regulation or rule subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12866 because it pertains to a foreign affairs function of the United States, as described above, and therefore is specifically exempted by section 3(d)(2) of Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, requires an agency to prepare and make available to the public a regulatory flexibility analysis that describes the effect of a proposed rule on small entities (*i.e.*, small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions) when the agency is required to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking for a rule. Since a general notice of proposed rulemaking is not necessary for this rule, CBP is not required to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for this rule.

Signing Authority

In accordance with Treasury Order 100–20, the Secretary of the Treasury has delegated to the Secretary of Homeland Security the authority related to the customs revenue functions vested in the Secretary of the Treasury as set forth in 6 U.S.C. 212 and 215, subject to certain exceptions. This regulation is being issued in accordance with DHS Directive 07010.3, Revision 03.2, which delegates to the Commissioner of CBP the authority to prescribe and approve regulations related to cultural property import restrictions.

Pete Flores, Acting Commissioner, having reviewed and approved this document, has delegated the authority to electronically sign this document to the Director (or Acting Director, if applicable) of the Regulations and

Disclosure Law Division of CBP, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 19 CFR Part 12

Cultural property, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Prohibited merchandise, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Amendment to the CBP Regulations

For the reasons set forth above, part 12 of title 19 of the Code of Federal

Regulations (19 CFR part 12) is amended as set forth below:

PART 12—SPECIAL CLASSES OF MERCHANDISE

■ 1. The general authority citation for part 12 and the specific authority citation for § 12.104g continue to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 19 U.S.C. 66, 1202 (General Note 3(i), Harmonized Tariff

Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)), 1624.

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Sections 12.104 through 12.104i also issued under 19 U.S.C. 2612;

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■ 2. In § 12.104g, amend the table in paragraph (a) by revising the entry for El Salvador to read as follows:

§ 12.104g Specific items or categories designated by agreements or emergency actions.

(a) * * *

State party	Cultural property	Decision No.
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El Salvador	Archaeological material representing El Salvador's Pre-Hispanic cultures ranging in date from approximately 8000 B.C. through A.D. 1550 and ecclesiastical ethnological material from the Colonial period through the first half of the twentieth century ranging in date from approximately A.D. 1525 to 1950.	CBP Dec. 20–04, extended by CBP Dec. 25–01.
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Robert F. Altneu,

Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG–2025–0269]

Special Local Regulation; Conch Republic Navy Parade and Battle, Key West, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulation for the Conch Republic Navy Parade and Battle, in Key West, Florida. Our regulation for recurring Marine Events in Captain of the Port Key West Zone identifies the regulated area for this event. During the enforcement period, no person or vessel may enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the regulated area without approval from the Captain of the Port Key West or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulation in 33 CFR 100.701 will be enforced for the Conch Republic Navy Parade and Battle regulated area listed in table 1 to

§ 100.701, section (B), item no. 1 from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. on April 25, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice, call or email Chief Marine Science Technician Mathew Mason, Sector Key West Waterways Management Department, Coast Guard; telephone (305) 292–8823, email Mathew.R.Mason@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulation in 33 CFR 100.701 for the Conch Republic Navy Parade and Battle regulated area listed in paragraph (b), item no. 1 in table 1 to § 100.701, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on April 25, 2025.

This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on the navigable waters of the Key West Harbor during the simulated battle event. Sector Key West Zone, § 100.701, table 1, paragraph (b), item no. 1, specifies the location of the regulated area for Conch Republic Navy Parade and Battle. During the enforcement period, as reflected in § 100.701(c), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the COTP Key West or designated representative.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notice of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and on-scene designated representatives.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Jason D. Ingram,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Key West.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 147

[Docket Number USCG–2024–0704]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Empire Wind 1 Wind Farm Project Area, Outer Continental Shelf, Lease OCS–A 0512, Offshore New York and New Jersey, Atlantic Ocean

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing 55 temporary safety zones around the construction of individual wind energy facilities during the development of the Empire Wind 1 Wind Farm project area. The area lies within Federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf, specifically in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS–A 0512, approximately 12 nautical miles south of Long Island, NY. This action protects life, property, and the environment during construction of each facility. When being enforced, only attending vessels and vessels with

authorization are permitted to enter or remain in the temporary safety zones.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from April 11, 2025 through 11:59 p.m. on February 29, 2028. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2025, until April 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2024–0704 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rulemaking, call or email Mr. Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management, at Coast Guard First District, telephone (571) 607–6314, email craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
COP	Construction and Operations Plan
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DD	Degrees Decimal
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
EW1	Empire Wind 1
FR	Federal Register
LNM	Local Notice to Mariners
MSIB	Marine Safety Information Bulletin
NJ	New Jersey
NY	New York
NAD 83	North American Datum of 1983
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NM	Nautical Mile
OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
OSS	Offshore Substation
§	Section
U.S.C.	United States Code
VHF	Very High Frequency
WTG	Wind Turbine Generator

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109–58, amended the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, by adding a new subsection 8(p) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases, easements, and rights-of-way in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) for renewable energy development, including wind energy projects. The Secretary of the Interior delegated to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) the authority to decide whether to approve Construction and Operations Plans (COPs) for such projects.¹

Empire Offshore Wind LLC, an offshore wind farm developer, proposed to develop two clusters of offshore wind energy facilities, known as Empire Wind 1 (EW1) and Empire Wind 2, just outside of the Port of New York and New Jersey. On February 22, 2024, BOEM announced its approval of Empire Wind’s COP, which authorizes the offshore construction and operation of the wind energy project, consisting of both clusters of facilities. That was the project’s final approval from BOEM, following the agency’s Record of Decision (ROD) approving the project.²

Empire Offshore Wind notified the Coast Guard that they plan to begin construction of the facilities in the EW1 Wind Farm project area, which lies within Federal waters on the OCS. The construction, which may begin as early as March 2025, will occur in a portion of the BOEM Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS–A 0512. That lease area lies approximately 12 nautical miles (NM) offshore, south of Long Island, New York (NY), and 17 NM offshore east of Long Branch, New Jersey (NJ).

On October 22, 2024, after determining that the establishment of safety zones was necessary to provide for the safety of life, property, and the environment during the anticipated construction of the structures, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled “Safety Zone; Empire Wind 1 Wind Farm Project Area, Outer Continental Shelf, Lease OCS–A 0512, Offshore New York and New Jersey, Atlantic Ocean” (89 FR 84316). There, we explained the basis for the NPRM and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to the establishment of safety zones around the construction of 54 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) and one Offshore Sub Station (OSS) located in the EW1 project area. We received 42 written submissions during the comment period that ended November 21, 2024.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable because action is needed to ensure public safety during construction by March 10, 2025. Construction of the wind energy facilities may begin by then, and the rule must in place by then

in order to mitigate the potential safety hazards associated with construction.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under the authority provided in 14 U.S.C. 544, 43 U.S.C. 1333, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4. Our regulations in 33 CFR part 147, which implement these authorities, permit the establishment of safety zones for non-mineral energy resource, permanent or temporary structures located on the OCS. As explained in 33 CFR 147.1, safety zones under part 147 may be established around OCS facilities being constructed, maintained, or operated on the OCS. Such safety zones may be established to promote the safety of life and property on the facilities, their appurtenances, and attending vessels, and on the adjacent waters within the safety zones. They may include provisions to protect the environment, such as measures to protect the living resources of the sea from harmful agents.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, the Coast Guard received 42 written submissions to our NPRM published October 22, 2024. The comments in these submissions were thoroughly considered and the First Coast Guard District Commander has determined that establishment of 55 temporary safety zones through rulemaking is warranted to ensure the safety of life, property, and the environment within a 500-meter radius of each of the 55 facilities during their construction.

Two of the 42 submissions were supportive of the 55 temporary 500-meter safety zones. One submission pointed out a technical error in the proposed rule, and the remaining 39 were opposed to the rule as proposed. One of the two supportive submission stated the reasoning for their support to our proposed rule was to “reduce the risk for onsite workers.” The other supporter of our proposed rule stated their support was to ensure the safe execution of the project.

The remaining 39 submissions opposed the proposed rule. These submissions communicated their opposition to wind farm construction in general and not necessarily to the creation of safety zones around this construction. As explained in the Background section, however, the Coast Guard does not have approval authority over the wind farm project, and this rule is not proposing to approve of the construction or operation of the project

¹ See p. 5 of the Record of Decision for the Empire Offshore Wind Project (EW 1 and EW2)

Construction and Operations Plan (November 20, 2023). It is available at: <https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/renewable-energy/state-activities/Empire%20Wind%20OCA-A%200512%20ROD%20signed.pdf>.

² BOEM announced the availability of the ROD on November 28, 2023, at 88 FR 83146.

itself. Thus, comments on the merits of this wind farm project, or of wind farms in general, are outside the scope of this rulemaking.

One commenter specifically disagreed with the Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation program Decision Support System document finding that our rule is not a piece of or connected to the larger action of offshore wind development generally and requested a more comprehensive assessment of how the U.S. Coast Guard will meet our regulatory obligations. The Coast Guard is not, however, the decision-maker responsible for approval of the project. If the commenter believes that BOEM did not adequately consider environmental impacts flowing from the need to address navigational concerns during construction as part of BOEM's approval of the project, the commenter should direct those concerns to BOEM. The Coast Guard's role in this project is simply to consider and mitigate potential hazards to navigation as construction of the project proceeds. A failure to mitigate those hazards to navigation sufficiently may result in loss of life, damage to property, and environmental harm resulting from mishaps, but it has no bearing on whether or not the project will proceed, or on how the wind farm facilities will be regulated in the present or future.

A second commenter criticizing the safety zone rule stated that our proposed rule failed to provide clear enforcement strategies and implementation. As an implementing regulation of this authority, 33 CFR part 147 permits the establishment of safety zones for non-mineral energy resource permanent or temporary structures located on the OCS for the purpose of protecting life and property on the facilities, appurtenances and attending vessels, and on the adjacent waters within the safety zone (see 33 CFR 147.10). Accordingly, a safety zone established under 33 CFR part 147 may also include provisions to restrict, prevent, or control certain activities, including access by vessels or persons to maintain safety of life, property, and the environment. Coast Guard authorities direct us to assess the potential safety risks associated with such complex and unusually hazardous construction projects and require establishment of the safety zones to ensure the safety of life, property, and the environment. Violations of our rule may be processed in accordance with 33 CFR 140.40 on civil and criminal penalty proceedings.

Another commenter felt that a 500-meter safety zone was too small to protect marine life from sound and other pressure disturbances caused by

offshore wind construction activities and recommended that we increase the size of the safety zones to protect marine life. In response, we point to 33 CFR 147.15, which limits our OCS safety zones to a maximum distance of 500 meters around an OCS facility.

Another commenter, who anticipates transiting the area as a recreational fisherman, had three objections to our proposed rule to create 55 temporary 500-meter safety zones during construction of these OCS facilities to protect life, property, and the environment, and offered some thoughts for the Coast Guard to consider.

First, the commenter expressed their concern that all 55 locations could be enforced at the same time, effectively closing the entire area all at once, and suggested the proposed regulation should define how many zones can be enforced at any one time. The Coast Guard does not control the schedule for construction, so we cannot set the number of safety zones that can be enforced at one time. But, as explained in the next paragraph, we do not anticipate that all 55 safety zones will be enforced at the same time.

As we stated in the proposed rule, each safety zone would only be enforced during active major construction, which could occur at several locations, sometimes simultaneously. We anticipate the "active major construction" will take place when there is a concentration of large stationary vessels and barges operating in close proximity to the facilities and to each other during hydraulic pile driving hammer operations and heavy lift operations. However, due to the limited number of specialized vessels available to complete this type of major offshore construction, enforcement of all of the 55 safety zones simultaneously, as the commenter suggests, is highly improbable.

Second, the commenter expressed a concern that a 500-meter safety zone was more than sufficient for smaller more maneuverable vessels and recommended we reduce the safety zones 500-meters to a lesser distance. When considering the total number of construction vessels and the concentration of these large stationary vessels and barges operating in close proximity to the facilities and each other during active major construction we believe that enforcement of the 500-meter zone is most appropriate for this offshore construction project while ensuring there is a balance between safety and reducing impact on vessel transit.

Finally, the commenter asked how mariners will be alerted to which zones

are being enforced. As stated in the proposed rule, the Coast Guard will make notice of each enforcement period via the First Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners (LNM). The LNM has historically been the primary means for disseminating information concerning aids to navigation, hazards to navigation, and other marine information of interest to mariners on the waters of the United States. The First Coast Guard District LNM is available online and can be found at its dedicated website <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/msi>. Notices are published weekly. Interested parties may subscribe to receive email updates at https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDHSCG_65. The Coast Guard believes the use of the LNM to be the most efficient means to distribute information concerning enforcement periods for these safety zones.

The rule states that the Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) via marine channel 16 (VHF-FM) as soon as practicable in response to an emergency or hazardous condition. The Coast Guard now offers an online subscription service in addition to the standard VHF BNM broadcasts which, traditionally, was the only method to receive this vital navigational information. Mariners may now use a subscription service to plan for underway periods and can receive updates to navigational hazards in near-real-time without waiting on scheduled VHF broadcasts. Sign up to receive BNMs via email for your waterway at <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/subscribe-email-rss-feeds>.

The Coast Guard will also issue Safety Marine Information Broadcasts (SMIB) via marine channel 16 (VHF-FM) for each Safety Zone starting an hour before and broadcasting four times per day for the duration of the safety zone and Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIB) are distributed via email. MSIBs will also be posted on Coast Guard Sector New York's Homeport at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/new-york>.

Additionally, Empire Wind will provide dedicated safety and scout vessels on scene to provide up-to-date advisory information.

A comment submitted by a cartographer from the Office of Coast Survey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), pointed out a technical error. The horizontal datum being used, "NAD 83," was mentioned in the discussion of our proposed rule, but it is not included with the regulatory text for the center point positions given in table 1 to

paragraph (a). In response to this comment, the Coast Guard has added the horizontal datum to table 1 to paragraph (a) in the regulatory text.

The remaining opposing comments expressed concerns about wind farm construction projects, and stated their general opposition to all similar construction projects in the region. The Coast Guard acknowledges these comments and concerns, but notes, as stated above, that these are outside the scope of this rulemaking. Coast Guard authorities direct us to assess the potential safety risks associated with complex and unusually hazardous construction projects such as these, and to allow for the mitigation of such risks through the establishment of the safety zones to ensure the safety of life, property, and the environment.

The First Coast Guard District has factored applicable statutes and regulations into the subject rule. Applicable Authorities are cited in Section III.

After considering the comments discussed above, the Coast Guard determined that no additional changes besides adding the datum being used as suggested by NOAA should be made to the regulatory text. As written, the Coast

Guard believes that the rule ensures consistency, sufficient notice, and improved safety while minimizing impact on vessel transit.

The District Commander is establishing 55 temporary 500-meter safety zones around the construction of 54 wind turbine generators (WTGs) and one offshore substation (OSS) on the OCS from March 10, 2025, through 11:59 p.m. on February 29, 2028.

The construction of these facilities is expected to repeatedly include the installation of the foundations followed by the installation of the upper structures for all 55 facilities. Major construction activity could take place for a period lasting approximately 96 hours or more at several locations, sometimes simultaneously, in the lease area for these 55 facilities. The Coast Guard will provide notice of each enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via marine channel 16 (VHF-FM) as soon as practicable in response to an emergency or hazardous condition. The Coast Guard is publishing this rulemaking to be effective, and enforceable, through February 29, 2028, to encompass any construction delays due to weather or

other unforeseen circumstances. If, as currently scheduled, the project is completed before February 29, 2028, enforcement of the safety zones would be suspended, and notice given via Local Notice to Mariners.

Additional information about the construction process of the EW1 can be found at <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/empire-wind>.

The 55 temporary 500-meter safety zones around the construction of 54 WTGs and one OSS are in the EW1 project area, specifically in a portion of the BOEM Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0512, approximately 12 NM offshore south of Long Island, NY, and 17 NM offshore east of Long Branch, NJ.

The positions of each individual safety zone are referred to using a unique alpha-numeric naming convention as shown in table 1 below.

Aligning with authorities under 33 CFR 147.15, the safety zones include the area within 500-meters of the center point of the positions provided in the table below expressed in Degrees (°) Minutes (') Seconds (") (DMS) based on North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83).

TABLE 1—LIST OF SAFETY ZONES USING UNIQUE ALPHA-NUMERIC NAMING CONVENTION, FACILITY TYPE, AND LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

Name	Facility type	Latitude	Longitude
B01	WTG	40°22'25.878" N	73°33'41.509" W
C01	WTG	40°21'35.382" N	73°33'42.583" W
B02	WTG	40°22'15.912" N	73°32'49.958" W
D02	WTG	40°21'12.870" N	73°32'51.312" W
B03	WTG	40°22'05.938" N	73°31'58.412" W
D03	WTG	40°20'50.352" N	73°32'00.051" W
B04	WTG	40°21'55.959" N	73°31'06.870" W
D04	WTG	40°20'27.828" N	73°31'08.799" W
B05	WTG	40°21'45.973" N	73°30'15.333" W
D05	WTG	40°20'05.299" N	73°30'17.557" W
B06	WTG	40°21'35.981" N	73°29'23.800" W
E06	WTG	40°19'42.762" N	73°29'26.325" W
B07	WTG	40°21'25.983" N	73°28'32.271" W
E07	WTG	40°19'20.220" N	73°28'35.102" W
B08	WTG	40°21'15.978" N	73°27'40.747" W
E08	WTG	40°18'57.671" N	73°27'43.888" W
B09	WTG	40°21'05.967" N	73°26'49.227" W
C09	OSS	40°20'25.307" N	73°26'50.160" W
F09	WTG	40°18'35.116" N	73°26'52.685" W
B10	WTG	40°20'55.950" N	73°25'57.712" W
C10	WTG	40°20'15.2898" N	73°25'58.653" W
D10	WTG	40°19'34.629" N	73°25'59.594" W
E10	WTG	40°18'53.969" N	73°26'00.534" W
B11	WTG	40°20'45.926" N	73°25'06.201" W
C11	WTG	40°20'05.266" N	73°25'07.150" W
D11	WTG	40°19'24.606" N	73°25'08.100" W
E11	WTG	40°18'43.946" N	73°25'09.048" W
F11	WTG	40°17'49.988" N	73°25'10.306" W
B12	WTG	40°20'35.896" N	73°24'14.694" W
C12	WTG	40°19'55.236" N	73°24'15.652" W
B13	WTG	40°20'25.860" N	73°23'23.192" W
C13	WTG	40°19'45.200" N	73°23'24.159" W
B14	WTG	40°20'15.817" N	73°22'31.694" W
D14	WTG	40°18'54.499" N	73°22'33.644" W
C15	WTG	40°19'25.110" N	73°21'41.185" W

TABLE 1—LIST OF SAFETY ZONES USING UNIQUE ALPHA-NUMERIC NAMING CONVENTION, FACILITY TYPE, AND LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE—Continued

Name	Facility type	Latitude	Longitude
H15	WTG	40°16'19.659" N	73°21'45.664" W
B16	WTG	40°19'55.714" N	73°20'48.712" W
G16	WTG	40°16'32.420" N	73°20'53.667" W
H16	WTG	40°15'57.881" N	73°20'54.528" W
B17	WTG	40°19'45.652" N	73°19'57.228" W
D17	WTG	40°18'24.335" N	73°19'59.229" W
F17	WTG	40°17'03.018" N	73°20'01.227" W
C18	WTG	40°18'54.926" N	73°19'06.757" W
D18	WTG	40°18'14.268" N	73°19'07.766" W
E18	WTG	40°17'33.610" N	73°19'08.774" W
F18	WTG	40°16'52.952" N	73°19'09.781" W
B19	WTG	40°19'25.511" N	73°18'14.273" W
C19	WTG	40°18'44.853" N	73°18'15.290" W
D19	WTG	40°18'04.195" N	73°18'16.307" W
E19	WTG	40°17'23.537" N	73°18'17.324" W
B20	WTG	40°19'15.431" N	73°17'22.802" W
C20	WTG	40°18'34.773" N	73°17'23.828" W
D20	WTG	40°17'54.115" N	73°17'24.853" W
B21	WTG	40°19'05.344" N	73°16'31.335" W
C21	WTG	40°18'24.687" N	73°16'32.370" W

The positions of the 55 safety zones are shown on the chartlets in figures 1–3 below. For scaling purposes, there is

approximately 0.65 NM spacing

between each position in the figure 1–3.

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Figure 1 Small scale chartlet showing the positions of the safety zones in relation to the approaches to New York and New Jersey

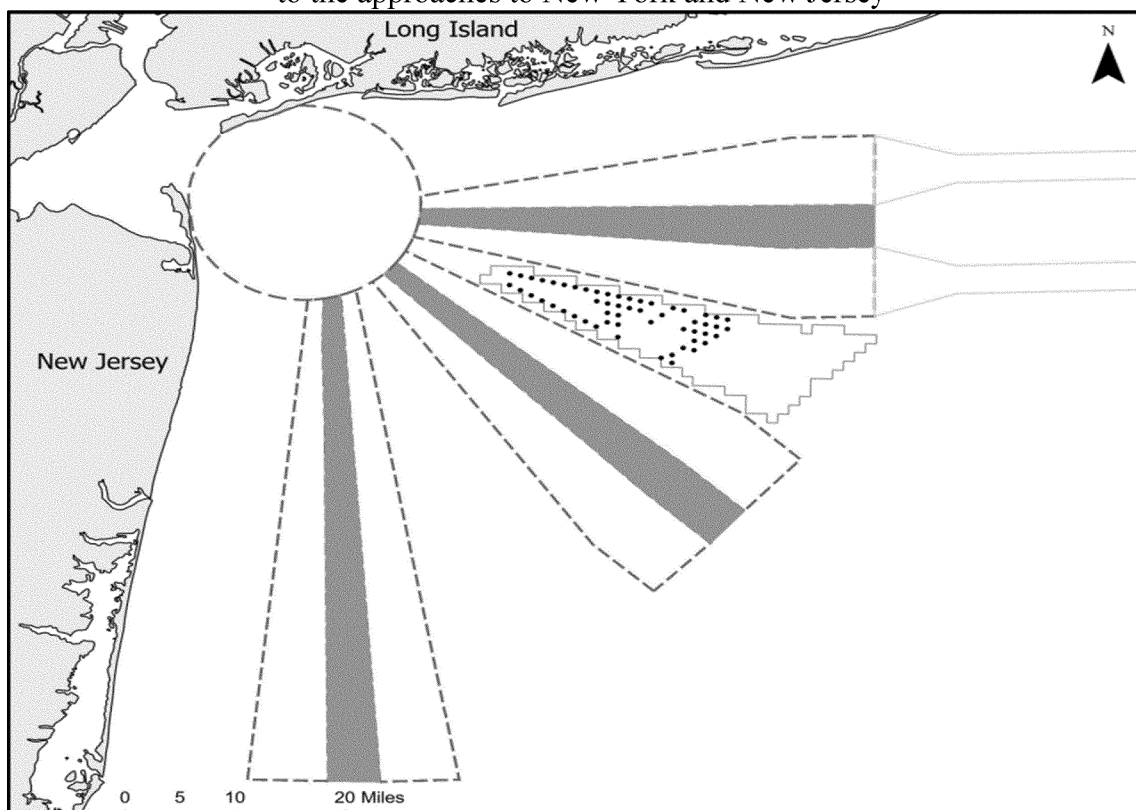
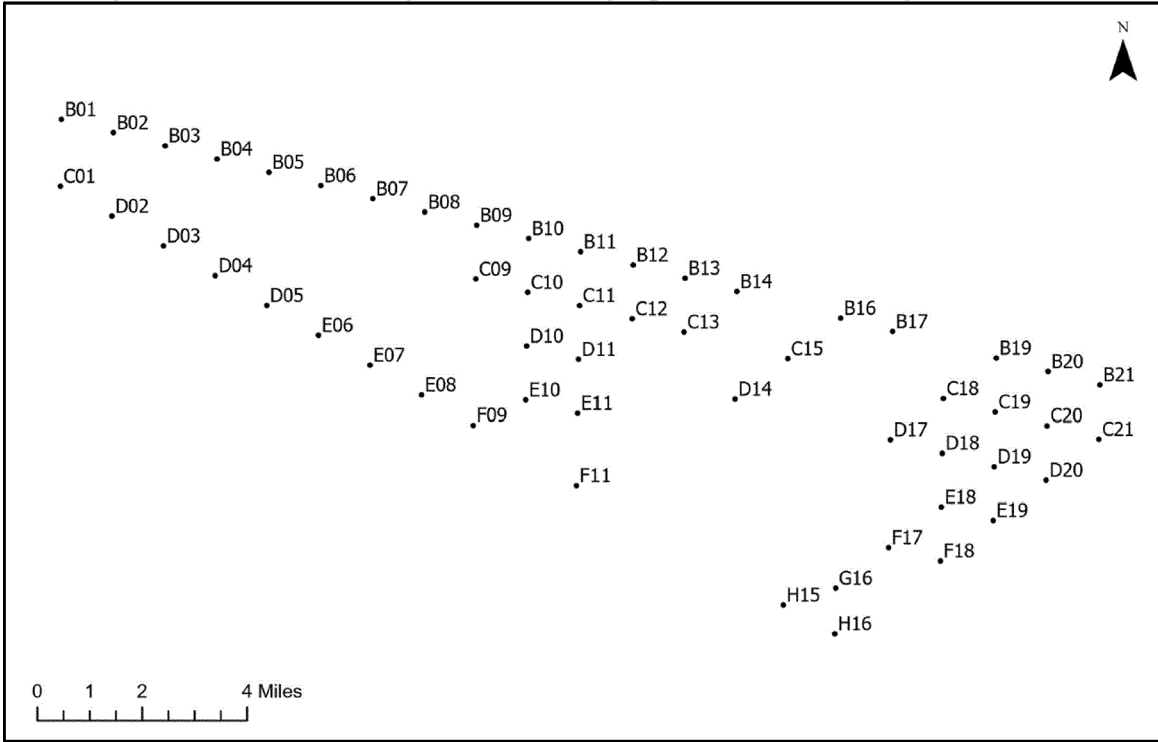


Figure 2 Large scale chartlet showing the positions of the safety zones with a 500-meter safety zone.



Figure 3 Chartlet showing locations using alpha-numeric naming convention.



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Navigation in the vicinity of the safety zones consists of large commercial

shipping vessels, fishing vessels, cruise ships, tugs with tows, and recreational vessels.

When enforced, no unauthorized vessel or person would be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining

permission from the First Coast Guard District Commander or a designated representative. Requests for entry into the safety zone would be considered and reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Persons or vessels seeking to enter the safety zone must request authorization from the First Coast Guard District Commander or designated representative via VHF-FM channel 16 or by phone at 866-842-1560 (First Coast Guard District Command Center). If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the First Coast Guard District Commander or designated representative.

The regulatory text, which appears at the end of this document, is unchanged from the text proposed in the NPRM except with the addition of the datum being used.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive Orders related to rulemaking. A summary of our analyses based on these statutes and Executive Orders follows.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. This NPRM has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the NPRM has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Aligning with 33 CFR 147.15, the safety zones established would extend to a maximum distance of 500-meters around the OCS facility measured from its center point. Vessel traffic would be able to safely transit around the safety zones, which would impact a small, designated area in the Atlantic Ocean, without significant impediment to their voyage. This safety zone would provide for the safety of life, property, and the environment during the construction of each structure, in accordance with Coast Guard maritime safety missions.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their

fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule may affect owners or operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in the EW1 project area, some of which might be small entities. However, these safety zones would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of these entities because they will be temporarily enforced, allow for deviation requests, and do not impact vessel transit significantly. Regarding the enforcement period, although these safety zones would be in effect from March 10, 2025, through February 29, 2028, vessels would only be prohibited from the regulated zone during periods of actual construction activity in correspondence to the period of enforcement. We expect the enforcement period at each location to last for only a short period. Additionally, vessel traffic could pass safely around each safety zone using an alternate route. Use of an alternate route likely will cause minimal delay for the vessel in reaching their destination depending on other traffic in the area and vessel speed. Lastly, vessels would also be able to request deviation from this rule to transit through a safety zone. Such requests would be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be authorized by the First Coast Guard District Commander or a designated representative. For these reasons, the Coast Guard expects any impact of this rulemaking establishing a temporary safety zone around these OCS facilities to be minimal and have no significant economic impact on small entities.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule. If the proposed rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule would not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132 (Federalism), if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have Tribal implications under Executive Order 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments) because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or Tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the potential effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves the establishment of a safety zones around an OCS facility to protect life, property, and the marine environment. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of

appendix A, table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 147

Continental shelf, Marine safety, Navigation (waters).

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 33 CFR part 147 as follows:

PART 147—SAFETY ZONES

■ 1. Revise the authority citation for part 147 to read as follows:

Authority: 14 U.S.C. 544; 43 U.S.C. 1333; 33 CFR 1.05–1; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4.

■ 2. Add § 147.T01–0704 to read as follows:

§ 147.T01–0704 Safety Zone; Empire Wind 1 Wind Farm Project Area, Outer Continental Shelf, Lease OCS–A 0512, Offshore New York and New Jersey, Atlantic Ocean.

(a) *Description.* The area within 500-meters of the center point of the positions provided in the table below expressed in Degrees (°) Minutes (′) Seconds (″) (DMS) based on North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83).

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (a)

Name	Facility type	Latitude	Longitude
B01	WTG	40°22′25.878″ N	73°33′41.509″ W
C01	WTG	40°21′35.382″ N	73°33′42.583″ W
B02	WTG	40°22′15.912″ N	73°32′49.958″ W
D02	WTG	40°21′12.870″ N	73°32′51.312″ W
B03	WTG	40°22′05.938″ N	73°31′58.412″ W
D03	WTG	40°20′50.352″ N	73°32′00.051″ W
B04	WTG	40°21′55.959″ N	73°31′06.870″ W
D04	WTG	40°20′27.828″ N	73°31′08.799″ W
B05	WTG	40°21′45.973″ N	73°30′15.333″ W
D05	WTG	40°20′05.299″ N	73°30′17.557″ W
B06	WTG	40°21′35.981″ N	73°29′23.800″ W
E06	WTG	40°19′42.762″ N	73°29′26.325″ W
B07	WTG	40°21′25.983″ N	73°28′32.271″ W
E07	WTG	40°19′20.220″ N	73°28′35.102″ W
B08	WTG	40°21′15.978″ N	73°27′40.747″ W
E08	WTG	40°18′57.671″ N	73°27′43.888″ W
B09	WTG	40°21′05.967″ N	73°26′49.227″ W
C09	OSS	40°20′25.307″ N	73°26′50.160″ W
F09	WTG	40°18′35.116″ N	73°26′52.685″ W
B10	WTG	40°20′55.950″ N	73°25′57.712″ W
C10	WTG	40°20′15.2898″ N	73°25′58.653″ W
D10	WTG	40°19′34.629″ N	73°25′59.594″ W
E10	WTG	40°18′53.969″ N	73°26′00.534″ W
B11	WTG	40°20′45.926″ N	73°25′06.201″ W
C11	WTG	40°20′05.266″ N	73°25′07.150″ W
D11	WTG	40°19′24.606″ N	73°25′08.100″ W
E11	WTG	40°18′43.946″ N	73°25′09.048″ W
F11	WTG	40°17′49.988″ N	73°25′10.306″ W
B12	WTG	40°20′35.896″ N	73°24′14.694″ W
C12	WTG	40°19′55.236″ N	73°24′15.652″ W
B13	WTG	40°20′25.860″ N	73°23′23.192″ W
C13	WTG	40°19′45.200″ N	73°23′24.159″ W
B14	WTG	40°20′15.817″ N	73°22′31.694″ W
D14	WTG	40°18′54.499″ N	73°22′33.644″ W
C15	WTG	40°19′25.110″ N	73°21′41.185″ W
H15	WTG	40°16′19.659″ N	73°21′45.664″ W
B16	WTG	40°19′55.714″ N	73°20′48.712″ W
G16	WTG	40°16′32.420″ N	73°20′53.667″ W
H16	WTG	40°15′57.881″ N	73°20′54.528″ W
B17	WTG	40°19′45.652″ N	73°19′57.228″ W
D17	WTG	40°18′24.335″ N	73°19′59.229″ W
F17	WTG	40°17′03.018″ N	73°20′01.227″ W
C18	WTG	40°18′54.926″ N	73°19′06.757″ W
D18	WTG	40°18′14.268″ N	73°19′07.766″ W
E18	WTG	40°17′33.610″ N	73°19′08.774″ W
F18	WTG	40°16′52.952″ N	73°19′09.781″ W
B19	WTG	40°19′25.511″ N	73°18′14.273″ W
C19	WTG	40°18′44.853″ N	73°18′15.290″ W
D19	WTG	40°18′04.195″ N	73°18′16.307″ W
E19	WTG	40°17′23.537″ N	73°18′17.324″ W
B20	WTG	40°19′15.431″ N	73°17′22.802″ W
C20	WTG	40°18′34.773″ N	73°17′23.828″ W
D20	WTG	40°17′54.115″ N	73°17′24.853″ W
B21	WTG	40°19′05.344″ N	73°16′31.335″ W

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (a)—Continued

Name	Facility type	Latitude	Longitude
C21	WTG	40°18'24.687" N	73°16'32.370" W

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section:

(1) *Designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the First Coast Guard District Commander in the enforcement of the safety zones.

(2) *Local officer* means any officer, agent, or employee of a unit of local government authorized by law or by a local government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of criminal law.

(c) *Regulations.* No vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone except for the following:

(1) An attending vessel as defined in 33 CFR 147.20;

(2) A vessel authorized by the First Coast Guard District Commander or a designated representative.

(d) *Request for permission.* Persons or vessels seeking to enter the safety zone must request authorization from the First Coast Guard District Commander or a designated representative. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with lawful instructions of the First Coast Guard District Commander or designated representative via VHF-FM channel 16 or by phone at 866-842-1560 (First Coast Guard District Command Center).

(e) *Effective and enforcement periods.* This section will be effective from 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2025, through 11:59 p.m. on February 29, 2028. But it will only be enforced during active construction or other instances which may cause a hazard to navigation deemed necessary by the First Coast Guard District Commander. The First Coast Guard District Commander will make notification of the exact dates and times in advance of each enforcement period for the safety zones in paragraph (a) of this section to the local maritime community through the Local Notice to Mariners and will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via marine channel 16 (VHF-FM) as soon as practicable in response to an emergency. If the project is completed before February 29, 2028, enforcement of the safety zones will be suspended, and notice given via Local Notice to Mariners. The First Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners

can be found at: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/msi>.

(f) *Processing of violations.* Violations of this section may be processed in accordance with 33 CFR 140.40 on civil and criminal penalty proceedings.

M.E. Platt,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2025-0225]

RIN 1625-AA00

Security Zone; Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary security zone on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean near the Mar-A-Lago Club and the Southern Boulevard Bridge in Palm Beach, Florida FL. This rule is substantially like the “east zone” security zone in Coast Guard regulations. The Coast Guard will only enforce this rule when the President of the United States, members of the First Family, or other persons under the protection of the Secret Service are present or expected to be present. This action is necessary to protect the official party, public, and surrounding waterways from terrorist acts, sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other events of a similar nature.

DATES:

Effective date: This rule is effective without actual notice from April 11, 2025 through July 17, 2025. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from March 19, 2025, until April 11, 2025.

Comments due date: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being

available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2025-0225 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Lieutenant Guerschom Etienne, Waterways Management Division, Sector Miami, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 786-295-9051, email Guerschom.Etienne@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary interim rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to the authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable. It is necessary to immediately implement enhanced security protections of presidential and VIP personnel in and around this portion of the waterway. It is impracticable to publish an NPRM because we must establish this security zone by March 19, 2025.

Also, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. For the reasons stated in the preceding paragraph, delaying the effective date of this rule is impracticable because prompt action is needed to enhance the security protections of presidential and VIP personnel present in the vicinity of this waterway.

Although this regulation is published as an interim rule without prior notice,

public comment is nevertheless desirable to ensure that the regulation is both workable and reasonable. Accordingly, persons wishing to comment may do so by submitting written comments to the office listed under **ADDRESSES** in this preamble. Commenters should include their names and addresses, identify the docket number for the regulation, and give reasons for their comments. If the Coast Guard determines that changes to the temporary interim rule are necessary, we will publish a temporary final rule or other appropriate document.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary interim rule under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70051 and 70124. The COTP Miami has determined the security zone is necessary to protect the official party, public, and surrounding waterways from terrorist acts, sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other events of a similar nature. This temporary interim rule is needed to ensure the security of vessels and navigable waters during visits to the Mar-a-Lago Club by the President, the First Family, and other persons under the protection of the Secret Service.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This temporary interim rule establishes a security zone from March 19, 2025, through July 17, 2025. The security zone will overlap with the already existing “east zone” in 33 CFR 165.785. All persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting, anchoring in, or remaining within the security zone unless authorized by the COTP Miami or a designated representative. This section will be enforced when the President of the United States, members of the First Family, or other persons under the protection of the Secret Service are present or expected to be present at the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida until July 17, 2025. The duration of the zone is intended to ensure the safety of the President of the United States, members of the First Family, or other persons under the protection of the Secret Service.

The Coast Guard will notify the public and local mariners of this safety zone through appropriate means, which may include, but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners via marine Channel 16 (VHF-FM). Coast Guard patrol assets will also be on-scene with flashing energized blue lights the security zone is in effect.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, and duration of the temporary safety zone. This security zone impacts only a small area of the Atlantic Ocean near the Mar-a-Lago Club and the Southern Boulevard Bridge in Palm Beach, FL. The security zone will be enforced only President of the United States, members of the First Family, or other persons under the protection of the Secret Service are present or expected to be present at the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida from March 19, 2024 through July 17, 2025. Vessel traffic will be permitted to transit the area at other times. Moreover, the rule allows vessels to seek permission from the COTP to transit the zone.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in

understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of

\$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a security zone impacts only a small area of the Atlantic Ocean near the Mar-A-Lago Club and the Southern Boulevard Bridge in Palm Beach, Florida FL, and will be enforced only President of the United States, members of the First Family, or other persons under the protection of the Secret Service are present or expected to be present. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

VI. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

Submitting comments. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal Decision Making Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. To do so, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2025–0225 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, look for this document in the Search Results column, and click on it. Then click on the Comment option. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

Viewing material in the docket. To view documents mentioned in this rule as being available in the docket, find the docket as described in the previous paragraph, and then select “Supporting & Related Material” in the Document Type column. Public comments will also be placed in our online docket and can be viewed by following instructions on the <https://www.regulations.gov> Frequently Asked Questions web page. We review all comments received, but we will only post comments that address the topic of this rule. We may choose not to post off-topic, inappropriate, or duplicate comments that we receive.

Personal information. We accept anonymous comments. Comments we post to <https://www.regulations.gov> will include any personal information you have provided. For more information about privacy and submissions to the docket in response to this document, see DHS’s eRulemaking System of Records Notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.T07–0225 to read as follows:

§ 165.T07–0225 Security Zone; Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach, FL.

(a) **Location.** The following area is a security zone: All waters of the Atlantic Ocean from surface to bottom within the following points: Beginning at Point 1 in position 26°41′21″ N, 80°02′01″ W; thence south following the shoreline to Point 2 in position 26°39′57″ N, 80°20′9″ W; thence east to Point 3 in position 26°39′57″ N, 80°01′36″ W; thence north to Point 4 in position 26°41′22″ N, 80°01′29″ W, thence back to origin at Point 1.

(b) **Definitions.** As used in this section, *designated representative* means any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, petty officer, a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel, or any Federal, State, or local law enforcement

officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port Miami (COTP) to act on his or her behalf. The designated representative may be on an official patrol vessel or may be on shore and will communicate with vessels via VHF–FM radio or loudhailer. In addition, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may be present to inform vessel operators of this regulation. Official patrol vessels mean any Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, state, or local law enforcement vessels assigned or approved by the COTP to enforce this section.

(c) **Regulations.** When the security zone described in paragraph (a) of this section is enforced, the following regulations, along with those contained in 33 CFR 165.785 apply:

(1) All persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting, anchoring in, or remaining within the security zone unless authorized by the COTP Miami or a designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP’s representative by telephone at (305) 535–4472 or may contact a designated representative via VHF radio on channel 16. Those in the security zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP’s designated representative.

(d) **Effective period and enforcement period.** The security zone in paragraph (a) of this section is in effect from March 19, 2025, through July 17, 2025. This section is subject to enforcement at all times during this period. The Coast Guard anticipates the safety zone will be enforced when the President of the United States, members of the First Family, or other persons under the protection of the Secret Service are present or expected to be present at the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida. The Coast Guard will rely on the methods described to notify the public prior to activation of any of the security zones described in paragraph (a) of this section. Coast Guard patrol assets will also be on-scene with flashing energized blue lights.

(e) **Penalties.** Those who violate this section are subject to the penalties set forth in 46 U.S.C. 70036.

Dated: March 19, 2025.

Christopher R. Cederholm,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Miami.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****45 CFR Part 84****Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance; Clarification**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Clarification.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or the Department) is issuing this document to clarify the non-enforceability of certain language that was included in the preamble to—but not the regulatory text of—the May 9, 2024, final rule titled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance.” Language in the preamble concerning gender dysphoria, which language is not included in the regulatory text, does not have the force or effect of law. Therefore, it cannot be enforced.

DATES: April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sean R. Keveney, Acting General Counsel, 202–690–7741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 9, 2024, HHS issued a final rule entitled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 89 FR 40066 (“2024 Section 504 Rule”). A portion of the preamble of that rule addresses whether “gender dysphoria can be a disability under section 504 [of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973] and the [American with Disabilities Act].” *Id.* at 40068–69. This preamble language does not have the force or effect of law; it cannot be enforced.

The regulatory text in the final rule does not say that gender dysphoria is a disability, *see id.* at 40180–82 (revising 45 CFR 84.4, which defines “disability”). The regulatory text incorporates and is consistent with the exclusions set forth in 29 U.S.C. 705(20)(F), which provides, *inter alia*, that “‘an individual with a disability’ does not include an individual on the basis of—. . . [] gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments. . . .” 45 CFR 84.4(g).

The Department is nonetheless concerned there has been significant confusion about the preamble language referencing gender dysphoria in the 2024 Section 504 Rule. It is well-

established that where, as here, the language included in the regulatory text itself is clear, statements made in the preamble to a final rule published in the **Federal Register**, lack the force and effect of law and are not enforceable. *See Kisor v. Wilkie*, 588 U.S. 558, 621 (2019) (“[t]he text of the regulation is treated as the law, and the agency’s policy judgment has the force of law only insofar as it is embodied in the regulatory text.”) (Gorsuch, J., concurring) (emphases in original); *see also Wyeth v. Levine*, 555 U.S. 555, 575 (2009) (language in preamble to regulation did not give rise to preemption: while “an agency regulation with the force of law can preempt conflicting state requirements,” “[w]e are faced with no such regulation in this case”); *AT&T Corp. v. Fed. Comm’n Comm’n*, 970 F.3d 344, 350 (D.C. Cir. 2020) ((holding that where “the regulation itself is clear” courts “need not evaluate either the regulatory preamble or any other document that itself lacks the force and effect of law” (quotation marks omitted))). Nevertheless, the Department out of an abundance of caution is issuing this notice to clarify and emphasize that such language is not, and never was, enforceable.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Office of the Secretary****48 CFR Part 1353**

[Docket No.: 250325–0051]

RIN 0605–AA69

Removal of Form CD 570 From the Commerce Acquisition Regulation

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is issuing this final rule to remove the internal procedures of Form CD–570, small business review form, the Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR). The purpose of the administrative rulemaking is to transition internal policies from the public facing regulation to the internal Commerce Acquisition Manual (CAM).

DATES: Effective May 12, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Mr.

Edward Williams, Senior Procurement Analyst, at 240–482–5242, or by email at ewilliams1@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Commerce is issuing this final rule to transition the internal procedures of completing the CD–570, small business review form, from the public. The purpose of the administrative rulemaking is to align the current and correct practices of the Department of Commerce with the documented process and procedures outlined in regulation and policy. The CD–570 remains a requirement, however, instruction for administration will reside within the CAM. This change allows faster transition of evolving policies and practices within Commerce without bringing disruption to external entities. Contracting Officers will be required to comply with the content requirements set forth in CAM 1319.70 when documenting their small business form for vetting.

Classification

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

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

This final rule is being issued in compliance with Executive Order 14192.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act requiring notice of proposed rulemaking and the opportunity for public participation are inapplicable to rulemakings that are rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice. This rule only removes the instruction for completing Form CD–570 from the CAR but the instruction will remain in the CAM which will remain publicly available. This final rule is a routine organizational rule. Therefore, this rule qualifies for exemption and no public notice and comment period is required.

Additionally, Commerce finds good cause to waive the notice and public comment period for this rule because the effect of the rule does not place any burden on the public or require the public to undertake or cease any particular action. Therefore, a public notice and comment period would be unnecessary and qualifies for waiver under the APA (*see* 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B)).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1353

Government procurement, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Olivia J. Bradley,

Senior Procurement Executive and Director for Acquisition Management.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Department of Commerce amends 48 CFR part 1353 as follows:

PART 1353—FORMS

- 1. The authority citation for part 1353 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414; 48 CFR 1.301–1.304.

Subpart 1353.2—[Removed and Reserved]

- 2. Remove and reserve subpart 1353.2. [FR Doc. 2025–06215 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No. 250407–0061]

RIN 0648–BN08

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 33; 2025–26 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Correcting Amendment

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule; correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: NMFS is correcting the 2025–2026 harvest specifications and management measures for groundfish caught in the U.S. exclusive economic zone seaward of Washington, Oregon, and California published on December 16, 2024. These corrections are necessary to accurately implement the 2025–2026 specifications. This correcting amendment revises regulations to fully implement the recombination of shortspine thornyheads north and south of 34°27' N lat., by clarifying the coastwide quota share (QS) and quota pound (QP) accumulation limits are the same as the area-specific limits but are now managed coastwide. This correction also

revises the limited entry trip limits for shortspine thornyheads and sablefish, which were mis-specified in table 2b (South). Finally, this correction also fixes an amendatory instruction intended to correct instances of “Nontrawl” to “Non-trawl”.

DATES: This rule is effective April 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: This rule is accessible at the Office of the Federal Register website at <https://www.federalregister.gov>. Background information and documents are available at the NMFS West Coast Region website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-33-pacific-coast-groundfish-fishery-management-plan-2025-2026-groundfish-harvest> and the Pacific Fishery Management Council’s website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keeley Kent, Supervisory Fishery Management Specialist, at 206–526–4655 or keeley.kent@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (PCGFMP) and its implementing regulations at title 50 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 660, subparts C through G, regulate fishing for over 90 species of groundfish seaward of Washington, Oregon, and California. Based on recommendations from the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), NMFS develops groundfish harvest specifications and management measures for 2-year periods (*i.e.*, a biennium). NMFS published the final rule to implement harvest specifications and management measures for the 2025–2026 biennium for most species managed under the PCGFMP on December 16, 2024 (89 FR 101514) (final rule). That final rule was effective January 1, 2025. After publication of the final rule, NMFS noted the need for corrections to accurately implement the specifications as evaluated by the Council and approved by NMFS.

Corrections

The final rule inadvertently omitted changes to the quota share (QS) and quota pound (QP) accumulation limits that result from the combination of the shortspine thornyhead annual catch limits and Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota privileges that was implemented via the final rule. Prior to the recombination, the QS accumulation limit for shortspine thornyheads north of 34°27' N lat. was 6 percent and for shortspine thornyheads south of 34°27' N lat. was 6 percent. This correction clarifies in 50 CFR 660.140(d)(4)(i)(C) that the QS accumulation limit is now

6 percent for coastwide shortspine thornyheads. Similarly, prior to the recombination, the QP accumulation limit for shortspine thornyheads north of 34°27' N lat. was 9 percent and for shortspine thornyheads south of 34°27' N lat. was 9 percent. This correction clarifies in 50 CFR 660.140(e)(4)(i) that the QP accumulation limit is now 9 percent for coastwide shortspine thornyheads.

Consistent with revisions to the regulations in 50 CFR part 660 accomplished via the final rule, this correction also fixes six instances of “Nontrawl” to read “Non-trawl”. This correction also fixes an incorrect citation in 50 CFR 660.13(d)(4)(iv), by replacing it with 50 CFR 660.11, the correct citation for the definition of the directed open access fishery.

This correcting amendment also fixes three errors in table 2b (South) to part 660, subpart E. The final rule incorrectly left out the cumulative trip limit for shortspine thornyhead south of 34°27' N lat. for limited entry fixed gear (LEFG) participants. This correcting amendment revises table 2b (South) to part 660, subpart E, to set the trip limit for shortspine thornyhead south of 34°27' N lat. at 4,000 lb (1,814 kg) per 2 months. Additionally, this correcting amendment revises the incorrectly set LEFG limit for sablefish south of 36° N lat. The limit will now read “2,500 lb (1,134 kg) per week” rather than the current incorrect “2,500 lb (1,134 kg) per 2 months”. Finally, this correcting amendment revises the area specification for the longspine thornyhead LEFG limit so that it is set for the entire area south of 40°10' N lat. rather than just south of 34°27' N lat.

This correcting amendment also clarifies the formatting of the “Other flatfish” trip limits for the open access sector in table 3b (South) to part 660, subpart F.

Classification

NMFS is issuing this rule pursuant to 304(b) of the Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The NMFS Assistant Administrator for Fisheries (AA) has determined that this final rule is consistent with the MSA, the PCGFMP, and other applicable law.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the AA finds there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be unnecessary and contrary to public interest in clear and accurate regulations. This action corrects inadvertent errors and makes necessary clarifications to the final rule. Expedient correction of the errors and

clarification is necessary to prevent confusion among participants in the fishery, which has already begun. In addition, notice and comment is unnecessary because this notice makes only minor changes to correct inadvertent errors and make minor clarifications related to the final rule. That rule was subject to notice and comment rulemaking, as well as opportunity for public comment through the Council development process, including at meetings in June 2023, September 2023, November 2023, March 2024, April 2024, and June 2024. These corrections will not affect the results of analyses conducted to support management decisions in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. These corrections are consistent with the public process regarding the regulations and to accurately implement the 2025–2026 specifications as evaluated by the Council and approved by NMFS. Accordingly, the public expects the regulations to be written as in the correction. No change in operating practices in the fishery is required.

Similarly, the AA has determined good cause exists to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d). The changes in this action should be effective immediately to prevent further confusion among participants in the fishery. This final rule makes only minor corrections to the final rule which was effective January 1, 2025. Delaying effectiveness of these corrections would result in conflicts in the regulations and confusion among fishery participants.

Because prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required to be provided for this rule by 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, 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 for this rule and none has been prepared.

This final rule is not significant under Executive Order 12866.

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

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Fisheries, Fishing, Indian fisheries.

Dated: April 8, 2025.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 660 is corrected

by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 7001 *et seq.*

■ 2. In § 660.11:

■ a. Revise paragraph (8) in the definition of “Fishing gear”; and

■ b. In the introductory text of the definition of “Nontrawl fishery”:

■ i. Remove “Nontrawl fishery” and add

“Non-trawl fishery” in its place; and

■ ii. Add a colon at the end of the text.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 660.11 General definitions.

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Fishing gear * * *

(8) *Non-trawl gear* means all legal commercial groundfish gear other than trawl gear.

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■ 3. In § 660.13, revise the introductory text of paragraph (d)(4)(iv) to read as follows:

§ 660.13 Recordkeeping and reporting.

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(d) * * *

(4) * * *

(iv) Declaration reports will include: The vessel name and/or identification number, gear type, and monitoring type where applicable, (as defined in paragraph (d)(4)(iv)(A) of this section). Upon receipt of a declaration report, NMFS will provide a confirmation code or receipt to confirm that a valid declaration report was received for the vessel. Retention of the confirmation code or receipt to verify that a valid declaration report was filed and the declaration requirement was met is the responsibility of the vessel owner or operator. Vessels using non-trawl gear may declare more than one gear type, with the exception of vessels participating in the Shorebased IFQ Program (*i.e.*, gear switching) and those vessels declaring to fish inside the Non-Trawl RCA with non-bottom contact stationary vertical jig gear or groundfish troll gear (*i.e.*, if one of these declarations is used, no other declaration may be made on that fishing trip). For the purpose of the directed open access permit defined at § 660.11, declaration codes for the directed open access fishery include codes 33 through 37. Vessels using trawl gear may only declare one of the trawl gear types listed in paragraph (d)(4)(iv)(A) on any trip and may not declare non-trawl gear on

the same trip in which trawl gear is declared.

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■ 4. In § 660.55, revise the heading of paragraph (c)(1)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 660.55 Allocations.

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(c) * * *

(1) * * *

(ii) *Non-trawl fishery allocation.*

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■ 5. In § 660.140, amend the tables in paragraphs (d)(4)(i)(C) and (e)(4)(i) by revising the entries for “Shortspine thornyhead” to read as follows:

§ 660.140 Shorebased IFQ Program.

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(d) * * *

(4) * * *

(i) * * *

(C) * * *

Accumulation Limits

Species category	QS and IBQ control limit (in percent)
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Shortspine thornyhead	6
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(e) * * *	
(4) * * *	
(i) * * *	

Species category	Annual QP vessel limit (in percent)
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Shortspine thornyhead	9
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■ 6. In § 660.230, revise the first sentence of paragraph (b)(6) and the heading of paragraph (d)(14) to read as follows:

§ 660.230 Fixed gear fishery—management measures.

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(b) * * *

(6) Gear for use in the Non-trawl RCA.

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(d) * * *

(14) *Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA).* * * *

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■ 7. In table 2b (South) to part 660, subpart E:

■ a. Remove the entry for “Longspine thornyhead (south of 34°27’ N lat.)” and add the entry “Longspine thornyhead” in its place;

■ b. Revise the entry for “Sablefish (south of 36° N lat.)”; and
■ c. Add an entry for “Shortspine thornyhead (south of 34°27’ N lat.)” in alphabetical order.

The additions and revision read as follows:

TABLE 2b (SOUTH) TO PART 660, SUBPART E—TRIP LIMITS FOR LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR SOUTH OF 40°10’ N LAT.

Species	Trip limit
Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb/2 months.
Sablefish (south of 36° N lat.)	2,500 lb/week not to exceed 6,000 lb/2 month.
Shortspine thornyhead (south of 34°27’ N lat.)	4,000 lb/2 months.

■ 8. In § 660.330, revise the heading of paragraph (d)(15) to read as follows:

§ 660.330 Open access fishery—management measures.

(d) * * *

(15) *Non-trawl rockfish conservation area for the open access fisheries.* * * *

■ 9. In table 3b (South) to part 660, subpart F:

■ a. Remove the entry for “Other flatfish complex (defined at § 660.11)”;

■ b. Add the entries “Other flatfish complex (defined at § 660.11) (40°10’ N lat.–37°07’ N lat.)” and “Other flatfish complex (defined at § 660.11) (South of 37°07’ N lat.)” in alphanumerical order.

The additions read as follows:

TABLE 3b (SOUTH) TO PART 660, SUBPART F—TRIP LIMITS FOR OPEN ACCESS SOUTH OF 40°10’ N LAT.

Species	Trip limit
Other flatfish complex (defined at § 660.11) (40°10’ N lat.–37°07’ N lat.)	10,000 lb/2 months seaward of the Non-Trawl RCA; CLOSED inside of the Non-Trawl RCA.
Other flatfish complex (defined at § 660.11) (South of 37°07’ N lat.)	10,000 lb/2 months.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 250312–0036; RTID 0648–XE820]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; modification of a closure; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for Pacific cod by American Fisheries Act (AFA) trawl catcher/processors (CPs) in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). This action is necessary to fully use the 2025 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod allocated to AFA trawl CPs in the BSAI.

DATES: Effective 1200 hours, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 9, 2025, through 1200 hours, A.l.t., November 1, 2025. Comments must be received at the following address no later than April 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by docket number NOAA–NMFS–2024–0116, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submission: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2024–0116 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon,

complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Mail: Submit written comments to Gretchen Harrington, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Whitney, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) prepared and recommended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

NMFS closed directed fishing for Pacific cod by AFA trawl CPs in the BSAI under § 679.20(d)(1) on February 12, 2025 (90 FR 9693, February 18, 2025).

NMFS has determined that as of March 27, 2025, approximately 2,200 metric tons of Pacific cod remain of the 2025 Pacific cod TAC allocated to the AFA trawl CPs in the BSAI. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.25(a)(1)(i), (a)(2)(i)(C), and (a)(2)(iii)(D), and to facilitate fully harvesting the 2025 TAC

of Pacific cod in the BSAI, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for Pacific cod by AFA trawl CPs in the BSAI. The Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, considered the following factors in reaching this decision: (1) the current catch of Pacific cod by AFA trawl CPs in the BSAI; and (2) the harvest capacity and stated intent on future harvesting patterns of vessels in participating in this fishery.

Classification

NMFS issues this action pursuant to section 305(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This action is issued pursuant to 50 CFR part 679, which was issued pursuant to section 304(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), there is good cause to waive prior notice and an opportunity for public comment on this action, as notice and comment would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest, as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion, and would delay the opening of directed

fishing for Pacific cod by AFA trawl CPs in the BSAI. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data on Pacific cod catch only became available as of March 27, 2025.

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice.

Without this inseason adjustment, NMFS could not allow the fishery for Pacific cod by AFA trawl CPs in the BSAI to be harvested in an expedient manner. Under § 679.25(c)(2), interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action to the above address until April 28, 2025.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 8, 2025.

Karen H. Abrams,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Proposed Rules

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0349; Project Identifier AD-2024-00208-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 737-700, 737-800, 737-900, 737-900ER, 737-8, and 737-9 series airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by a report of a passenger being unable to exit the lavatory during flight due to a broken latch that prevented toggling of the lock. This proposed AD would require replacing lavatory bifold door latches with latches having an improved design. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected parts. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by May 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2025-0349; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicole Tsang, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206-231-3959; email: *nicole.s.tsang@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include “Docket No. FAA-2025-0349; Project Identifier AD-2024-00208-T” at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to *regulations.gov*, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as “PROPIN.” The FAA will treat such

marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Nicole Tsang, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206-231-3959; email: *nicole.s.tsang@faa.gov*. Any commentary that the FAA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

The FAA has received a report indicating that during flight, a passenger was unable to exit the lavatory due to a broken latch that prevented toggling of the lock. Flight attendants were unable to open the bifold door, leading the flightcrew to accomplish an unscheduled landing. It was determined that bifold door latches failed in service, preventing the bifold door from opening without mechanic assistance. The root cause was material fatigue of the plastic structure of the bifold door latch. The material fatigue was caused primarily by excessive stress combined with weld-line and machining marks from drilling holes for inserts into the plastic structure. In an otherwise survivable emergency event (e.g., severe turbulence, medical emergency, or emergency egress), potential damages to the lavatory lock could impede access to the passenger and impede egress during an emergency evacuation, which may result in serious injury to the trapped occupant.

FAA’s Determination

The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would require replacing the lavatory bifold door latch having part number (P/N) SC1L500031-3/20218-3, SC1L500031-4/20218-4, SC1L500031-5/20218-5/20218-7, or SC1L500031-6/20218-6/20218-8 with lavatory bifold door latch having P/N SC1L500031-9/20218-9 or SC1L500031-10/20218-10. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of the affected part.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 2,612

airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Replacement	2 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$170 per latch.	Up to \$481 per latch	Up to \$1,302 (Up to 2 latches per airplane).	Up to \$3,400,824.

The FAA has included all known costs in its cost estimate. According to the manufacturer, however, some or all of the costs of this proposed AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected operators.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

The Boeing Company: Docket No. FAA–2025–0349; Project Identifier AD–2024–00208–T.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by May 27, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to certain The Boeing Company Model 737–700, 737–800, 737–900, 737–900ER, 737–8, and 737–9 series airplanes, certificated in any category, with lavatory bifold door latch part number (P/N) SC1L500031–3/20218–3, SC1L500031–4/20218–4, SC1L500031–5/20218–5/20218–7, or SC1L500031–6/20218–6/20218–8.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 25; Equipment/Furnishings.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report that a passenger was unable to exit the lavatory during flight due to a broken latch that prevented toggling of the lock. The FAA is issuing this AD to address bifold door latch failure during service preventing the bifold door from opening without mechanic assistance. In an otherwise survivable emergency event (e.g., severe turbulence, medical emergency, or emergency egress), potential damages to the lavatory lock could impede access to the passenger and impede

egress during an emergency evacuation, which may result in serious injury to the trapped occupant.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Replace Lavatory Bifold Door Latch

Within 4 months after the effective date of this AD. Replace lavatory bifold door latch having part number SC1L500031–3/20218–3, SC1L500031–4/20218–4, SC1L500031–5/20218–5/20218–7, or SC1L500031–6/20218–6/20218–8 with lavatory bifold door latch having part number SC1L500031–9/20218–9 or SC1L500031–10/20218–10.

Note 1 to paragraph (g): Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in B/E Aerospace Service Bulletin 1L3–25–0069, Revision 4, dated April 18, 2024.

Note 2 to paragraph (g): For airplanes modified via Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) ST02574SE, guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in B/E Aerospace Service Bulletin 1L3–25–0083, Revision 2, dated August 26, 2020.

Note 3 to paragraph (g): For airplanes modified via STC ST02582SE, guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in B/E Aerospace Service Bulletin 1L3–25–0112, Revision 1, dated August 26, 2020.

(h) Parts Installation Prohibition

As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, a lavatory bifold door latch having part number SC1L500031–3/20218–3, SC1L500031–4/20218–4, SC1L500031–5/20218–5/20218–7, or SC1L500031–6/20218–6/20218–8.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by The Boeing Company Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

(j) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Nicole Tsang, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206-231-3959; email: nicole.s.tsang@faa.gov.

(2) For B/E Aerospace material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference, contact Collins Aerospace, Interiors—B/E Aerospace—ALCI, 11404 Commando Road, Suite B, Everett, WA 98204, United States; telephone +1-888-232-2594; email interiors.techsupport@collins.com; website customers.collinsaerospace.com.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

None.

Issued on March 13, 2025.

Peter A. White,

Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0616; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00304-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-1A11 (600) and CL-600-2A12 (601) airplanes, and certain Model CL-600-2B16 (601-3A, 601-3R, and 604 Variants) airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations.

The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by May 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA-2025-0616; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For Bombardier material identified in this proposed AD, contact Bombardier Business Aircraft Customer Response Center, 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone 514-855-2999; email ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com; website bombardier.com.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda L. Buitrago, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516-228-7300; email: 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include “Docket No. FAA-2025-0616; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00304-T” at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change,

and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to regulations.gov, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as “PROPIN.” The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brenda L. Buitrago, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516-228-7300; email: 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov. Any commentary that the FAA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Transport Canada AD CF-2024-16, dated May 23, 2024 (Transport Canada AD CF-2024-16) (also referred to after this as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for all Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-1A11 (600), CL-600-2A12 (601), and CL-600-2B16 (601-3A, 601-3R, and 604 Variants) airplanes. The MCAI states that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations have been developed.

Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes having serial numbers 6193 and subsequent must comply with the airworthiness limitations specified as part of the approved type design. Therefore, this proposed AD does not include those airplanes in the applicability.

The FAA is proposing this AD to address new and more restrictive limitations. The new and more restrictive limitations include tasks and limitations for which a threshold or repeat interval was reduced, an inspection method was changed, or a discard time was reduced. Failure to comply with these new and more restrictive limitations and inspection thresholds and intervals could adversely affect the continued airworthiness of the airplane. You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2025-0616.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed the following Bombardier material:

- Section 5-10-00, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Section 5-20-00, “Scheduled Maintenance Instructions,” Section 5-30-20, “Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP),” and Section 5-70-00, “Custom Installations,” of Bombardier Challenger 600 Time Limits/Maintenance Checks (TLMC), Publication No. PSP 605, Revision 39, dated January 8, 2018. (For obtaining these sections of Bombardier Challenger 600 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 605, use Document Identification No. CH 600 TLMC.)
- Section 5-10-00, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Section 5-20-00, “Scheduled Maintenance Instructions,” Section 5-30-20, “Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP),” and Section 5-70-00, “Custom Installations,” of Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601-5, Revision 46, dated January 8, 2018. (For obtaining these sections of Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601-5, use Document Identification No. CH 601 TLMC.)
- Section 5-10-00, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Section 5-20-00, “Scheduled Maintenance Instructions,” Section 5-30-20, “Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP),” and Section 5-70-00, “Custom Installations,” of Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601A-5, Revision 42, dated January 8, 2018. (For obtaining these sections of Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601A-5, use Document Identification No. CH 601 TLMC-1.)
- Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC, Revision 33, dated November 22, 2022. (The document identification number for ordering Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC is incorrectly identified

as “CH 600 TLMC” on page 2 of the TLMC. For obtaining Part 2 of Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC, use Document Identification No. CH 604 TLMC.)

- Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 605 TLMC, Publication No. CH 605 TLMC, Revision 22, dated November 22, 2022.

- Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 650 TLMC, Publication No. CH 650 TLMC, Revision 9, dated November 22, 2022.

This material specifies new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations for certain certification maintenance requirements for airplane structures and safe life limits. These documents are distinct since they apply to different airplane configurations.

The FAA also reviewed the following Bombardier material:

- Temporary Revision No. 5-2-5, dated October 16, 2023, which includes new Task 32-51-04-101 *, “Discard of the Nosewheel-Steering Control Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews, Part No. B0201102-2-220 (A/C 6194 and Subs or Post SB 650-32-007).”
 - Temporary Revision No. 5-2-29, dated October 25, 2023, which includes new Task 32-51-04-101 *, “Discard of the Nosewheel-Steering Control Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews, Part No. B0201102-2-220 (Post SB 605-32-010).”
 - Temporary Revision No. 5-2-73, dated October 25, 2023, which includes new Task 32-51-04-101 *, “Discard of the Nosewheel-Steering Control Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews, Part No. B0201102-2-220 (Post SB 604-32-033).”
 - Temporary Revision No. TR 5-164, dated December 23, 2022, which includes new Task 53-10-01-102 *, “Forward Pressure Bulkhead Cap Angle—Aft Side.”
 - Temporary Revision No. TR 5-165, dated October 25, 2023.
 - Temporary Revision No. TR 5-268, dated December 23, 2022, which includes new Task 53-10-01-103 *, “Forward Pressure Bulkhead Cap Angle—Aft Side.”
 - Temporary Revision No. TR 5-269, dated October 25, 2023.
 - Temporary Revision No. TR 5-282, dated December 23, 2022, which includes new Task 53-10-01-103 *, “Forward Pressure Bulkhead Cap Angle—Aft Side.”
 - Temporary Revision No. TR 5-283, dated October 25, 2023.
- (The asterisk (or “one star”) with the last three digits of the task numbers

listed above indicates that the task is an airworthiness limitation task.)

Temporary Revision No. 5-2-5, 5-2-29, 5-2-73, TR 5-165, TR 5-269, and TR 5-283 introduce a life limit for potentiometer coupling setscrews, P/N B0201102-2-220, for the nosewheel-steering control or rudder pedal, as applicable. Temporary Revision Nos. TR 5-164, TR 5-268, and TR 5-282 introduce a visual check of the forward pressure bulkhead cap angle on the aft side. These documents are distinct since they apply to different airplane configurations.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the ADDRESSES section.

FAA’s Determination

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, the FAA has been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and material referenced above. The FAA is proposing this AD because the FAA evaluated all the relevant information and determined the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Proposed Requirements of This NPRM

This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations.

This proposed AD would require revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new actions (e.g., inspections). Compliance with these actions is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by this proposed AD, the operator may not be able to accomplish the actions described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance according to paragraph (j)(1) of this proposed AD.

Explanation of Initial Compliance Time for a Certain Task

Note 2 of Transport Canada AD CF-2024-16 provides an initial compliance time (“phase-in”) for task 27-42-01-110, “Special Detailed Inspection of the Horizontal Stabilizer Trim Actuator (HSTA), P/N 604-92305-7 and Subs (Vendor P/N 8454-3 and Subs),” of

section 5–10–40, “Certification Maintenance Requirements,” of Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, CH 604; or Bombardier Challenger 605 TLMC, CH 605; as applicable. The compliance language in Note 2 includes a reference to Transport Canada AD CF–2013–18, dated July 16, 2023 (Transport Canada AD CF–2013–18). Transport Canada AD CF–2013–18 corresponds to FAA AD 2015–05–07, Amendment 39–18117 (80 FR 13483, March 16, 2015) (AD 2015–05–07). The FAA has included the initial compliance for the task, including reference to AD 2015–05–07, in paragraph (h) of this proposed AD.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 427 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

The FAA has determined that revising the maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate. Therefore, the agency estimates the average total cost per operator to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil

aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Bombardier, Inc.: Docket No. FAA–2025–0616; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00304–T.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by May 27, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to the Bombardier, Inc., airplanes identified in paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this AD, certificated in any category.

(1) All Model CL–600–1A11 (600), CL–600–2A12 (601), and CL–600–2B16 (601–3A and 601–3R Variants) airplanes.

(2) Model CL–600–2B16 (604 Variant) serial numbers 6050 through 6192 inclusive.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05, Time Limits/Maintenance Checks.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address new and more restrictive limitations. Failure to comply with these new and more restrictive limitations could adversely affect the continued airworthiness of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision

(1) Within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in the applicable time limits/maintenance checks (TLMC) document identified in table 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD. The initial compliance time for doing the tasks is at the time specified in the applicable TLMC document identified in table 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, except as provided by paragraph (h) of this AD.

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Table 1 to Paragraph (g)(1)—TLMC Documents

Applicable Airplanes	TLMC Sections or Part	TLMC Document
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-1A11 (600) airplanes, serial numbers (S/Ns) 1004 through 1085 inclusive	Section 5-10-00, "Airworthiness Limitations," Section 5-20-00, "Scheduled Maintenance Instructions," Section 5-30-20, "Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP)," and Section 5-70-00, "Custom Installations"	Bombardier Challenger 600 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 605, Revision 39, January 8, 2018 ¹
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2A12 (601) airplanes, S/Ns 3001 through 3066 inclusive	Section 5-10-00, "Airworthiness Limitations," Section 5-20-00, "Scheduled Maintenance Instructions," Section 5-30-20, "Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP)," and Section 5-70-00, "Custom Installations"	Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601-5, Revision 46, January 8, 2018 ²
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (601-3A Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5001 through 5134 inclusive; and Model CL-600-2B16 (601-3R Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5135 through 5194 inclusive	Section 5-10-00, "Airworthiness Limitations," Section 5-20-00, "Scheduled Maintenance Instructions," Section 5-30-20, "Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP)," and Section 5-70-00, "Custom Installations"	Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601A-5, Revision 42, January 8, 2018 ³
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5301 through 5665 inclusive	Part 2, "Airworthiness Limitations"	Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC, Revision 33, November 22, 2022 ⁴
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5701 through 6049 inclusive	Part 2, "Airworthiness Limitations"	Bombardier Challenger 605 TLMC, Publication No. CH 605 TLMC, Revision 22, November 22, 2022

Applicable Airplanes	TLMC Sections or Part	TLMC Document
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 6050 through 6180 inclusive	Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations”	Bombardier Challenger 650 TLMC, Publication No. CH 650 TLMC, Revision 9, November 22, 2022
¹ For obtaining these sections of Bombardier Challenger 600 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 605, use Document Identification No. CH 600 TLMC. ² For obtaining these sections Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601-5, use Document Identification No. CH 601 TLMC. ³ For obtaining these sections Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601A-5, use Document Identification No. CH 601 TLMC-1. ⁴ The document identification number for ordering Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC is incorrectly identified as “CH 600 TLMC” on page 2 of the TLMC. For obtaining Part 2 of Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC, use Document Identification No. CH 604 TLMC.		

(2) Within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in the applicable temporary revisions (TRs)

identified in table 2 to paragraph (g)(2) of this AD. The initial compliance time for doing the tasks is at the time specified in the applicable TR identified in table 2 to paragraph (g)(2) of

this AD, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

Table 2 to Paragraph (g)(2)—Temporary Revisions

Applicable Airplanes	TR	Task Number and Title or Life Limit Part Number (P/N) and Name
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-1A11 (600) airplanes, S/Ns 1004 through 1085 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5-164, dated December 23, 2022	53-10-01-102*, Forward Pressure Bulkhead Cap Angle – Aft Side
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-1A11 (600) airplanes, S/Ns 1004 through 1085 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5-165, dated October 25, 2023	B0201102-2-220, Rudder Pedal Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2A12 (601) airplanes, S/Ns 3001 through 3066 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5-268, dated December 23, 2022	53-10-01-103*, Forward Pressure Bulkhead Cap Angle – Aft Side
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2A12 (601) airplanes, S/Ns 3001 through 3066 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5-269, dated October 25, 2023	B0201102-2-220, Rudder Pedal Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (601-3A Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5001 through 5134 inclusive; and Model CL-600-2B16 (601-3R Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5135 through 5194 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5-282, dated December 23, 2022	53-10-01-103*, Forward Pressure Bulkhead Cap Angle – Aft Side
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (601-3A Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5001 through 5134 inclusive; and Model CL-600-2B16 (601-3R Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5135 through 5194 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5-283, dated October 25, 2023	B0201102-2-220, Rudder Pedal Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews

Applicable Airplanes	TR	Task Number and Title or Life Limit Part Number (P/N) and Name
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5301 through 5665 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. 5-2-73, dated October 25, 2023	32-51-04-101*, Discard of the Nosewheel-Steering Control Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews, Part No. B0201102-2-220 (Post SB 604-32-033)
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5701 through 6049 inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. 5-2-29, dated October 25, 2023	32-51-04-101*, Discard of the Nosewheel-Steering Control Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews, Part No. B0201102-2-220 (Post SB 605-32-010)
Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 6050 through 6193, inclusive	Bombardier Temporary Revision No. 5-2-5, dated October 16, 2023	32-51-04-101*, Discard of the Nosewheel-Steering Control Potentiometer Coupling Setscrews, Part No. B0201102-2-220 (A/C 6194 and Subs or Post SB 650-32-007)

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Note 1 to table 2 to paragraph (g)(2): The asterisk (or “one star”) with the last three digits of the task numbers listed in table 2 to paragraph (g)(2) of this AD indicates that the task is an airworthiness limitation task.

(h) Compliance Time Exception for a Certain Task

For Bombardier, Inc., Model CL-600-2B16 (604 Variant) airplanes, S/Ns 5301 through 5665 inclusive and S/Ns 5701 through 6049 inclusive: The initial compliance time for task 27-42-01-110, “Special Detailed Inspection of the Horizontal Stabilizer Trim Actuator (HSTA), P/N 604-92305-7 and Subs (Vendor P/N 8454-3 and Subs),” of section 5-10-40, “Certification Maintenance Requirements,” of Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604, Revision 33, dated November 22, 2022; or Bombardier Challenger 605 TLMC, Publication No. CH 605 TLMC, Revision 22, dated November 22, 2022; as applicable, is at the applicable compliance time specified in paragraph (h)(1) or (2) of this AD, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(1) For HSTA having P/N 604-92305-3 (vendor P/N 8454-1) or P/N 604-92305-5 (vendor P/N 8454-2) that were replaced with P/N 604-92305-7 (vendor P/N 8454-3) in accordance with paragraph (j) of AD 2015-05-07, Amendment 39-18117 (80 FR 13483, March 16, 2015): Within 12 years after accomplishing the replacement.

(2) For HSTA having P/N 604-92305-7 (vendor P/N 8454-3) manufactured before November 1, 2015: Within 12 years from the part entry into service.

(i) No Alternative Actions and Intervals

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions or intervals are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD.

(j) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions

from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or Bombardier’s Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Brenda L. Buitrago, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516-228 7300; email: 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Section 5-10-00, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Section 5-20-00, “Scheduled Maintenance Instructions,” Section 5-30-20, “Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP),” and Section 5-70-00, “Custom Installations,” of Bombardier Challenger 600 Time Limits/Maintenance Checks (TLMC), Publication No. PSP 605, Revision 39, dated January 8, 2018.

Note 1 to paragraph (l)(2)(i): For obtaining this section of Bombardier Challenger 600 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 605, use Document Identification No. CH 600 TLMC.

(ii) Section 5–10–00, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Section 5–20–00, “Scheduled Maintenance Instructions,” Section 5–30–20, “Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP),” and Section 5–70–00, “Custom Installations,” of Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601–5, Revision 46, dated January 8, 2018.

Note 2 to paragraph (l)(2)(ii): For obtaining this section Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601–5, use Document Identification No. CH 601 TLMC.

(iii) Section 5–10–00, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Section 5–20–00, “Scheduled Maintenance Instructions,” Section 5–30–20, “Corrosion Prevention and Controlled Program (CPCP),” and Section 5–70–00, “Custom Installations,” of Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601A–5, Revision 42, dated January 8, 2018.

Note 3 to paragraph (l)(2)(iii): For obtaining this section of Bombardier Challenger 601 TLMC, Publication No. PSP 601A–5, use Document Identification No. CH 601 TLMC–1.

(iv) Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC, Revision 33, dated November 22, 2022.

Note 4 to paragraph (l)(2)(iv): The document identification number for ordering Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC is incorrectly identified as “CH 600 TLMC” on page 2 of the TLMC. For obtaining Part 2 of Bombardier Challenger 604 TLMC, Publication No. CH 604 TLMC, use Document Identification No. CH 604 TLMC.

(v) Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 605 Time Limits/Maintenance Checks, Publication No. CH 605 TLMC, Revision 22, dated November 22, 2022.

(vi) Part 2, “Airworthiness Limitations,” of Bombardier Challenger 650 Time Limits/Maintenance Checks, Publication No. CH 650 TLMC, Revision 9, dated November 22, 2022.

(vii) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. 5–2–5, dated October 16, 2023.

Note 5 to paragraphs (l)(2): The asterisk (or “one star”) with the last three digits of the task numbers listed paragraphs (l)(2)(vii) through (x), (l)(2)(xii), and (l)(2)(xiv) of this AD indicates that the task is an airworthiness limitation task.

(viii) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. 5–2–29, dated October 25, 2023.

(ix) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. 5–2–73, dated October 25, 2023.

(x) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5–164, dated December 23, 2022.

(xi) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5–165, dated October 25, 2023.

(xii) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5–268, dated December 23, 2022.

(xiii) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5–269, dated October 25, 2023.

(xiv) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5–282, dated December 23, 2022.

(xv) Bombardier Temporary Revision No. TR 5–283, dated October 25, 2023.

(3) For Bombardier material identified in this AD, contact Bombardier Business Aircraft Customer Response Center, 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone 514–855–2999; email

ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com; website bombardier.com.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on April 3, 2025.

Steven W. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2025–0485; Project Identifier AD–2024–00670–A]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Honda Aircraft Company LLC Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2021–22–12, which applies to certain Honda Aircraft Company LLC (Honda) Model HA–420 airplanes. AD 2021–22–12 requires removing and cleaning the inner diameter of the flap control pushrods and repetitively applying corrosion inhibiting compound (CIC) to this area. Since the FAA issued AD 2021–22–12, new flap control pushrods have been approved that are more corrosion resistant and do not require repetitive CIC applications. This proposed AD would retain all actions of AD 2021–22–12 and would require replacing the flap control pushrods with improved design pushrods for all airplanes affected by AD 2021–22–12, as well as for other airplanes not affected by AD 2021–22–12. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by May 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** (202) 493–2251.

- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA–2025–0485; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For Honda Aircraft Company material identified in this proposed AD, contact Honda, 6430 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27410; phone: (336) 662–0246; website: hondajet.com.

- You may view this material at the FAA, FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Fichter, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: (404) 474–5544; email: 9-ASO-ATLACO-ADS@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include “Docket No. FAA–2025–0485; Project Identifier AD–2024–00670–A” at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may revise this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to regulations.gov, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each

substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as "PROPIN." The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kelly Fichter, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337. Any commentary that the FAA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

The FAA issued AD 2021-22-12, Amendment 39-21785 (86 FR 60753, November 4, 2021) (AD 2021-22-12), for certain serial-numbered Honda Model H-420 airplanes. AD 2021-22-12 was prompted by a report that the flap pushrod assemblies are susceptible to corrosion. AD 2021-22-12 requires removing and cleaning the inner

diameter of the flap control pushrods and repetitively applying CIC to this area. The agency issued AD 2021-22-12 to prevent failure of a flap control pushrod, which could result in uncontrolled and un-annunciated flap asymmetry with consequent loss of control of the airplane.

Actions Since AD 2021-22-12 Was Issued

Since the FAA issued AD 2021-22-12, new flap control pushrods have been approved that are more corrosion resistant and do not require repetitive CIC applications. AD 2021-22-12 was issued as an interim action until a design fix was developed, approved, and available. These new flap control pushrods are the design fix. Installing new corrosion resistant flap control rods eliminates the CIC applications required by AD 2021-22-12.

This proposed AD would expand the applicability to include airplanes with serial number 42000211, 42000212, and 42000215 through 42000287, as these airplanes also have an affected flap pushrod assembly installed. These airplanes were not included in AD 2021-22-12 because operators were required to repetitively apply CIC as specified in the version of the instructions for continued airworthiness that was delivered with the airplane.

FAA's Determination

The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Honda Aircraft Company Alert Service Bulletin No. SB-420-27-009, dated October 1, 2024, which specifies procedures for replacing the flap control pushrod assemblies with improved design pushrod assemblies.

This proposed AD would also require Honda Aircraft Company Service Bulletin No. SB-420-27-008, dated August 31, 2021, which the Director of the Federal Register approved for incorporation by reference as of November 19, 2021 (86 FR 60753, November 4, 2021).

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the ADDRESSES section.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would retain all of the requirements of AD 2021-22-12. This proposed AD would also expand the applicability to include additional airplanes and require replacing the flap control pushrod assemblies with new corrosion-resistant pushrod assemblies as terminating action for the repetitive CIC applications required by AD 2021-22-12.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 107 airplanes of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Remove, clean, and apply CIC to the flap control pushrods (retained from AD 2021-22-12).	22 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,870.	\$70	\$1,940	\$85,360 (44 airplanes).
Reapply CIC every 90 days (cost for each time) (retained from AD 2021-22-12).	1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85.	70	155	\$6,820 (44 airplanes).
Replace the left and right inboard flap pushrod assemblies.	22 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,870.	5,168	7,038	\$753,066 (107 airplanes).

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section

44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

(1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,

(2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and

(3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:

- a. Removing Airworthiness Directive 2021–22–12, Amendment 39–21785 (86 FR 60753, November 4, 2021); and
- b. Adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Honda Aircraft Company LLC: Docket No. FAA–2025–0485; Project Identifier AD–2024–00670–A.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by May 27, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2021–22–12, Amendment 39–21785 (86 FR 60753, November 4, 2021) (AD 2021–22–12).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to the following Honda Aircraft Company LLC Model HA–420 airplanes, certificated in any category:

- (1) Group 1 airplanes: Serial numbers 42000153 through 42000158 inclusive and 42000160 through 42000206 inclusive; and
- (2) Group 2 airplanes: Serial numbers 42000211, 42000212, and 42000215 through 42000287 inclusive.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 2752, Trailing Edge Flap Actuator.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report that the flap pushrod assemblies are susceptible to

corrosion. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of the flap control pushrod. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in uncontrolled and un-annunciated flap asymmetry with consequent loss of control of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Retained Actions From AD 2021–22–12 for Group 1 Airplanes

(1) Within 90 days after November 19, 2021 (the effective date of AD 2021–22–12), or 18 months after issuance of the first standard certificate of airworthiness, whichever occurs later: Remove, clean, apply corrosion inhibiting compound (CIC) to, and reinstall the left and right inboard and outboard flap pushrod assemblies by following steps 3.0(3) through 3.0(6) of the Accomplishment Instructions in Honda Aircraft Company Service Bulletin No. SB–420–27–008, dated August 31, 2021.

(2) Within 90 days or 300 hours time-in-service (TIS), whichever occurs first after accomplishing the actions required by paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 90 days or 300 hours TIS, whichever occurs first: Reapply CIC by following step 3.0(5)(a) through (c) of the Accomplishment Instructions in Honda Aircraft Company Service Bulletin No. SB–420–27–008, dated August 31, 2021.

(h) New Required Actions for Group 1 and Group 2 Airplanes

Within 2 years after the effective date of this AD, replace the flap control pushrod assemblies with new (zero hours TIS) flap control pushrod assemblies in accordance with Steps (1) through (3) of the Accomplishment Instructions in Honda Aircraft Company Alert Service Bulletin No. SB–420–27–009, dated October 1, 2024. For Group 1 airplanes, this replacement terminates the requirements in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of this AD.

(i) Installation Prohibition

As of the effective date of this AD, do not install flap control pushrod assembly part number HJ1–12754–875–001, HJ1–12754–875–003, HJ1–12754–885–001, or HJ1–12754–885–003 on any airplane.

(j) No Reporting Requirement

Although Honda Aircraft Company Service Bulletin No. SB–420–27–008, dated August 31, 2021, and Alert Service Bulletin No. SB–420–27–009, dated October 1, 2024, specify to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include those requirements.

(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, East Certification Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with

14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the East Certification Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(l) Additional Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Kelly Fichter, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: (404) 474–5544; email: 9-ASO-ATLACO-ADS@faa.gov.

(2) Material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the address specified in paragraph (m)(5) of this AD.

(m) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following material was approved for IBR on [DATE 35 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE].

(i) Honda Aircraft Company Alert Service Bulletin No. SB–420–27–009, dated October 1, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) The following material was approved for IBR on November 19, 2021 (86 FR 60753, November 4, 2021).

(i) Honda Aircraft Company Service Bulletin No. SB–420–27–008, dated August 31, 2021.

(ii) [Reserved]

(5) For Honda Aircraft Company material identified in this AD, contact Honda Aircraft Company LLC, 6430 Ballinger Road, Greensboro, NC 27410; phone: (336) 662–0246; website: hondajet.com.

(6) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

(7) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on April 1, 2025.

Steven W. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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Notices

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0047]

Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Leaves and Stems of Glasswort From Israel Into the United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort (*Salicornia europaea* L.) for consumption from Israel into the United States. Based on the analysis, we have determined that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort from Israel into the United States. We are making the pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2024–0047 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2024–0047, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 2C–10.16, 4700 River Road, Unit 25, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gina Stiltner, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 500 New Karner Road, Suite 2, Albany, NY 12055; (518) 760–2468; Gina.L.Stiltner@USDA.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart L—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–12, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of fruits and vegetables that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section.

APHIS received a request from the national plant protection organization of Israel to allow the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort (*Salicornia europaea* L.) for consumption from Israel into the United States. As part of our evaluation of Israel’s request, we have prepared a pest risk assessment to identify the pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort for consumption from Israel into the United States. Based on the pest risk assessment, a risk management document (RMD) was prepared to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to fresh leaves and stems of glasswort to mitigate the pest risk.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk assessment and RMD for public review and comment. Those documents, as well as a description of the economic considerations associated with the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort for consumption from Israel into the United States, may be viewed on the Regulations.gov website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the pest risk assessment and RMD by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort for consumption from Israel into the United States in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of our analysis and the Administrator’s determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the importation of fresh leaves and stems of glasswort for consumption from Israel into the United States subject to the requirements specified in the RMD.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.)

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of April 2025.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0012]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A–108, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) gives notice that an agency component, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), proposes to modify an existing system of records notice titled, APHIS Veterinary Services User Fee System, USDA/APHIS–18. The system will be renamed the APHIS User Fee System, USDA/APHIS–18. This system, among other things, helps APHIS track, collect, and process fees associated with services APHIS provides.

DATES: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this system of records notice will become applicable upon publication, subject to a 30-day notice and comment period in which to comment on the routine uses described in the “ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM” section of this system of records notice. Please submit any comments by May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2024–0012 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2024–0012, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 2C–10.16, 4700 River Road, Unit 25, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Agency Privacy Act questions concerning this system of records notice, please contact Ms. Tonya Woods, Director of the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Coordinator, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705; phone: (301) 851–4076; email: APHISPrivacy@usda.gov. For general questions concerning this system of records, please contact the Veterinary Services (VS) Budget Director or the Plant Protection and Quarantine Program (PPQ) Director of Cost and Fee Analysis, Pest Exclusion and Import, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue,

Beltsville, MD 20705. For USDA Privacy Act questions, please contact the USDA Chief Privacy Officer, Information Security Center, Office of Chief Information Officer, USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; email: USDAPrivacy@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is modifying an existing system of records notice for the Veterinary Services User Fee System USDA/APHIS–18, which was last published on March 14, 2012, in its entirety in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 15033–15037, Docket No. APHIS–2010–0105). APHIS is modifying the system of records notice to rename the system as “APHIS User Fee System, USDA/APHIS–18” to cover the entirety of user fee and reimbursable overtime collections under APHIS purview. The system is used to maintain a record of activities conducted by the agency pursuant to its responsibilities under the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*), the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 3711 *et seq.*), the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–624, later 7 U.S.C. 2279 *et seq.*), Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), and the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*) for user fee and reimbursable overtime services.

To ensure importers, exporters, and means of conveyances (airplanes, vessels, trucks, and railroad cars) do not introduce pests or diseases when they move plants, plant products, plant byproducts, animals, birds, poultry, animal products, animal byproducts, germplasm, organisms, and vectors, APHIS performs services related to movement of these items. APHIS incurs costs associated with plant and animal inspections and other services, such as the costs of maintaining import centers and quarantine facilities, diagnostic testing, inspectors’ salaries, supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses. Any person requesting service or person for whom a service is provided related to the importation, entry, or exportation of a regulated article or means of conveyance is required to pay for the expenses of such services.

Among other things, this system tracks, collects, and processes user fees for services that APHIS provides at field offices, service centers, port offices, and the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA. Customers incurring user fees must remit payment when APHIS provides the service. The

user fee system generates documents for customers that serve as reports or invoices for the fees. Users may also request approval for an APHIS credit account, which requires the submission of an application that includes the person’s social security and/or tax identification numbers. Information obtained in the credit account application is entered into the Financial Management Modernization Initiative, the official APHIS financial system. Expansion of this system will allow for APHIS to track, collect, and process fees associated with services APHIS provides.

In addition to the above, APHIS is making the following changes to the system of records:

- Updating the system location and system manager;
- Updating the authority to add the appropriate U.S. Code citation;
- Revising the purpose of the system to encompass programs under APHIS’ purview that may require user fees and collection of those user fees;
- Expanding the categories of individuals and categories of records to include programs under APHIS’ purview for which user fees are collected;
- Revising the record source categories to more accurately identify the sources of information maintained in the system;
- Updating the policies and practices for storage, retrievability, and retention and disposal of records in the system;
- Updating the system safeguards;
- Updating the notification, record access, and contesting record procedures; and
- Providing an updated full list of routine uses in the routine uses section of the document published with this notice.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

APHIS User Fee System, USDA/APHIS–18.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) located at 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705, is responsible for the system of records notice. Certain records are maintained in a government-approved cloud server accessed through secure data centers in the continental United States. Paper files are held at various APHIS national, district, and field offices in locked file cabinets with secure keys. The applications/systems are housed within Microsoft Azure

Cloud in the Eastern and Western regions.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

APHIS, VS Budget Director, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705; and APHIS PPQ Director, Cost and Fee Analysis, Pest Exclusion and Import Programs; 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The Debt Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*), the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 3711 *et seq.*), the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–624, later 7 U.S.C. 2279 *et seq.*), and the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*).

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The APHIS User Fee System (UFS) is a billing and collections system that maintains information about the individuals, organizations, and companies required to pay user fees. Information maintained in the UFS includes customer identification, application, and service request information; program service records and factors used to calculate charges; customer-supplied reports on activities or arrivals and fees remitted; and payment compliance records. Additionally, the APHIS UFS stores billing details, adjustments to invoices, and payment receipt information including dates, methods of payment, and payment amounts.

APHIS collects user fees and reimbursable overtime fees for import-, export-, and entry-related services as well as any other fees associated with agricultural quarantine and inspection.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Categories of individuals covered in this system, include, but are not limited to, those required to submit user fee and reimbursable overtime payments to APHIS. This includes those billed through the system, as well as those submitting applications for review or otherwise assessed fees under various fee programs.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Depending on the user fees applied to a customer, business, or organization, the system contains information such as the customer/user's name, address (including city, county, State, and postal code), telephone and fax numbers, email address; the name of the user's business or organization and its telephone and fax numbers; email address and/or Dun & Bradstreet number. For customers requesting a credit account, a social

security and/or tax identification number is required. The system also contains transactions against the user's credit account, including charges and payments made, dates and types of services, and APHIS credit account numbers. The system also stores application information collected when the fee remitter (submitter) submits an application in order to pay user fees, which also includes the type of application. The system also stores fee processing information that includes billing details, adjustments to invoices including credit and debit memos, and receipt information including date, mode, and amount of payment. A record of APHIS services provided is also stored and includes service requested, service location, type of service activity, date of service, outcome of service, and factors (hours, counts, fee types and rates) used to calculate service charges and record of the payment method at time of service. Also stored are customer-supplied reports on activities or arrivals and fees remitted and payment compliance records including audits and debt collection.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system is obtained from several sources, including directly from individuals, companies, or organizations required to submit user fees to APHIS; from materials supplied by submitters or individuals acting on their behalf; and from other relevant sources.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, records contained in the system may be disclosed outside the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a routine use under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), to the extent that such uses are compatible with the purposes for which the information was collected. Such permitted routine uses include the following:

(1) To certain Federal agencies, including the Department of the Treasury, to obtain assistance in identifying and locating individuals who are delinquent in their payments of debt owed to the Federal Government while receiving Federal salary, tax refunds, or benefit payments, for the purpose of collecting debts;

(2) To a debt collection agency when the USDA determines that such referral is appropriate for collecting the debtor's account as provided for in 31 U.S.C. 3718;

(3) To contractors and their agents, grantees, experts, consultants, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other assignment for the USDA, when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to this system of records;

(4) To consumer reporting agencies when USDA determines that such referral is appropriate in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3711(f);

(5) When a record on its face, or in conjunction with other records indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program, statute, or by regulation, rule, or order issued pursuant thereto, USDA may disclose the record to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, foreign, State, Tribal, local, or other public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, if the information disclosed is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutive responsibility of the receiving entity;

(6) To the Department of Justice when: (a) USDA or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of USDA in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee; or (c) the United States Government, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, USDA determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is deemed by USDA to be for a purpose for which USDA collected the records;

(7) In an appropriate proceeding before a court, grand jury, or administrative or adjudicative body or official, when the USDA or other agency representing the USDA determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the proceeding; or in an appropriate proceeding before an administrative or adjudicative body when the adjudicator determines the records to be relevant to the proceeding;

(8) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when: (a) USDA suspects or has confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (b) USDA has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, USDA (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or

national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with USDA's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm;

(9) To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the agency (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security;

(10) To a Congressional office in response to an inquiry from that Congressional office made at the written request of the individual about whom the records pertain;

(11) To USDA contractors, partner agency employee or contractors, or private industry employed to identify patterns, trends, or anomalies indicative of fraud, waste, or abuse; and

(12) To the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) or other Federal Government agencies pursuant to records management inspections being conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

APHIS maintains paper and electronic records. In the case of electronic records, APHIS secures them in the Azure GovCloud, which is considered to be a secure IT environment. Electronic data is protected against loss or corruption with backups stored in Azure Storage and Backup Vaults. This allows for recovery at an alternate site in event of a failure at the primary site. Paper records are maintained in APHIS offices (see SYSTEM LOCATION above) in locked cabinets with secured keys.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records in the system are retrieved by customer names; current addresses and locations for the previous 7 years; telephone and fax numbers; email addresses; taxpayer identification numbers; claim numbers; dates of service; types of services provided; payments made; and APHIS credit account numbers.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

In accordance with the General Records Schedule (GRS) for Financial Management and Reporting Records (GRS 1.1 item 010), records are

destroyed through shredding or deletion 6 years after final payment or cancellation, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Electronic records are stored on secure file servers. User access is restricted within the system to relevant data to ensure the integrity of the data collected and thereby the accuracy is preserved. The primary implementation is through assignment of roles to user accounts. Each role is mapped to a collection of permissions to access system data and functionality. Administrative roles have the broadest access to system data. All users are restricted to the information only pertaining to their particular role while others may have access to multiple sets of data depending on the assigned user roles.

Access to certain portions of the system requires certain levels of authorization through USDA eAuthentication, which is a system that enables individuals to obtain user-identification accounts with password-protected access to certain USDA Web-based applications and services through the internet. Users are trained and are required to formally confirm that they understand value and sensitivity of data in the system, and users receive formal system training and are required to pass a proficiency test before being given access to the system. Persons who are not USDA employees have a lower level eAuthentication account and will only have access to their own records to input certain information.

The system is continuously monitored to ensure changes to the data are logged and reviewed. Auditing is performed to also alert the database administrators to privileged action taken against the database objects. The logs are correlated and saved at an Enterprise level to aid forensic investigation if the need arises. Access control technical measures are in place and operating to ensure only users with approval are able to access the data, and the concept of least privileged is enforced to ensure only minimum access and privileges are granted to enable users to perform job functions.

Paper files are kept in a safeguarded environment with controlled access only by authorized personnel. All APHIS users are required to complete appropriate training to learn requirements for safeguarding records maintained under the Privacy Act.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

All requests for access to records must be in writing and should be submitted

to the APHIS Privacy Act Officer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705; or by facsimile (301) 734-5941; or by email APHISPrivacy@usda.gov. In accordance with 7 CFR 1.112 (Procedures for requests pertaining to individual records in a record system), the request must include the full name of the individual making the request; the name of the system of records; and preference of inspection, in person or by mail. In accordance with 7 CFR 1.113, prior to inspection of the records, the requester shall present sufficient identification (e.g., driver's license or employee identification card) to establish the requester is the individual to whom the records pertain. In addition, if an individual submitting a request for access wishes to be supplied with copies of the records by mail, the requester must include with his or her request sufficient data for the agency to verify the requester's identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to contest or amend records maintained in this system of records must direct their request to the address indicated in the "RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES" paragraph, above and must follow the procedures set forth in 7 CFR 1.116 (Request for correction or amendment to record). All requests must state clearly and concisely what record is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the record.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals may be notified if a record in this system of records pertains to them when the individuals request information using the same procedures as those identified in the "RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES" paragraph above.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

77 FR 15033 (March 14, 2012): First publication.

APHIS sent a report on the modified system of records, required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), as implemented by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-108, to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Chairman on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, House of Representatives; the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, House of

Representatives; and the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Done in Washington, DC, this 4th day of April 2025.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS–2025–0010]

Delayed Verification Sampling of Not Ready-to-Eat Breaded Stuffed Chicken Products

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: FSIS is announcing that it is delaying the date it will begin sampling not ready-to-eat (NRTE) breaded stuffed chicken products for *Salmonella* and delaying the date establishments need to reassess their Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plans for these products from May 1, 2025, to November 3, 2025. This additional time is necessary for FSIS to finalize its instructions to inspectors and prepare its inspection program personnel (IPP) and laboratories for the new sampling and testing. In addition, this additional time is necessary for FSIS to provide industry with guidance on holding and controlling products pending FSIS' sampling results.

DATES: FSIS will begin sampling NRTE breaded stuffed chicken on November 3, 2025. Establishments will have until November 3, 2025, to reassess their HACCP plans for this product.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Edelstein, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development by telephone at (202) 205–0495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSIS is the public health agency within the USDA responsible for ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled. In support of this mission, FSIS published a final determination in the **Federal Register** on May 1, 2024, declaring that NRTE breaded stuffed chicken products containing *Salmonella* at levels of 1 colony forming unit (CFU) per gram or higher are adulterated under the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21

U.S.C. 453(g)(1) and (3)) (89 FR 35033). The final determination also announced FSIS' intention to implement verification procedures, including sampling and testing of raw incoming chicken components used to produce NRTE breaded stuffed chicken products (88 FR 35033, 35050–35051). Additionally, the final determination required all NRTE breaded stuffed chicken establishments to reassess their HACCP plans for this product (89 FR 35033, 35050).

FSIS is now announcing a delay in the start date for its sampling program for NRTE breaded stuffed chicken products. Initially set to begin on May 1, 2025, the sampling program will now start on November 3, 2025.

FSIS is announcing this delay in finalizing its sampling program and attendant guidance because it was unable to complete this process due to competing priorities at the end of the last administration. This delay will provide additional time for FSIS and industry to prepare for implementation of the sampling program. As noted in FSIS Notice 15–24, *Salmonella as an Adulterant in Not Ready-To-Eat Breaded Stuffed Chicken Products*, May 1, 2024, the Agency intends to issue updated sampling instructions and training for IPP prior to implementing its sampling program. FSIS laboratories also will need to update their methods for this new testing. Before FSIS begins verification sampling, the Agency will announce in its newsletter, the *Constituent Update*, information about the methods it will use for qualitative and quantitative analyses for *Salmonella* in NRTE breaded stuffed chicken. While industry is not required to do their own sampling of NRTE breaded stuffed chicken for *Salmonella*, some establishments may voluntarily choose to use FSIS' methods. Therefore, this additional time will allow industry to prepare for or develop their own testing if they wish to do so. Moreover, FSIS laboratories need additional time to prepare for the increased workload. Proper IPP and lab readiness is essential to maintain the accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of test results, which are critical for ensuring food safety and protecting public health.

The delay will also allow FSIS to help establishments comply with the final determination by providing new recommendations on lotting and holding product (88 FR 35033, 35051). FSIS may issue a guidance document or hold webinars to provide guidance. This additional time will allow industry to ask questions and provide feedback on the Agency guidance.

Finally, this delay will provide time for new leadership appointed after January 20, 2025, to review and provide policy input on the Agency's sampling program and guidance documents for this product.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this **Federal Register** publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register>.

FSIS will also announce and provide a link to this **Federal Register** publication through the FSIS *Constituent Update*, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The *Constituent Update* is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS can provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service that provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe>. The available information ranges from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Denise Eblen,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 2174]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone Not Approved—Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Act provides for “. . . the establishment. . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Port of Iberia District (the applicant) made application to the Board (B-6-2024, docketed February 7, 2024) requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone under the ASF with a service area of the portions of Iberia Parish which lie within the boundaries of the Port of Iberia District and a proposed subzone, adjacent to the

Morgan City Customs and Border Protection port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 10031, February 13, 2024; 89 FR 102856, December 18, 2024) and the application was processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations have not been satisfied;

Therefore, the Board hereby does not approve the application of the Port of Iberia District.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Dawn Shackelford,

Executive Director of Trade Agreements Policy & Negotiations, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-23-2025]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 196, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; RECARO Aircraft Seating Americas, LLC; (Aircraft Seats); Fort Worth, Texas

RECARO Aircraft Seating Americas, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in Fort Worth, Texas, within FTZ 196. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board’s regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on April 7, 2025.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials/components 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. The proposed materials/components would be added to the production authority that the Board previously approved for the operation, as reflected on the Board’s website.

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include gas generators for airbag belt systems, electric storage batteries, electric light emitting diode (LED) light indicators, DC electric power units, and cable

wiring harnesses (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 3.4%). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 1702(a)(1)(B) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (section 1702), or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 1702 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. The closing period for their receipt is May 21, 2025.

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 Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov.

Dated: April 8, 2025.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-845]

Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico: Preliminary Results of the 2022-2023 Administrative Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) selected two respondents for individual examination, Azucarera San Jose De Abajo S.A. (San Jose) and Santa Rosalia de la Chontalpa, SA de CV, and its affiliates (Santa Rosalia; collectively, Grupo BSM). Commerce preliminarily determines there are no attributable sales to serve as a basis for review of whether San Jose complied with the certain terms of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico, as amended (AD Agreement) during the period of review (POR) from December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023. We preliminarily determine that Grupo BSM, did not comply with the requirement to eliminate at least 85 percent of the dumping found in the investigation during the POR. Furthermore, we

consider Grupo BSM's noncompliant behavior to be serious and in need of remediation, and we will implement certain steps to address its noncompliance. Finally, Commerce preliminarily determines that the AD Agreement met the applicable statutory requirements during the POR.

DATES: Applicable April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Buckles or Samantha Fino, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6230 or (202) 482-2861, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce and Mexican producers/exporters accounting for substantially all imports of sugar from Mexico signed the AD Agreement under section 734(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), which suspended the underlying antidumping duty investigation, on December 19, 2014, and which was subsequently amended on January 15, 2020.¹

On December 26, 2023, the American Sugar Coalition and its members (petitioners)² filed a timely request for an administrative review of the AD Agreement.³ On February 9, 2024, Commerce initiated an administrative review for the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023.⁴ On April 4, 2024, Commerce selected San Jose and Santa Rosalia as mandatory respondents.

Scope of the AD Agreement

The product covered by this AD Agreement is raw and refined sugar of all polarimeter readings derived from sugar cane or sugar beets. Merchandise covered by this AD Agreement is typically imported under the following headings of the HTSUS: 1701.12.1000, 1701.12.5000, 1701.13.1000, 1701.13.5000, 1701.14.1020,

1701.14.1040, 1701.14.5000, 1701.91.1000, 1701.91.3000, 1701.99.1015, 1701.99.1017, 1701.99.1025, 1701.99.1050, 1701.99.5015, 1701.99.5017, 1701.99.5025, 1701.99.5050, and 1702.90.4000.⁵ The tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of this AD Agreement is dispositive.⁶

Methodology and Preliminary Results

Commerce has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(C) of the Act, which specifies that Commerce shall “review the current status of, and compliance with, any agreement by reason of which an investigation was suspended.” Pursuant to the AD Agreement, each signatory producer/exporter individually agrees that it will not sell subject merchandise at prices less than the reference prices established in Appendix I to the AD Agreement.⁷ Each signatory producer/exporter also individually agrees that for each entry the amount by which the estimated normal value exceeds the export price (or the constructed export price) will not exceed 15 percent of the weighted average amount by which the estimated normal value exceeded the export price (or constructed export price) for all less-than-fair-value entries of the producer/exporter examined during the course of the investigation.⁸ The signatory producers/exporters also individually agree to provide documentation upon request from Commerce⁹ and provide certifications each quarter¹⁰ to allow Commerce to monitor the AD Agreement. In addition, the signatory producers/exporters agree to incorporate into their sales contracts with Intermediary Customers¹¹ the obligation that such customers will abide by the terms of the AD Agreement.¹² Lastly, the signatory producers/exporters agree to ensure that

Other Sugar¹³ is tested for polarity by a laboratory approved by CBP upon entry into the United States and that the importers of record report the polarity test results for each entry to Commerce within 30 days of entry.¹⁴

After reviewing the information received from the respondent companies in their questionnaire and supplemental questionnaire responses, we preliminarily determine that except for as explained below the respondents were generally in compliance with the AD Agreement during the POR, that the AD Agreement is functioning as intended, and that the AD Agreement met the statutory requirements under sections 734(c) and (d) of the Act during the POR. However, we preliminarily find that there are no attributable sales to serve as a basis for review of whether San Jose complied with certain terms of the AD Agreement, *i.e.*, the Reference Prices¹⁵ and the requirement to eliminate at least 85 percent of the dumping, during the POR. In addition, we preliminarily find that Grupo BSM did not comply with the requirement to eliminate at least 85 percent of the dumping during the POR.

We intend to address what we have found to be serious noncompliance by Grupo BSM with an “action plan” outlined in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. Commerce's next steps will include: verification of Grupo BSM's questionnaire responses; formal consultations with the Signatories to the AD Agreement under Section VII.E.2 (Operations Consultations); additional monitoring of Grupo BSM; and consideration of the selection of Grupo BSM in a future administrative review. These measures are necessary to ensure compliance with the AD Agreement and that any potential administrative challenges to effective monitoring are diminished.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed

¹ See *Sugar from Mexico: Suspension of Antidumping Investigation*, 79 FR 78039 (December 29, 2014); *see also Sugar from Mexico: Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 85 FR 3620 (January 22, 2020) (collectively, AD Agreement).

² The members of the American Sugar Coalition are as follows: American Sugar Cane League, American Sugarbeet Growers Association, American Sugar Refining, Inc., Florida Sugar Cane League, Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc., Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, and the United States Beet Sugar Association.

³ See Petitioners' Letter, “Request for Administrative Review,” dated December 26, 2023.

⁴ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 8641 (February 8, 2024).

⁵ Prior to July 1, 2016, merchandise covered by the AD Agreement was also classified in the HTSUS under subheading 1701.99.1010. Prior to January 1, 2020, merchandise covered by the AD Agreement was also classified in the HTSUS under subheadings 1701.14.1000 and 1701.99.5010.

⁶ For a complete description of the Scope of the AD Agreement, *see* Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2022–2023 Administrative Review: Sugar from Mexico,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁷ See AD Agreement at Section VI and Appendix I.

⁸ *Id.* at Section VI.

⁹ *Id.* at Sections VII.B.1, VII.B.2, and VII.B.4.

¹⁰ *Id.* at Section VII.C.4.

¹¹ “Intermediary Customer” is defined in Section II.N of the AD Agreement.

¹² See AD Agreement at Section VII.C.5.

¹³ “Other Sugar” is defined Section II.F of the AD Agreement.

¹⁴ See AD Agreement at Section VII.C.6.

¹⁵ “Reference Price” is defined at Section II.G of the AD Agreement.

directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>. Commerce also addresses certain issues, which require discussion of business proprietary information, in separate memoranda which we incorporate into the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.¹⁶

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(3) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information from Grupo BSM relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Interested parties may submit case briefs not later than seven days after the date on which the verification report is issued in this administrative review.¹⁷ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁸ Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹⁹

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.²⁰ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).²¹

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a

hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants and whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, unless extended.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-533-935]

Hard Empty Capsules From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Antidumping Duty Determination; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Smith or Gordon Struck, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade

Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; (202) 482-0557 or (202) 482-8151, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 1, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) erroneously published a duplicate **Federal Register** notice titled *Hard Empty Capsules from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*. Commerce is withdrawing the above-mentioned notice, **Federal Register** Doc. 2025-05538.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(f) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: April 4, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-201-846]

Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico; Preliminary Results of the 2023 Administrative Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the signatory, the Government of Mexico (GOM), and the respondent companies selected for individual examination, respectively, Azucarera San Jose De Abajo S.A. and Santa Rosalia de la Chontalpa, SA de CV, were in compliance with the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico, as amended (CVD Agreement) during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Commerce also preliminarily determines that the CVD Agreement met the applicable statutory requirements during the POR.

DATES: Applicable April 11, 2025.

¹⁶ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 6-8 and fn. 47 and 59.

¹⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii).

¹⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

¹⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

²⁰ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

²¹ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Buckles or Samantha Fino, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–6230 or (202) 482–2861, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce and the GOM signed the CVD Agreement under section 704(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), which suspended the underlying countervailing duty investigation on sugar from Mexico, on December 19, 2014, and which was subsequently amended on January 15, 2020.¹

On December 26, 2023, the American Sugar Coalition and its members (the petitioners)² filed a timely request for an administrative review of the CVD Agreement.³ On February 8, 2024, Commerce initiated an administrative review for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.⁴

On April 4, 2024, Commerce selected two companies as mandatory respondents, listed in alphabetic order: Azucarera San Jose De Abajo S.A. and Santa Rosalia de la Chontalpa, SA de CV.⁵ In addition, the review covered the GOM, which is the signatory to the CVD Agreement.

Scope of the CVD Agreement

The product covered by this CVD Agreement is raw and refined sugar of all polarimeter readings derived from sugar cane or sugar beets. Merchandise covered by this CVD Agreement is typically imported under the following headings of the HTSUS: 1701.12.1000, 1701.12.5000, 1701.13.1000, 1701.13.5000, 1701.14.1020, 1701.14.1040, 1701.14.5000, 1701.91.1000, 1701.91.3000, 1701.99.1015, 1701.99.1017, 1701.99.1025, 1701.99.1050, 1701.99.5015, 1701.99.5017,

1701.99.5025, 1701.99.5050, and 1702.90.4000.⁶ The tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of this CVD Agreement is dispositive.⁷

Methodology and Preliminary Results

Commerce has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(C) of the Act, which specifies that Commerce shall “review the current status of, and compliance with, any agreement by reason of which an investigation was suspended.” Pursuant to the CVD Agreement, the GOM agrees that subject merchandise is subject to export limits.⁸ The GOM also agrees to other conditions including limits on exports of Refined Sugar⁹ and restrictions on shipping patterns for exports.¹⁰ The CVD Agreement also requires the GOM to issue contract-specific export licenses,¹¹ submit compliance monitoring reports to Commerce,¹² and institute penalties for non-compliance with certain key terms of the CVD Agreement and the companion Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico, as amended.¹³

After reviewing the information received from the GOM and respondent companies in their questionnaire and supplemental questionnaire responses, we preliminarily determine that the GOM and respondent companies adhered to the terms of the CVD Agreement during the POR and that the CVD Agreement is functioning as intended. Further, we preliminarily determine that the CVD Agreement continued to meet the statutory requirements under sections 704(c) and (d) of the Act during the POR.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary

Decision Memorandum. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs to Commerce no later than 21 days from the publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁴ Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹⁵ As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹⁶ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the Issues and Decision Memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁷

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to

¹ See *Sugar from Mexico: Suspension of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 79 FR 78044 (December 29, 2014); see also *Sugar from Mexico: Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 85 FR 3613 (January 22, 2020) (collectively, CVD Agreement).

² The members of the American Sugar Coalition are: American Sugar Cane League; American Sugarbeet Growers Association; American Sugar Refining, Inc.; Florida Sugar Cane League; Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc.; Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida; and the United States Beet Sugar Association.

³ See Petitioners’ Letter, “Request for Administrative Review,” dated December 26, 2023.

⁴ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 8641 (February 8, 2024).

⁵ See Memorandum, “Respondent Selection,” dated April 4, 2024.

⁶ Prior to July 1, 2016, merchandise covered by the CVD Agreement was also classified in the HTSUS under subheading 1701.99.1010. Prior to January 1, 2020, merchandise covered by the CVD Agreement was also classified in the HTSUS under subheadings 1701.14.1000 and 1701.99.5010.

⁷ For a complete description of the Scope of the CVD Agreement, see Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2023 Administrative Review: Sugar from Mexico,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁸ See CVD Agreement at Section V.

⁹ “Refined Sugar” is defined in Section II.L of the CVD Agreement.

¹⁰ *Id.* at Section V.C.

¹¹ *Id.* at Section VI and Appendix I.

¹² *Id.* at Section VIII.B.1 and Appendix II.

¹³ *Id.* at Section VIII.B.4; see also *Sugar from Mexico: Suspension of Antidumping Investigation*, 79 FR 78039 (December 29, 2014); and *Sugar from Mexico: Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 85 FR 3620 (January 22, 2020).

¹⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

¹⁵ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁶ We use the term “issue” here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁷ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants and whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, unless extended.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Harvard University, et al.; Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before May 1, 2025.

Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 41006, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Please also email a copy of those comments to Dianne.Hanshaw@trade.gov.

Docket Number: 25-001. Applicant: Harvard University, 17 Oxford Street, Jefferson 158, Cambridge, MA 02138. Instrument: 1847 nm Narrow Linewidth single frequency fiber laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilaser Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to explore quantum physics experiments at Harvard in the research laboratory in the Department of Physics. This research work is part of the training of graduate students, undergraduate students, and postdoctoral research fellows. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 6, 2024.

Docket Number: 25-002. Applicant: University of Colorado JILA Department, Campus Box 440 UCB, JILA Building, Room S/175, Boulder, CO 80309. Instrument: Fiber Laser @1038.7 nm. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument will be intended to be used to lock our comb closely to the comb line corresponding to the 148.7nm thorium nuclear transition that is essential to our experiment. This will allow us to observe narrower linewidths in the experiment. The experiment is performing high-resolution spectroscopy on the nuclear clock transition in thorium-229 doped into a CaF2 crystal. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 8, 2025.

Docket Number: 25-003. Applicant: California Institute of Technology, 1200 E California Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91125. Instrument: Narrow-Linewidth Laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for cooling of ytterbium atoms on the intercombination line to reach temperatures lower than 50 micro-Kelvin using frequency doubling of the high-power narrow-linewidth 1112 nm laser source. In addition, the narrow-linewidth laser will be used for fluorescence imaging as well as state preparation of the ytterbium atoms in

one of two desired spin states. For all of these applications, the narrow linewidth as well as output power is crucial in terms of meeting the experimental objectives. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 21, 2025.

Docket Number: 25-004. Applicant: University of Colorado JILA Department, Campus Box 440 UCB, JILA Building, Room S/175, Boulder, CO 80309. Instrument: High-power, narrow linewidth fiber laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology Co., Ltd, China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for two applications: (1) We want to use it as a laser source that we will double to the wavelength of 517nm, which will act as a novel transport system of ytterbium atoms between ultra high vacuum chambers. (2) We want to use the laser itself as a light source to trap ytterbium atoms—a novel alternative to our current trapping lasers in the visible range of light. To meet the needs of both, use cases, we require a narrow fiber laser combined with a high power CW fiber laser amplifier. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 28, 2025.

Docket Number: 25-005. Applicant: University of Washington, 4300 Roosevelt Way NE, Roosevelt Commons West, Seattle, WA 98105-4718. Instrument: Femtosecond lasers with ultrahigh power. Manufacturer: ULTRONPHOTONICS CO., LTD., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study very thin materials, just one atom thick, called two-dimensional materials. These materials behave in very special ways that are different from the everyday bulk materials. The laser will also be used to study semiconductors to better understand how they process information and energy. The ultimate goal is to advance chip development and realize quantum computers, which can drive breakthroughs in many areas, particularly, in artificial intelligence (AI), that can also improve energy conversion efficiency and make electric vehicle batteries safer. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 4, 2025.

Docket Number: 25–006. Applicant: Rice University, 6100 Main Street, MS–61, Houston, TX 77005. Instrument: Narrow linewidth laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology, Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for the 3.4µm laser from Precilasers to drive an electronic transition across two metastable energy levels in the singly ionized Ytterbium ion (Yb⁺). The Yb⁺ ion has a rich energy level structure owing to its electronic configuration as a rare earth element. The ¹⁷¹Yb⁺ ion (isotope=171) consists of two ground state energy levels (²S_{1/2} state) that are robust to perturbations and are, therefore, used to encode a bit of quantum information (qubit). Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 20, 2025.

Docket Number: 25–007. Applicant: University of Colorado JILA Department, 1900 Colorado Avenue, Campus Box, 440 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309. Instrument: Integrated laser and amplification system. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for a high-power, narrow linewidth laser to operate at 1111.6nm. The laser will be used as a seed, and fed to a doubler to get ~3W of 556nm light which we will use for the trapping and cooling of Yb atoms. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 4, 2025.

Docket Number: 25–008. Applicant: Columbia University, Department of Physics, Pupin Hall, 538 W 120 Street, New York, NY 10027. Instrument: Difference Frequency Generation Fiber Laser, 2923 nm single pass (FL–SF–2923–0.1–CW). Manufacturer: PreciLasers, China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for driving the mid-infrared optical transition in Strontium-88 atom arrays in optical tweezer experiments. This mid-infrared transition in arrays will be used to excite the 3P₂–3D₃ transition, enabling the study of quantum simulation on the super-subradiance.

The objectives are to observe the evidence of super-subradiance in the strontium-88 arrays, which are required to observe the lifetime longer or shorter than spontaneous decay of single strontium-88 atom (57 kHz). The mid-

infrared transition will excite 2923 nm laser and observe the lifetime of excited state via a state-detection method. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 10, 2025.

Docket Number: 25–009. Applicant: Duke University, 324 Blackwell Street, Chesterfield Building, 701 W Main Street, Durham, NC 27701. Instrument: Narrow linewidth, 435nm laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology, Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to investigate quantum simulations using trapped Ytterbium ions, and the reduction of readout errors using this laser over current readout procedures and the use of this laser for the optical-metastable-ground qudit architecture. To employ the laser in achieving these objectives, it will be Pound-Drever-Hall locked to an optical cavity to stabilize its phase and then will be passed through an optical system to deliver light to the Ytterbium ions to drive Rabi flopping and/or induce AC Stark shifts. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 3, 2025.

Docket Number: 25–010. Applicant: Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 10010 N Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037. Instrument: Supernova-3000 miniature three-photon microscope. Manufacturer: Nanjing Transcend Vivoscooper Bio-Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for Biological studies and its Biophotonics Center which aims to uncover the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying physiology and pathology, including Alzheimer's disease, neuropathic pain, multiple sclerosis, and spinal cord injury. The goal is to develop new or improved treatments for these diseases. All studies will be conducted using animal models for human diseases, especially mice. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 21, 2025.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Tyler O'Daniel,

Acting Director, Subsidies Enforcement, Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2022–2023

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the companies which Commerce granted a separate rate sold subject merchandise at prices below normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023. Commerce also preliminarily determines that one company does not qualify for a separate rate, certain companies had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR, and that it is appropriate to rescind this review with respect to certain companies. Commerce invites interested parties to comment on these preliminary results of review.

DATES: Applicable April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Smith, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5193.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In response to review requests from multiple parties, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), on February 8, 2024, Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules (solar cells), from the People's Republic of China (China) with respect to 60 companies/company groupings covering the POR December 1, 2022, through

November 30, 2023.¹ One mandatory respondent, Shenzhen Sungold Solar Co., Ltd. (Sungold), participated in this review by filing responses to Commerce's questionnaire and supplemental questionnaires. Multiple parties commented on surrogate country and surrogate value selection during the course of the review. The current deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review is April 7, 2025.

For details regarding the above events and other events that occurred subsequent to the initiation of the review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.² The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is in Appendix I.

Scope of the Order³

The products covered by the *Order* are crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, and modules, laminates, and panels, consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not partially or fully assembled into other products, including, but not limited to, modules, laminates, panels and building integrated materials. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Partial Rescission of Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), it is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of an AD order where it concludes that there were no suspended entries of subject

merchandise during the POR.⁴ Commerce notified all interested parties of its intent to rescind the instant review with respect to the companies listed in Appendix II because there were no suspended entries of subject merchandise from those companies during the POR and invited interested parties to comment on Commerce's intention to rescind the review with respect to these companies.⁵ Certain interested parties commented on Commerce's intent to rescind memorandum.⁶ In the absence of any suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR from the companies listed in Appendix II, we are rescinding this administrative review of those companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

Intent To Rescind Administrative Review, in Part

Commerce intends to rescind this review with respect to Red Sun Energy Long An Company Limited. *See* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum for details.

Preliminary Determination of No Shipments

BYD (Shangluo) Industrial Co., Ltd. (BYD Shangluo), Jinko Solar,⁷ Longi Solar Technology Co. Ltd. (Longi Solar), and Zhejiang Aiko Solar Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (Zhejiang Aiko) claimed that they did not ship subject merchandise during the POR. Information that we obtained from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding certain potential entries of subject merchandise from Jinko Solar, Longi Solar, and Zhejiang Aiko is consistent with those claims.⁸ Therefore, we preliminarily determine that there were no entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise for Jinko Solar, Longi Solar, and Zhejiang Aiko during the POR.

However, subsequent to its no shipments claim, BYD Shangluo provided information that CBP is now suspending certain POR entries of BYD Shangluo's merchandise as subject merchandise.⁹ Based on this information, we preliminarily determine that record evidence contradicts BYD Shangluo's no shipments claim. As a result of our separate rate analysis, we preliminarily determine that BYD Shangluo is eligible for a separate rate. For additional information, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce has preliminarily assigned a weighted average dumping margin to Sungold based upon total facts otherwise available with adverse inferences. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary results of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Separate Rates

In all proceedings involving a non-market economy (NME) country, Commerce maintains a rebuttable presumption that all companies are subject to government control and, thus, should be assessed a single weighted-average dumping margin unless the company can affirmatively demonstrate an absence of government control, both in law (*de jure*) and in fact (*de facto*), with respect to its exports (*i.e.*, can affirmatively demonstrate that it is eligible for a separate rate).¹⁰ Commerce has preliminarily determined that information provided by Sungold, BYD H.K. Co., Ltd., BYD (Shangluo) Industrial Co., Ltd., Maodi Solar Technology (Dongguan) Co., Ltd., Trina Solar Energy Development Company Limited, and Trina Solar Science & Technology (Thailand) Ltd. demonstrates that these companies are eligible for a separate rate.¹¹

However, Anji DaSol Solar Energy Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (Anji DaSol), which was selected as a mandatory respondent, failed to

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 8641 (February 8, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2022–2023 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or not Assembled into Modules, from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

³ See *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Antidumping Duty Order*, 77 FR 73018 (December 7, 2012) (*Order*).

⁴ See, e.g., *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to Length Plate from the Federal Republic of Germany: Rescission of Antidumping Administrative Review; 2020–2021*, 88 FR 4154 (January 24, 2023).

⁵ See Memorandum, "Notice of Intent to Rescind, in Part," dated May 14, 2024.

⁶ See Vina Solar Technology Company Limited and Vina Cell Technology Company Limited's Letter, "Comments on Notice of Intent to Rescind Review," dated May 21, 2024.

⁷ Jinko Solar refers to the following companies which Commerce has previously treated as a single entity: Jinko Solar Import and Export Co., Ltd.; Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar Technology (Haining) Co., Ltd.; Yuhuan Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; Jiangsu Jinko Tiansheng Solar Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Chuzhou) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Yiwu) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Shangrao) Co., Ltd.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Analysis of No Entries, Exports, or Sales by Certain Companies," dated concurrently with this notice.

⁹ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

¹⁰ See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Affirmative Critical Circumstances, in Part: Certain Lined Paper Products from the People's Republic of China*, 71 FR 53079, 53082 (September 8, 2006); *see also* *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Partial Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances: Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China*, 71 FR 9303, 29307 (May 22, 2006).

¹¹ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

respond to Commerce's questionnaire. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that Anji DaSol has not demonstrated that it qualifies for a separate rate¹² and thus it is part of the China-wide entity.

Dumping Margins for Separate Rate Companies

The statute and Commerce's regulations do not address what dumping margin to apply to respondents that are not selected for individual examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. Generally, Commerce looks to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in an investigation, for guidance when calculating the dumping margin for respondents that are not individually examined in an administrative review. Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the all-others rate is normally "equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* dumping margins, and any dumping margins determined entirely {on the basis of facts available}." When the weighted-average dumping margins established for all individually examined respondents are zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts available, section 735(c)(5)(B) of the Act permits Commerce to "use any reasonable method to establish the estimated all-others rate for exporters and producers not individually investigated, including averaging the estimated weighted average dumping margins determined for the exporters and producers individually investigated. In accordance with the statute and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's decision in *Primesource*,¹³ we preliminarily determined to apply the weight average of the rate assigned to Sungold in this administrative review (*i.e.*, 238.95 percent) to the non-individually examined respondents that are eligible for a separate rate. For additional information, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

¹² Commerce informed parties in the *Initiation Notice* that firms that submitted a separate rate application or a separate rate certification that are subsequently selected as mandatory respondents, would not be eligible for separate rate status unless they responded to all parts of the questionnaire that Commerce issued to them as mandatory respondents. See *Initiation Notice*, 89 FR at 8642.

¹³ See *Primesource Building Products, Inc. et al. v. United States*, 111 F.4th 1320 (Fed. Cir. 2024) (*Primesource*).

China-Wide Entity

Commerce's policy regarding conditional review of the China-wide entity applies to this administrative review.¹⁴ Under this policy, the China-wide entity will not be under review unless a party specifically requests, or Commerce self-initiates, a review of the entity. Because no party requested a review of the China-wide entity, the entity is not under review and the entity's assessment rate (*i.e.*, 238.95 percent¹⁵) is not subject to change. Because there were no entries of subject merchandise from the companies listed in Appendix III during the POR, none of which had a separate rate during the POR, these companies remain in the China-wide entity.¹⁶

Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023:

Exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Shenzhen Sungold Solar Co., Ltd	238.95
Separate Rate Companies	
BYD H.K. Co., Ltd	238.95
BYD (Shangluo) Industrial Co., Ltd	238.95
Maodi Solar Technology (Dongguan) Co., Ltd	238.95
Trina Solar Energy Development Company Limited	238.95
Trina Solar Science & Technology (Thailand) Ltd	238.95

¹⁴ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

¹⁵ The China-wide entity rate was last changed in the first administrative review of this proceeding and has been the applicable rate for the entity in each subsequent review, including the most recently completed review. See *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2012–2013*, 80 FR 40998, 41002 (July 14, 2015) (*Solar Cells AR 1*); see also *Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, from the People's Republic of China: Final Results and Final Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2021–2022*, 89 FR 55562 (July 5, 2024) (*Solar Cells AR 10*).

¹⁶ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Disclosure and Public Comment

Normally, Commerce discloses to parties to the proceeding the calculations performed in connection with a preliminary results of review within five days of any public announcement of the preliminary results or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of preliminary results of review in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce preliminarily applied a weighted-average dumping margin based on total adverse facts available (AFA) to the individually examined company in this administrative review, in accordance with section 776 of the Act, and the applied AFA is the China-wide entity rate last changed in the first administrative review of this proceeding and has been the applicable rate for the entity in each subsequent review,¹⁷ there are no calculations to disclose.

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after the date of publication of this notice.¹⁸ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁹ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this review must submit: (1) a statement of the issue; and (2) a table of authorities.²⁰ All briefs must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.²¹ Further, we

¹⁷ See *Solar Cells AR 1*; see also *Solar Cells AR 10*.

¹⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309.

¹⁹ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

²⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

²¹ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address

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request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).²²

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the requesting party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of individuals associated with the requesting party that will attend the hearing and whether any of those individuals is a foreign national; and (3) a list of the issues the party intends to discuss at the hearing. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case briefs. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results of this review, Commerce will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.²³ Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the notice of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

If Commerce continues to base Sungold's weighted-average dumping margin upon total facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, in the final results of this review, then

Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties at a rate equal to 238.95 percent to all the entries of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by Sungold.

However, if Sungold's final weighted-average dumping margin is not based on total facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, Commerce intends to calculate importer/customer-specific assessment rates²⁴ by dividing the total amount of dumping for reviewed sales to the importer/customer by the total quantity of those sales. Commerce will calculate an estimated *ad valorem* importer/customer-specific assessment rate to determine whether the per-unit assessment rate is *de minimis*; however, it will instruct CBP to apply the per-unit assessment rate.²⁵

Commerce will base the assessment rate of any company not selected for individual examination that qualifies for a separate rate on the weighted-average dumping margin that it calculates for Sungold in the final results of this review.²⁶

Pursuant to a refinement of its practice, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate entries of Sungold's subject merchandise for which sales were not reported in the U.S. sales database at the dumping margin assigned to the China-wide entity.²⁷

We intend to instruct CBP to liquidate entries of subject merchandise during the POR that were recorded under the company-specific case numbers of Jinko Solar, Longi Solar, and Zhejiang Aiko at the China-wide rate.

For the companies listed in Appendix II for which Commerce is rescinding this review, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023. Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP regarding the companies listed in Appendix II no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be in effect for all shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse,

for consumption on, or after, the date of publication of the notice of the final results of this administrative review in the **Federal Register**, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for the exporters listed in the table in the "Preliminary Results of Review" section of this notice above, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in the final results of this review for the exporter (except, if the dumping margin is *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.5 percent), then the cash deposit rate will be zero for that exporter); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed Chinese and non-Chinese exporters that are not listed in the rate table in the final results of review that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter's existing cash deposit rate; (3) for all China exporters of subject merchandise that do not have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin assigned to the China-wide entity, which is 238.95 percent, and (4) for all non-China exporters of subject merchandise that do not have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin applicable to the China exporter(s) that supplied that non-China exporter. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Final Results of Review

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of all issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the publication of these preliminary results of review in the **Federal Register**, unless otherwise extended.²⁸

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties and/or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties and/or countervailing duties has occurred, and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties, and/or an increase in the amount of antidumping duties by the amount of the countervailing duties.

in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

²² See APO and Final Service Rule.

²³ See Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012) (Final Modification).

²⁴ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

²⁵ See Final Modification, 77 FR at 8103.

²⁶ See Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 76 FR 65694, 65694–95 (October 24, 2011).

²⁷ See Solar Cells from China AR1, 80 FR at 41002.

²⁸ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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Appendix II

Companies for Which Commerce Is Rescinding the Review

1. Canadian Solar International Limited; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Changshu) Inc.; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Luoyang) Inc.; CSI Cells Co., Ltd.; CSI Solar Co., Ltd.; and CSI Solar Manufacturing (Fu Ning) Co., Ltd.
2. Chint Solar (Hong Kong) Company Limited; Chint Solar (Jiuquan) Co., Ltd.; Chint Solar (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd.; and Chint New Energy Technology (Haining) Co., Ltd.
3. JingAo Solar Co., Ltd.
4. Risen Energy Co., Ltd.; Risen Energy (Changzhou) Co., Ltd.; Risen (Wuhai) New Energy Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Twinsel Electronic Technology Co., Ltd.; Risen (Luoyang) New Energy Co., Ltd.; Jiujiang Shengchao Xinye Technology Co., Ltd.; Jiujiang Shengchao Xinye Trade Co., Ltd.; Ruichang Branch, Risen Energy (HongKong) Co., Ltd.; and Risen Energy (YIWU) Co., Ltd.
5. Shanghai BYD Co., Ltd.
6. Shanghai JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.
7. Shenzhen Glory Industries Co., Ltd.
8. Shenzhen Topray Solar Co., Ltd.
9. Shenzhen Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Baoding Jiaoheng Photovoltaic Technology Co., Ltd.; Baoding Tianwei Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Beijing Tianneng Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Hainan Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Hengshui Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Lixian Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Tianjin Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Yingli Energy (China) Company.
10. Trina Solar (Singapore) Science and Technology Pte. Ltd.

11. Trina Solar Co., Ltd.; Trina Solar (Changzhou) Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Yancheng Trina Guoneng Photovoltaic Technology Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Trina Solar Yabang Energy Co., Ltd.; Turpan Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.; Hubei Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.; Trina Solar (Hefei) Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Trina Hezhong Photoelectric Co., Ltd.
12. Wuxi Tianran Photovoltaic Co., Ltd.
13. Xiamen Yiyusheng Solar Co., Ltd.

Appendix III

Companies That Remain in the China-Wide Entity

1. Boviet Solar Technology Co., Ltd.
2. Canadian Solar Manufacturing, Inc.
3. Changzhou Trina PV Ribbon Materials Co., Ltd.
4. Chint Energy (Haining) Co., Ltd.
5. CSI Modules (DaFeng) Co., Ltd.
6. CSI Solar Co., Ltd. (f.k.a. CSI Solar Power (China) Inc.)
7. CSI Solar Manufacturing (Fu Ning) Co., Ltd. (f.k.a. CSI-GCL Solar Manufacturing (YanCheng) Co., Ltd.)
8. CSI Solar Power Group Co., Ltd. (f.k.a. CSI Solar Power (China) Inc.)
9. De-Tech Trading Limited HK
10. Hengdian Group DMEGC Magnetics Co. Ltd.
11. Hongkong Hello Tech Energy Co., Ltd.
12. Jiawei Solarchina (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.
13. Jiawei Solarchina Co., Ltd.
14. Jinko Solar (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.
15. Jinko Solar International Limited
16. Jinko Solar Technology Sdn. Bhd.
17. Jinkosolar Middle East DMCC
18. Lightway Green New Energy Co., Ltd.
19. Longi (HK) Trading Ltd.
20. Luoyang Suntech Power Co., Ltd.
21. New East Solar Energy Cambodia Co., Ltd.
22. Ningbo ETDZ Holdings, Ltd.
23. Ningbo Qixin Solar Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd.
24. Renesola Jiangsu Ltd.
25. ReneSola Zhejiang Ltd.
26. Risen Solar Technology Sdn. Bhd.
27. Shanghai Nimble Co., Ltd.
28. Sumec Hardware & Tools Co., Ltd.
29. Suntech Power Co., Ltd.
30. Taizhou BD Trade Co., Ltd.
31. tenKsolar (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.
32. Trina Solar Energy Development PTE Ltd.
33. Vina Cell Technology Company Limited
34. Vina Solar Technology Company Limited
35. Wuxi Suntech Power Co., Ltd.
36. Yingli Green Energy International Trading Company Limited

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Rescission, in Part, of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2022

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily finds that countervailable subsidies were provided to Zhejiang Dingli Machinery Co., Ltd. (Dingli), and its cross-owned affiliates, a producer and exporter of mobile access equipment and subassemblies thereof (mobile access equipment) from the People's Republic of China (China). The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. In addition, Commerce is rescinding this review, in part, with respect to 31 companies. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Senoyuit, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 8, 2024, based on timely requests for review, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty order¹ on mobile access equipment from China with respect to 32 companies.² On April 9, 2024, we selected Dingli as the mandatory respondent in this review.³ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.⁴ On August 20, 2024, Commerce extended the

¹ See *Certain Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 86 FR 70439 (December 10, 2021) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 8641 (February 8, 2024).

³ See Memorandum, “Respondent Selection,” dated April 9, 2024.

⁴ See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

deadline for issuing these preliminary results by 117 days, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).⁵ On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative review by 90 days.⁶ On April 3, 2025, Commerce extended the deadline for issuing these preliminary results by three days. The deadline for these preliminary results is now April 7, 2025.⁷

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁸ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix I to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision

Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the *Order* are mobile access equipment from China. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Rescission of Administrative Review, In Part

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if all parties that requested the review withdraw their requests within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. Commerce received a timely-filed withdrawal request with respect to 31 companies, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). Because the withdrawal request was timely filed, and no other parties requested a review of these companies, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding

this review of the *Order* with respect to these 31 companies. For a list of these companies, see Appendix II.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily find that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁹ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on facts otherwise available with adverse inferences pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily find that the following net subsidy rate exists for the POR, January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Zhejiang Dingli Machinery Co. Ltd.; Zhejiang Green Power Machinery Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Shengda Fenghe Automotive Equipment Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Xieheng Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd. ¹⁰	79.33

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties for these preliminary results within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after the date of the publication of this notice.¹¹ Rebuttal briefs, limited

to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹² Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹³ All briefs must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their briefs that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we

instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹⁴ Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁵

⁵ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated August 20, 2024.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

⁷ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated April 3, 2025.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof from the

People's Republic of China; 2022," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁹ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

¹⁰ 10 As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross owned with Dingli: Zhejiang Green Power Machinery Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Shengda Fenghe Automotive Equipment Co., Ltd.; and Zhejiang Xieheng Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd.

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.309.

¹² See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁴ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁵ See *APO and Final Service Rule*.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing.¹⁶

Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.

For the companies listed in Appendix II for which the review is being rescinded, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue rescission instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice of rescission, in part, in the **Federal Register**.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP regarding Dingli, no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for the company listed above on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is extended, we intend to issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of our analysis of the issues raised in the case briefs, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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Appendix II

Companies for Which the Review Is Being Rescinded

1. Lingong Group Jinan Heavy Machinery Co., Ltd.
2. Hunan Sinoboom Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd.
3. Mantall Heavy Industry Co., Ltd.
4. Noblelift Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd.
5. Sany Marine Heavy Industry Co., Ltd.
6. Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.
7. Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group Firefighting Safety Equipment Co., Ltd.
8. Guangxi LiuGong Machinery Co., Ltd.
9. Deqing Liguang Machinery Trading Co. Ltd.
10. Oshkosh JLG (Tianjin) Equipment Technology Co., Ltd.
11. Terex (Changzhou) Machinery Co., Ltd.
12. Anhui Heli Industrial Vehicle Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.
13. Changzhou Hengxuan Logistics Co., Ltd.
14. Crown Equipment (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.
15. Dongguan Tinbo Packing Industrial Co., Ltd.
16. Guangzhou Eounice Machinery Co., Ltd.
17. Hangzhou Hengli Metal Processing Co., Ltd.
18. Jiaxing Xinfeng Zhong Wang Hydraulic Pressure Accessory Factory
19. Leader Technology Co., Ltd.
20. Everocean International Forwarding Co., Ltd.
21. Shandong Tavorl Machinery Co., Ltd.

22. Shanghai Full Trans Global Forwarding Co., Ltd.
23. Shanghai Inter Cooperation Co., Ltd.
24. Shanghai Xiangcheng Trading Co., Ltd.
25. Shanghai Xindun Trade Co., Ltd.
26. Shenzhen Shining Ocean International Logistics Co., Ltd.
27. Wuhai Huadong Heavy Industry Foundry Co., Ltd.
28. Yantai Carhart Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
29. Zhejiang Smile Tools Co., Ltd.
30. Zoomlion Heavy Industry Science & Technology Co., Ltd.
31. Skyjack Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–533–900]

Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From India: Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2023

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies were provided to Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited (GFCL), a producer and exporter of granular polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin from India. The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Accorsi or Shane Subler, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3149 or (202) 482–6241, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 8, 2024, based on timely requests for review, Commerce initiated this administrative review of the countervailing duty order on PTFE resin from India.¹ On May 16, 2024,

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 38867, 38871 (May 8, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*); see also *Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India and the Russian Federation: Countervailing Duty Orders*, 87 FR 14509 (March 15, 2022) (*Order*); as amended in *Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India: Notice of Court Decision Not in*

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¹⁶ See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

Commerce selected GFCL as the mandatory respondent in this review.² On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.³ On November 7, 2024, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review until January 7, 2025.⁴ Additionally, on December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline to issue the preliminary results in this administrative review by 90 days.⁵ The deadline for the preliminary results is now April 7, 2025.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁶ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is provided as the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* is PTFE resin from India. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with 751(a)(1)(A) of the Act. For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, Commerce

preliminarily determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁷ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, including our reliance, in part, on facts otherwise available with adverse inferences pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine the following net countervailable subsidy rate exists for the POR, January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited ⁸	5.16

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties for these preliminary results within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after the date of the publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.⁹ Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹⁰ All briefs must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be

received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their briefs that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹¹ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹²

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the requesting party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of individuals from the requesting party that will attend the hearing and whether any of those individuals is a foreign national; and (3) a list of the issues the party intends to discuss at the hearing. Issues raised in the hearing by a party will be limited to those raised in the party's case and rebuttal briefs. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing.¹³

Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.

¹¹ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹² *See APO and Service Procedures*.

¹³ *See* 19 CFR 351.310(d).

Harmony With the Final Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation; Notice of Amended Final Determination and Amended Countervailing Duty Order, 88 FR 74153 (October 30, 2023).

² *See* Commerce's Letter, "Countervailing Duty Questionnaire," dated May 16, 2024, at cover letter (page 1), and section I (page 1).

³ *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

⁴ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review," dated November 7, 2024.

⁵ *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2023: Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from India," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁷ *See* sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

⁸ As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce found Inox Leasing and Finance Limited to be cross-owned with GFCL.

⁹ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d); *see also Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Procedures*).

¹⁰ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP regarding GFCL no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated above with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-533-937]

Overhead Door Counterbalance Torsion Springs From India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination; Correction

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) published notice in the **Federal Register** of April 3, 2025, in which Commerce published the affirmative countervailing duty (CVD) determination in the investigation of overhead door counterbalance torsion springs (overhead door springs) from India. This notice corrects the name of the company Asha Spring and Engineering Company.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zachary Shaykin, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 3, 2025, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the affirmative preliminary determination in the CVD investigation of overhead door springs from India.¹ We incorrectly published the name of the company Asha Spring and Engineering Company as “Asha Spring and Engineering & Spring Company.”²

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of April 3, 2025, in FR Doc 2025-05759, on page 14603, in the third column, in the table, under the heading titled, “Company”, correct the entry “Asha Spring and Engineering & Spring Company” as follows:

Asha Spring and Engineering Company

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 703(f) and

¹ See *Overhead Door Counterbalance Torsion Springs from India: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 90 FR 14602 (April 3, 2025).

² *Id.*, 90 FR at 14603.

777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-872]

Non-Oriented Electrical Steel From Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022–2023

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Nippon Steel Corporation (NSC) sold non-oriented electrical steel (NOES) from Japan in the United States at prices below normal value (NV) during the period December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023, (the POR). Commerce invites interested parties to comment on these preliminary results of review.

DATES: Applicable April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Krishna Hill, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 3, 2014, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on NOES from Japan.¹ On December 1, 2023, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the Order for the POR.² On February 8, 2024, based on a timely request for a review from Nippon Steel Corporation (NSC), and pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended

¹ See *Non-Oriented Electrical Steel from the People's Republic of China, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 79 FR 71741 (December 3, 2014) (Order).

² See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List*, 88 FR 83917 (December 1, 2023).

(the Act),³ Commerce initiated an administrative review of the *Order* covering one company, NSC.⁴

On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.⁵ On August 27, 2024, Commerce extended the time period for issuing the preliminary results in this review until no later than January 3, 2025.⁶ On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by 90 days.⁷ On April 3, 2025, Commerce extended the time period for issuing the preliminary results.⁸ The deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review is now April 7, 2025.

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this administrative review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁹ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* is non-oriented electrical steel from Japan. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Act.

³ *See* Nippon Steel Corporation's Letter, "Non-Oriented Electrical Steel from Japan: NSC's Request for Administrative Review," dated January 2, 2024.

⁴ *See* *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 8641 (February 8, 2024).

⁵ *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

⁶ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated August 27, 2024.

⁷ *See* Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

⁸ *See* Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review," dated April 3, 2025.

⁹ *See* Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Non-Oriented Electrical Steel from Japan; 2022–2023, dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

Pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce preliminarily assigned a weighted average dumping margin to NSC based on facts available with adverse inferences (AFA). For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary results of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists:

Exporter or producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Nippon Steel Corporation	204.79

Disclosure and Public Comment

Normally, Commerce discloses to parties to the proceeding the calculations performed in connection with a preliminary results of review within five days of any public announcement of the preliminary results or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of preliminary results of review in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce preliminarily applied a weighted-average dumping margin based on AFA to the sole respondent under review, there are no calculations to disclose.

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we have modified the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs to Commerce to no later than 21 days after the date of the publication of this notice.¹⁰ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹¹ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹² All briefs must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the established deadline.

¹⁰ *See* 19 CFR 351.309.

¹¹ *See* 19 CFR 351.309(d); *see also* *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

¹² *See* 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this review, we instead request that interested parties provide, at the beginning of their briefs, a public executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹³ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final results in this administrative review. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁴

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via ACCESS. Requests should contain: (1) the requesting party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of individuals from the requesting party that will attend the hearing and whether any of those individuals is a foreign national; and (3) a list of the issues the party intends to discuss at the hearing. Issues raised in the hearing by a party will be limited to those raised in the party's case and rebuttal briefs. An electronically filed hearing request must be received successfully in its entirety by Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS, by 5 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing.¹⁵

Assessment of Antidumping Duties

Upon issuance of the final results of this review, Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review.¹⁶ If Commerce continues to base NSC's weighted-average dumping margin upon total AFA in the final results of this review, then Commerce

¹³ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁴ *See* *APO and Service Final Rule*.

¹⁵ *See* 19 CFR 351.310(d).

¹⁶ *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b).

will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on subject merchandise sold by NSC and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the POR at a rate equal to the weighted-average dumping margin in the final results. If Commerce calculates a weighted-average dumping margin for NSC in the final results of this review, then: (1) if that weighted-dumping margin is above *de minimis*, Commerce will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated in the final results of this review for all reviewed U.S. sales to the importer/customer by the total entered value of the merchandise sold to the importer/customer;¹⁷ (2) if either NSC's *ad valorem* weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties;¹⁸ and (3) for entries that were not reported in NSC's U.S. sales data but that were entered under the CBP 10-digit case number applicable to entries of NSC's subject merchandise, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.¹⁹ The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of the merchandise under review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 356.8(a). If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements for estimated antidumping duties will be effective for all shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on, or after, the date of publication of the notice of the final

results of this administrative review in the **Federal Register**, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for merchandise exported by NSC, the cash deposit rate for NSC will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established for the company in the final results of the review unless that rate is *de minimis* (*i.e.*, less than 0.5 percent), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) the cash deposit rate for an exporter not covered by this administrative review, but covered in a prior completed segment of this proceeding, will continue to be the that exporter's existing company-specific cash deposit rate; (3) if the exporter is not covered by this administrative review, or a completed segment of this proceeding, but the producer of the subject merchandise is covered, the cash deposit rate will be the producers' existing company-specific cash deposit rate; (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will continue to be 135.59 percent, the all-others cash deposit rate established in the *Final Determination* of the less-than-fair-value investigation in this proceeding.²⁰

These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this period of review. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of administrative review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h) and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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VI. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Community Resilience Data Collections

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to Maureen O'Reilly, Management Analyst, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1710, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 or by email to PRANIST@nist.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0693-0078 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Jennifer Helgeson, Research Economist, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8603, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone 240-672-2575, or jennifer.helgeson@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Through acts such as the National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Act,

¹⁷ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1).

¹⁸ See *Final Modification for Reviews*, 77 FR at 8103; see also 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

¹⁹ For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

²⁰ See *Order*, 79 FR at 71743.

the National Windstorm Impact Reduction (NWIR) Act, the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Act, and the NIST Organic Act, NIST conducts research and develops guidance and other related tools to promote and enhance the safety and well-being of people in the face of a hazard event. With this in mind, NIST proposes to conduct a number of data collection efforts within the topic areas of disaster and failure studies and community resilience, including studies of specific disaster events (*e.g.*, wildfire, urban fire, structure collapse, hurricane, earthquake, tornado, and flood events), assessments of community resilience and sustainability, and evaluations of the usability and utility of NIST community resilience guidance or other products.

These data collection efforts may be either qualitative or quantitative in nature or may consist of mixed methods. Additionally, data may be collected via a variety of means, including but not limited to electronic or social media, direct or indirect observation (*i.e.*, in person, video and audio collections), interviews, questionnaires, and focus groups. NIST will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions or responses. The results of the data collected will be used to decrease negative impacts of disasters on society, and, in turn, increase community resilience within the U.S. communities. Steps will be taken to protect confidentiality of respondents in each activity covered by this request.

This notice pertains to an extension of a previously approved submission. The NIST Engineering Laboratory utilizes this clearance to conduct research in support of topic areas of disaster and failure studies and community resilience (including studies of specific disaster events such as wildfire, urban fire, structure collapse, hurricane, earthquake, tornado, and flood events).

NIST requests maintaining the ICR Annual Response allotment at 25,000 Responses; and the ICR Annual Hours allotment at 18,000. NIST assures that no changes will be made to any of the individual information collection requests that have been approved for use.

II. Method of Collection

NIST will collect this information by electronic means, when possible, as well as by mail, fax, telephone, technical discussions, and in-person interviews. NIST may also utilize observational techniques to collect this information.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693–0078.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; first responders; weather forecasters; members of the media; water, power, transportation, and communications infrastructure operators; businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government; Federal government; Standards-making bodies; Universities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Time per Response: Varied, dependent upon the data collection method used. The possible response time to complete a questionnaire may be 15 minutes or 2 hours to participate in an interview.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 18,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE644]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program Cost Recovery Fee Notice

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of standard prices and fee percentage.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes the standard ex-vessel prices and fee percentage for cost recovery under the Central Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Rockfish Program (Rockfish Program). This action is intended to provide participants in a rockfish cooperative with the standard prices and fee percentage for the 2024 fishing year, which was authorized from May 1 through November 15. The fee percentage is 3.00 percent. The fee payments were due from each rockfish cooperative on or before February 15, 2025.

DATES: Valid on April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dana Whitely, 907–586–7231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The rockfish fisheries are conducted in Federal waters near Kodiak, Alaska by trawl and longline vessels. Regulations implementing the Rockfish Program are set forth at 50 CFR part 679. Exclusive harvesting privileges are allocated as quota share under the Rockfish Program for rockfish primary and secondary species. Each year, NMFS issues rockfish primary and secondary species cooperative quota (CQ) to rockfish quota share holders to authorize harvest of these species. The rockfish primary species are northern rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, and dusky rockfish. The rockfish secondary species include Pacific cod, rougheye rockfish, shortraker rockfish, sablefish, and thornyhead rockfish. Rockfish

cooperatives began fishing under the Rockfish Program in 2012.

The Rockfish Program is a limited access privilege program established under the provisions of section 303A of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Sections 303A and 304(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act require NMFS to collect fees to recover the actual costs directly related to the management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement of any limited access privilege program. Therefore, NMFS is required to collect fees for the Rockfish Program under sections 303A and 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Section 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act also limits the cost recovery fee so that it may not exceed 3.00 percent of the ex-vessel value of the fish harvested under the Rockfish Program.

Standard Prices

NMFS calculates cost recovery fees based on standard ex-vessel value prices, rather than actual price data provided by each rockfish CQ holder. Use of standard ex-vessel prices is allowed under sections 303A and 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. NMFS generates a standard ex-vessel price for each rockfish primary and secondary species on a monthly basis to determine the average price paid per pound for all shoreside processors receiving rockfish primary and secondary species CQ. Rockfish processors that receive and purchase landings of rockfish CQ groundfish must submit, on an annual basis, a volume and value report for the period May 1 to November 15 (50 CFR 679.5(r)(10)(ii)).

Regulations at 50 CFR 679.85(b)(2) require the Regional Administrator to publish rockfish standard ex-vessel values during the first quarter of each calendar year. The standard prices are described in U.S. dollars per pound for rockfish primary and secondary species CQ landings made during the previous year.

Fee Percentage

NMFS assesses a fee on the standard ex-vessel value of rockfish primary species and rockfish secondary species CQ harvested by rockfish cooperatives in the Central GOA and waters adjacent to the Central GOA when rockfish primary species caught by a cooperative are deducted from the Federal total allowable catch. The rockfish entry level longline fishery and trawl vessels that opt out of joining a cooperative are not subject to cost recovery fees because those participants do not receive rockfish CQ. Specific details on the Rockfish Program's cost recovery provision may be found in the implementing regulations set forth at 50 CFR 679.85.

NMFS informs, by letter, each rockfish cooperative of the fee percentage applied to the previous year's landings and the total amount due. Fees are due on or before February 15 of each year. Failure to pay on time would result in the permit holder's rockfish quota share becoming non-transferable, and the person would be ineligible to receive any additional rockfish quota share by transfer. In addition, cooperative members will not receive any rockfish CQ the following year until full payment of the fee is received by NMFS.

NMFS calculates and publishes in the **Federal Register** the fee percentage in the first quarter of each year according to the factors and methods described in Federal regulations at 50 CFR 679.85(c)(2). NMFS determines the fee percentage that applies to landings made in the previous year by dividing the total Rockfish Program management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement costs (direct program costs) during the previous year by the total standard ex-vessel value of the rockfish primary species and rockfish secondary species for all rockfish CQ landings made during the previous year (fishery value). NMFS captures the direct program costs through an established accounting system that allows staff to track labor, travel, contracts, rent, and procurement. Fee collections in any given year may be less than or greater than the direct program costs and fishery value for that year, as the fee percentage is established by regulation in the first quarter of the calendar year based on the program costs and the fishery value of the previous calendar year.

Using the fee percentage formula described above, the estimated percentage of program costs to value for the 2024 calendar year is 7.51 percent of the standard ex-vessel value; since this is higher than the statutory cap, the fee percentage is capped at 3.00 percent. Program costs for 2024 increased by 25.8 percent compared to 2023 costs and, the fishery value decreased approximately 39.9 percent resulting in a higher estimated fee percentage. Similar to 2023, the majority of 2024 costs were a result of direct personnel and contract costs.

TABLE 1—STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY SPECIES FOR THE 2024 ROCKFISH PROGRAM SEASON IN KODIAK, ALASKA

Species	Month	Average price/lb
Dusky Rockfish	May	\$0.08
	June	0.08
	July	0.08
	August	0.08
	September	0.08
	October	0.11
	November	0.08
Northern Rockfish	May	0.08
	June	0.08
	July	0.08
	August	0.08
	September	0.08
	October	0.08
	November	0.08
Pacific Cod	May	0.22
	June	0.24
	July	0.23
	August	0.23
	September	0.23
	October	0.26
	November	0.23

TABLE 1—STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY SPECIES FOR THE 2024 ROCKFISH PROGRAM SEASON IN KODIAK, ALASKA—Continued

Species	Month	Average price/lb
Pacific Ocean Perch	May	0.08
	June	0.09
	July	0.09
	August	0.09
	September	0.09
	October	0.11
	November	0.09
Rougheye Rockfish	May	0.15
	June	0.15
	July	0.15
	August	0.15
	September	0.15
	October	0.17
	November	0.15
Sablefish	May	0.56
	June	0.60
	July	0.60
	August	0.60
	September	0.60
	October	0.60
	November	0.60
Shortraker Rockfish	May	0.22
	June	0.22
	July	0.22
	August	0.22
	September	0.22
	October	0.22
	November	0.22
Thornyhead Rockfish	May	0.32
	June	0.24
	July	0.24
	August	0.24
	September	0.24
	October	0.24
	November	0.24

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*; 1801 *et seq.*; 3631 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 108–447; Pub. L. 111–281.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Karen H. Abrams,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE796]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The EFP would allow federally permitted fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of exempted fishing activities proposed by the Northeast Seafood Coalition, in partnership with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MA DMF). Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by email at nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line “Targeted Inshore Cod Protection Closure Spawning Evaluation.” All

comments received are a part of the public record and may be posted for public viewing without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “anonymous” as the signature if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Ford, Fishery Management Specialist, christine.ford@noaa.gov, 978–281–9185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant submitted a complete application for an EFP to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.81(d)(4)(i) and (ii).	Restrictions on fishing for Northeast (NE) multispecies, or having fishing gear capable of catching NE multispecies, on board a vessel in Gulf of Maine (GOM) Cod Protection Closure Area I and II.	To collect data on the presence/absence of spawning cod in targeted areas of GOM Cod Protection Closure Area I and II.
50 CFR 648.83	Restriction on retention of cod under the minimum fish size (TL) of 19 inches (48.3 cm).	To collect sex and maturity data of all cod caught in targeted areas of the spring GOM Cod Protection Closure Areas.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Exploration of Targeted Commercial Groundfish Sector Access to Inshore Cod Protection Closures to better optimize overall yield of other allocated groundfish stocks and provide cod spawning information for the New England Fishery Management Council's Phase 2 of the Atlantic Cod Transition Plan.
Project start	05/01/2025.
Project end	06/30/2025.
Project objectives	To generate data to evaluate the nature of Western Gulf of Maine (WGOM) cod spawning activity in spring seasonal groundfish closures, in support of the New England Fishery Management Council priority to assess closures as part of Phase 2 of the Atlantic Cod Transition Plan. Assess ability of the groundfish fishing industry to harvest healthy groundfish stocks, without undermining groundfish conservation and management measures.
Project location	Statistical Areas 132 and 133.
Number of vessels	14.
Number of trips	128.
Trip duration (days)	1.
Total number of days	128.
Gear type(s)	Bottom trawl.
Number of tows or sets	Up to 3 per trip.
Duration of tows or sets	4 hours.

Project Narrative

The purpose of this project is to evaluate the utility of seasonal cod protection closure areas, collect biological samples of cod, and support industry access to healthy groundfish stocks. Despite ongoing mortality and spawning closures, WGOM cod and other cod stocks remain in a depleted state. The applicant states that the closures are poorly aligned with the seasonal availability of non-cod stocks, which restricts opportunities to utilize available sector Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) to target underutilized groundfish stocks.

Under this EFP, participating fishermen would conduct tows in targeted areas within spring GOM Cod Protection Closures I and II, where industry-based groundfish surveys previously demonstrated low spawning cod density compared to other portions of the closure. Vessels would submit trip notification to the Pre-Trip Notification System as usual. Vessels would only be allowed in targeted areas if they have a Northeast Fisheries Observer or At-Sea Monitor aboard, or participate in an approved electronic monitoring program for the trip. Tows

conducted within the targeted areas would be restricted to remain inside the area for the entire tow; however, vessels could make tows both inside and outside the target area on the same trip. Upon departure for a trip, vessels would notify a MA DMF project coordinator about intent to fish in the target areas.

During all trips under this EFP, cod of all sizes caught in each tow conducted within the target areas would be kept round (not gutted), and isolated in separate totes with sealed and zip-tied lids. Cod caught in tows conducted outside the target areas would be handled consistent with standard fishing practices. Upon returning from a trip, vessels would contact MA DMF to meet them to sample target area-caught cod for sex and maturity. Additional sampling would be conducted to support the Northeast Fisheries Science Center conversion factor study. All catch would be accounted for consistent with standard fishing activities and applicable ACE, and legal size catch would be sold.

If MA DMF detects spawning cod caught in tows within the target areas to be at or above proposed thresholds, participating vessels would no longer be able to fish under the EFP. MA DMF

defines spawning cod as females with clear eggs or males with running milt. The proposed thresholds are more than five spawning cod in one tow or more than 18 percent of tows within a 7-day consecutive fishing period contain spawning cod. MA DMF would immediately notify participating sector managers and National Marine Fisheries Service if a cod spawning threshold has been reached.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 8, 2025.

Karen H. Abrams,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patents for Humanity Program and Trademarks for Humanity Program

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on the information collection renewal of 0651-0066 (Patents for Humanity Program and Trademarks for Humanity Program), which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on October 25, 2024, during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 85171). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0066. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: This information collection request may be viewed at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

• *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0066

information request” in the subject line of the message.

• *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

• *Telephone:* Soma Saha, Patent Attorney, 571-272-9300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Patents for Humanity Program and Trademarks for Humanity Program.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0066.

Abstract: Since 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has conducted the Patents for Humanity Program,¹ a biennial award program to incentivize the distribution of patented technologies or products for the purpose of addressing humanitarian needs. The program is open to any U.S. patent owners, patent applicants, or patent licensees or licensors. The USPTO collects information from applicants that describe what actions they have taken with their technology to address the world’s most pressing humanitarian problems. There are numerous categories of awards including: medicine, nutrition, sanitation, household energy, and living standards. Sometimes the program includes additional categories specific for that year.

The Patents for Humanity Program provides winners with recognition and an acceleration certificate for one future patent matter. The applications that are chosen for an award will receive a certificate redeemable to accelerate select matters before the USPTO. The certificates can be redeemed to accelerate one of the following matters:

- an *ex parte* reexamination proceeding, including one appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) from that proceeding;
- a patent application, including one appeal to the PTAB from that application;
- or an appeal to the PTAB of a claim twice rejected in a patent application or reissue application or finally rejected in an *ex parte* reexamination, without accelerating the underlying matter which generated the appeal.

The Patents for Humanity Act of 2022 codified the Patents for Humanity program to be a permanent program at the USPTO that will run biennially. Finally, due to the January 2021 passage of the Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act, winners of the Patents for Humanity Program are now able to transfer their certificates to third parties, including by sale.

In 2023, the USPTO added the Trademarks for Humanity Program² to promote and incentivize brand owners who offer products and services that help address humanitarian issues utilizing a federally registered trademark. Applicants are required to describe how their mark and their goods or services satisfy the program criteria to address humanitarian issues. The Trademarks for Humanity Program is held occasionally, with no set frequency, and can have a variety of topics depending upon the year. Trademarks for Humanity awards focus on recognition and do not confer awards certificates like the Patents for Humanity Program.

Applications may be submitted via an online portal, accessible from the Patents for Humanity and Trademarks for Humanity main web pages. Applicants for both programs must provide contact information for the USPTO to notify them regarding their award status. A panel of independent judges evaluate the applications and send the top-scoring ones to reviewers from participating federal agencies to recommend award recipients. Awards are public and recipients receive recognition for their humanitarian efforts from the USPTO and executive branch leadership. Winners of both the Patents for Humanity Program and the Trademarks for Humanity Program are invited to participate in an awards ceremony.

This information collection covers the two application forms for the Patents for Humanity Program and the single application form for the Trademarks for Humanity Program. This information collection also covers the information gathered in the Patents for Humanity certification and request to redeem an acceleration certificate, the petition to extend an acceleration certificate redemption beyond 12 months, as well as the transfer of an award certificate.

To account for the recent addition of the Trademarks for Humanity Program, the name of this information collection has been changed from “Patents for Humanity Program” to “Patents for Humanity Program and Trademarks for Humanity Program.” Also, the frequency of the Trademarks for Humanity program has been adjusted from biennially to ‘on occasion.’ Additionally, the form PTO/SB/431, “Petition to Extend the Redemption Period of a Patents for Humanity Program Acceleration Certificate,” was

¹ Patents for Humanity web page: www.uspto.gov/ip-policy/patent-policy/patents-humanity.

² Trademarks for Humanity web page: www.uspto.gov/ip-policy/trademark-policy/trademarks-humanity.

mislabeled as PTO/PFH/003 in the 60-day notice.

Forms: (PFH = Patents for Humanity; TFH = Trademarks for Humanity; SB = Specimen Book)

- PTO/PFH/001 (Humanitarian Use Application)
- PTO/PFH/002 (Humanitarian Research Use Application)
- PTO/TFH/001 (Trademarks for Humanity Application)
- PTO/SB/430 (Certification and Request to Redeem an Acceleration Certificate Under the Patents for Humanity Program)
- PTO/SB/431 (Petition to Extend the Redemption Period of a Patents for Humanity Program Acceleration Certificate)
- PTO/SB/466 (Transfer of Acceleration Certificate Under the Patents for Humanity Program)

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: Biennially, on occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 82 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 82 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to 4 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 322 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

Per 45 CFR chapter XXI, § 2102.3, the next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for April 17, 2025 at 9 a.m. and will be held via online videoconference. Items of discussion may include buildings, infrastructure, parks, memorials, and public art.

Draft agendas, the link to register for the online public meeting, and

additional information regarding the Commission are available on our website: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda, as well as any public testimony, should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: April 6, 2025 in Washington, DC.

Zakiya N. Walters,

Administrative Officer.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action delete product(s) and service(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: *Date deleted from the Procurement List:* May 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 489-1322 or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deletions

On March 7, 2025 (90 FR 11521), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product(s) and service(s) listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a

substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product(s) and service(s) to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501-8506) in connection with the product(s) and service(s) deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following product(s) and service(s) are deleted from the Procurement List:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7350-01-693-

8670—Bowl, Paper, Round 8 Oz., White

Authorized Source of Supply: The Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, Inc., New Orleans, LA

Contracting Activity: GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI, FORT WORTH, TX

Service(s)

Service Type: Medical Transcription

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 20, VA Medical Center, Boise, ID

Authorized Source of Supply: Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, Houston, TX

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, 260-NETWORK CONTRACT OFFIC20(00260)

Service Type: MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 20, VA Medical Center, Portland, OR

Authorized Source of Supply: Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, Houston, TX

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, 260-NETWORK CONTRACT OFFIC20(00260)

Service Type: Switchboard Operation

Mandatory for: Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, 3420 Veterans Circle, Beaumont, TX

Authorized Source of Supply: Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, Houston, TX

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, NAC

Service Type: Switchboard Operation

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans Affairs: Outpatient Clinic, Lufkin, TX

Authorized Source of Supply: Lighthouse for the Blind of Houston, Houston, TX

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, NAC

Service Type: Switchboard Operation

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans Affairs, VAMC, Biloxi, MS

Authorized Source of Supply: The

Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, Inc., New Orleans, LA
Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, 520-BILOXI (00520)
Service Type: Telephone Switchboard Operations
Mandatory for: Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Medical Center, Kansas City, MO
Authorized Source of Supply: Alphapointe, Kansas City, MO
Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, NAC

Michael R. Jurkowski,

Director, Business Operations.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete product(s) and service(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: May 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, telephone: (703) 489-1322, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Deletions

The following product(s) and service(s) are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7930-01-490-7301—Detergent, Laundry, Biobased with Bleach, Powder

Authorized Source of Supply: Goodwill Enterprises, Rochester, NY

Contracting Activity: GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI, FORT WORTH, TX

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 6850-01-598-

1926—Ice Melt/De-Icer, 20 lbs.

Authorized Source of Supply: BOSMA

Enterprises, Indianapolis, IN

Contracting Activity: DLA AVIATION, RICHMOND, VA

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

8470-01-531-3351—Chin Strap w/o Hardware, ACH, Foliage Green

Authorized Source of Supply: Lions Services, Inc., Charlotte, NC

Contracting Activity: DLA TROOP SUPPORT, PHILADELPHIA, PA

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

MR 604—Drinking Straws, Flexible, Clear, 180ct

MR 821—Pepper Saver

MR 832—Tomato Saver Shippers

MR 839—Saver, Garlic

MR 10652—Saver, Lime

MR 10660—Container, Apples and Dip To Go, Includes Shipper 20660

MR 10703—Berries To Go, Blueberry, Includes Shipper 20730

MR 10704—Berries To Go, Raspberry, Includes Shipper 20730

MR 10730—Basket, Fruit Saver, Includes Shipper 20730

MR 10743—Saver, Cheese, Includes Shipper 20743

MR 10839—Shipper, Saver, Garlic

MR 1603—Striped Flex Straws

MR 11087—Bowl, Collapsible, Pet

MR 11089—Blanket, Pet, Small

MR 11090—Disc, Toy, Dog

MR 11100—Server, Gravy and Sauce, Includes Shipper 21100

MR 10833—Foldout Tool Flashlight, Includes Shipper 20833

MR 10836—Barbecue Grill Mat, Includes Shipper 20836

MR 10840—Disney Marvel Toys, Includes Shipper 20840

MR 10852—Water Toy Tower, Includes Shipper 20852

MR 10860—Mosquito Repellent Spray, Includes Shipper 20860

MR 10861—Soap Dispensing Sponge Holder, Includes Shipper 20861

MR 10825—Emergency Triangle Work Light, Includes Shipper 20825

MR 10826—Cordless Work Light, Includes Shipper 20826

MR 10828—Container, Olive Keeper, Includes Shipper 20828

MR 10829—Container, Grapes To Go, Includes Shipper 20829

MR 10830—Leakproof Baking Mat, Includes Shipper 20830

MR 10831—Container, Carrot and Dip To Go, Includes Shipper 20831

MR 10816—Marvel Toys, Includes Shipper 20816

MR 10817—Worklight, Includes Shipper 20817

MR 10818—Pig Out Car Go Container, Includes Shipper 20818

MR 10819—Celery & Dip to Go, Includes Shipper 20819

MR 10820—Mushroom Saver, Includes Shipper 20820

MR 10822—Popcorn Saver, Includes Shipper 20822

MR 10823—Popcorn Saver, Includes Shipper 20822

MR 10808—Ice Cream Bowl, Includes Shipper 20808

MR 10809—Onion Saver, Includes Shipper 20809

MR 10810—Snack Bowl, Includes Shipper 20810

MR 10813—Prep Bowl, 3 Piece, Includes Shipper 20813

MR 10814—Ice Ball Tray, Includes Shipper 20814

MR 10815—Meat Baller, Includes Shipper 20815

MR 10795—Party Popper Cake Topper, Includes Shipper 20795

MR 10797—Flashlight, Includes Shipper 20797

MR 11509—Pet Collar

MR 10798—Headlamp, Includes Shipper 20798

MR 10799—Egg Scrambler, Includes Shipper 20799

MR 10806—Cutting Board, Includes Shipper 20806

MR 10807—Pantry Basket, Includes Shipper 20807

MR 10788—Super Sifter, Includes Shipper 20788

MR 10789—Pizza Slicer and Server, Includes Shipper 20789

MR 10796—Dish Rack, Compact, Includes Shipper 20796

MR 10791—Pot Lid Stand, Includes Shipper 20791

MR 10792—Twin Juicer, Includes Shipper 20792

MR 10793—Refrigerator Freshener, Includes Shipper 20793

MR 10794—Mini Garden Colander, Includes Shipper 20794

Authorized Source of Supply: Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Inc, Winston-Salem, NC

Contracting Activity: Military Resale-Defense Commissary Agency

Service(s)

Service Type: Janitorial/Grounds Maintenance

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Regional Office Building, Montgomery, AL

Authorized Source of Supply: Global Connections to Employment, Inc., Pensacola, FL

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, VBA FIELD CONTRACTING (0010E)

Service Type: Grounds Maintenance Service

Mandatory for: US Coast Guard Station

Atlantic City, Atlantic City, NJ

Authorized Source of Supply: Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc., New York, NY

Contracting Activity: U.S. COAST GUARD, TRACEN CAPE MAY (00042)

Service Type: Administrative Service

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans Affairs, Birmingham VA Medical Center, Birmingham, AL

Authorized Source of Supply: Alabama Goodwill Industries, Inc., Birmingham, AL

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, 247-NETWORK CONTRACT OFC 7(00247)

Service Type: Shelf Stocking & Custodial

Mandatory for: Forest Glen Commissary, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington,

DC
Contracting Activity: DEFENSE
COMMISSARY AGENCY (DECA),
DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

Michael R. Jurkowski,

Director, Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC25-8-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725d); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC-725D (Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards). This notice for the transfer of FAC-003-5 (725M) and FAC-008-5 (725A) to 725D.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-725D to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0247) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC25-8-000) by one of the following methods: Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by other delivery methods:

- **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- **All other delivery methods:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review” field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit,” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

FERC submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kayla Williams may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725D, Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0247.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of the FERC-725D information collection requirements, with changes to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements. (There are adjustments to the estimates to update the totals to add in the FAC-003-5 and FAC-008-5).

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, The Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), was enacted into law. EPAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently. In 2006, the Commission certified NERC (now called the North American Electric Reliability Corporation) as the ERO pursuant to section 215 of the FPA. On March 16, 2007 (pursuant to section 215(d) of the FPA), the Commission issued Order No. 693, approving 83 of the 107 initial Reliability Standards filed by NERC. In the intervening years, numerous changes have been made to

update, eliminate, or establish various Reliability Standards.

The information collected by FERC-725D is required to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824c). Pursuant to section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),¹ in Order 836,² the Commission approved the following standards: FAC-003-5 is set out to maintain a reliable electric transmission system by using a defense-in-depth strategy to manage vegetation located on transmission rights of way (ROW) and minimize encroachments from vegetation located adjacent to the ROW, thus preventing the risk of those vegetation-related outages that could lead to Cascading. FAC-003-5 is applicable to TOs and GOs and NERC has incorporated Applicability Sections 4.2.2 and 4.3.1.2 of FAC-003-5 to replace references to “elements of an IROL under NERC Standard FAC-014 by the Planning Coordinator” with references to facilities:

“Identified by the Planning Coordinator or Transmission Planner, per its Planning Assessment of the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon as a Facility that if lost or degraded are expected to result in instances of instability, Cascading, or uncontrolled separation that adversely impacts the reliability of the Bulk Electric System for a planning event.”

Reliability Standard FAC-008-5 ensures that Facility Ratings used in the reliable planning and operation of the Bulk Electric System (BES) are determined based on technically sound principles. A Facility Rating is essential for the determination of System Operating Limits.

Type of Responses: TO& GO³

Estimate of Annual Burden⁴ and Cost: The Commission estimates an increase (adjustment) in the annual public reporting burden for the FERC-725D. In an effort to target similar NERC Reliability Standards by family the following manhours associated with two FAC (Facilities) Reliability Standards (FAC-008-5 and FAC-003-5) is being transferred from 725A (1902-0244) to the 725D (1902-0247), where other FAC

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824(o).

² Order 836 in Docket No. RM16-13 was issued on 9/20/2017 and is posted at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=14684897>.

³ TO=Transmission Owner; GO=Generator Owner.

⁴ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

standards are collected, as shown below in the table:

	Number of entity ⁵	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁶	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Transferred from FERC-725M to FERC-725D					
Annual Review and Record Retention	191(TO) 731(GO)	1 1	191 731	1.91 hrs.; \$134.98/hrs 48 hrs.; \$33.92 hrs	364.81 hrs.; \$25,781.12. 349.41 hrs.; \$24,728.14.
Carryover from RD22-2; Exp. 2026 ...	1,393	4	5,572	8 hrs.; \$565.36	44,576 hrs. \$3,150,185.92.
Total for FAC-003-5 .....	.....	.....	6,494	.....	45,290.22 hrs.; \$3,200,659.85.
	Number of entity ⁷	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁸	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Transferred from FERC-725A to FERC-725D					
Annual review and record retention	324 (TO) 1210 (GO)	1 1	324 1210	200 hrs.; \$70.67/hrs 80 hrs.; \$70.67/hrs	64,800 hrs.; \$4,579,416. 96,800 hrs.; \$6,840,856.
Total for FAC-008-5 .....	.....	.....	1,534	.....	161,600 hrs.; \$11,420,272.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the commission received the following accounting Request filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: AC25-63-000.

Applicants: LA Storage, LLC, Gillis Hub Pipeline, LLC.

Description: LA Storage, LLC and Gillis Hub Pipeline, LLC submit request for approval of proposed journal entries re Commission Order issued 6/12/2023 approving joint application, etc.

Filed Date: 4/4/25.

Accession Number: 20250404-5157.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/25/25.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18

CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and

⁵ These values were derived from the NERC Compliance data of April 16, 2024, using only unique United States registered entities.

⁶ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2024, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$79.31/hr., $79.31 \times .75 = 59.4825$ (\$59.48-rounded) (\$59.48/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk

(43-4199) \$44.74/hr., $\$44.74 \times .25\% = 11.185$ (\$11.19 rounded) (\$11.19/hour), for a total (\$59.48 + \$11.19 = \$70.67/hour).

⁷ These values were derived from the NERC Compliance data of April 16, 2024, using only unique United States registered entities.

⁸ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor

Statistics (BLS), as of 2024, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$79.31/hr., $79.31 \times .75 = 59.4825$ (\$59.48-rounded) (\$59.48/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$44.74/hr., $\$44.74 \times .25\% = 11.185$ (\$11.19 rounded) (\$11.19/hour), for a total (\$59.48 + \$11.19 = \$70.67/hour).

navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP20-528-003; CP20-529-002]

Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on April 2, 2025, Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Stingray) requested that the Commission grant an extension of time, until September 30, 2027, to complete abandonment activities for its West Cameron 509 System and Mainline Facilities Abandonment (Abandonments) located in federal waters offshore, Louisiana and in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, as authorized in the Order Authorizing Abandonments and Determining Jurisdictional Status of Facilities (Order).¹ The Order required Stingray to complete the Abandonment within two years of the date of the Order, or by June 15, 2025.

Stingray states that there have been delays in completing the Abandonments due to a number of factors, including litigation. Occidental Petroleum Corporation informed Stingray that it intends to abandon its production but has not yet provided its consent so that Stingray can abandon certain of its facilities. Further, limited availability of the necessary vessels and crew to undertake the abandonment work for the West Cameron 509 System, as well as the time limitation under which the work can be completed due to weather conditions, have impacted the schedule. Moreover, the abandonment and conversion of the Mainline Facilities to crude oil to supply the Blue Marlin Offshore Port LLC (BMOP) will not take place until BMOP's receipt of the requisite license from the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department

of Transportation and making its final investment decisions, both anticipated in 2026.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Stingray's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,² the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.³ The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.⁴ The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).⁵ At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.⁶ The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to

view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 22, 2025.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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¹ See *Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C.*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,201 (2023).

² Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1).

³ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

⁴ *Id.* at P 40.

⁵ Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

⁶ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RD25–5–000]****Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725r and FERC–725a); Comment Request; Revision****AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on proposed revisions of the currently approved information collection, FERC–725R, (Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards) and FERC–725A, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: TOP and INT Standards.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. RD25–5–000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- *Electronic Filing:* Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:*

Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (Including Courier) Delivery:*

Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with

submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at (866) 208–3676 (toll-free).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kayla Williams may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725R, (Mandatory Reliability Standards: BAL Reliability Standards) and FERC–725A, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: TOP and INT Standards.

OMB Control No.: FERC–725R (1902–0268) and FERC–725A (1902–0244).

Type of Request: Revision of FERC–725R—Mandatory Reliability Standards, proposed Reliability Standard BAL–007–1 (Near-term Energy Reliability Assessments) and FERC–725A—proposed Reliability Standard TOP–003–7 (Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection).

Abstract: The FERC–725R and FERC–725A information collection requirements are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB’s regulations require approval of certain information collection requirements imposed by agency rules. Upon approval of a collection of information, OMB will assign an OMB control number and expiration date. Respondents subject to the filing requirements will not be penalized for failing to respond to these collections of information unless the collections of information display a valid OMB control number. The Commission solicits comments on the need for this information, whether the information will have practical utility, the accuracy

of the burden estimates, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected or retained, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondents’ burden, including the use of automated information techniques.

The Commission bases its paperwork burden estimates on the additional paperwork burden presented by the proposed the Commission’s regulations,¹ proposing the approval of proposed Reliability Standard BAL–007–1 (Near-term Energy Reliability Assessments), the approval of proposed Reliability Standard TOP–003–7 (Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection), and the approval of the proposed definitions of the terms Energy Reliability Assessment (ERA) and Near-Term Energy Reliability Assessment (Near-Term ERA) for inclusion in the Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards.

NERC explains “the purpose of proposed Reliability Standard BAL–007–1 is to identify and minimize the risks of forecasted Energy Emergencies in the operations planning time horizon by analyzing the expected resource mix availability.”² NERC states that proposed Reliability Standard BAL–007–1 requires balancing authorities “to perform a Near-Term ERAs and have Operating Plans in place to identify and minimize the risks of forecasted Energy Emergencies.”³ Furthermore, NERC states that “proposed Reliability Standard TOP–003–7 would provide the Balancing Authority with specific authority to collect the data necessary to perform the Near-Term ERAs.”⁴ Based on the NERC Compliance Registry, as of November 20, 2024, we estimate that 97 balancing authorities (BAs) would be subject to mandatory compliance with proposed Reliability Standard BAL–007–1. For proposed Reliability Standard TOP–003–7, only the 97 balancing authorities will have a change in burden.

PROPOSED BURDEN BAL–007–1 DOCKET NO. RD25–5

Reliability standard	Type and number of entity ⁵	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁶	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)

Annual Collection BAL–007–1 FERC–725R

Annual review and record retention	97 (BA)	1	97	24 hrs.; \$70.67/hr	2,328 hrs.; \$164,519.76.
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¹ 18 CFR 39.5.

² NERC Petition at 3.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 4.

PROPOSED BURDEN BAL-007-1 DOCKET NO. RD25-5—Continued

Reliability standard	Type and number of entity ⁵	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁶	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Total for BAL-007-1			97	.....	2,328 hrs.; \$164,519.76.

PROPOSED BURDEN TOP-003-7 DOCKET NO. RD25-5

Reliability standard	Type and number of entity ⁷	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁸	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Annual Collection TOP-003-7 FERC-725A					
Annual review and record retention	97 (BA)	1	97	4 hrs.; \$70.67/hr	388 hrs.; \$27,419.96.
Total for TOP-003-7 .....	.....	.....	97	.....	388 hrs.; \$27,419.96.

The annual responses and burden hours for proposed Reliability Standard BAL-007-1 is 97 responses; 2,328 hours. The annual responses and burden hours for proposed Reliability Standard TOP-003-7 is 97 responses; 388 hours.

The annual cost burden is \$164,519.76 for proposed Reliability Standard BAL-007-1, and \$27,419.96 for proposed Reliability Standard TOP-003-7.

Title: Mandatory Reliability Standards, proposed Reliability Standard BAL-007-1 (Near-term Energy Reliability Assessments) and proposed Reliability Standard TOP-003-7 (Transmission Operator and Balancing Authority Data and Information Specification and Collection).

Action: Revision to FERC-725R and FERC-725A information collection.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0268 & 1902-0244.

⁵ Number of entity data taken from the NERC compliance registry, dated November 20, 2024.

⁶ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2024, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$79.31/hr., $79.31 \times .75 = 59.4825$ (\$59.48-rounded) (\$59.48/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$44.74/hr., $44.74 \times .25 = 11.185$ (\$11.19 rounded) (\$11.19/hour), for a total (\$59.48 + \$11.19 = \$70.67/hour).

⁷ Number of entity data taken from the NERC compliance registry, dated November 20, 2024.

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Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit institutions; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Necessity of the Information: This order approves Reliability Standards pertaining to near-term energy reliability assessments and data and information specification and collection. As discussed above, the Commission, through its delegated authority to the Director of the Office of Electric Reliability under 18 CFR 375.303, approves these Reliability Standards because the Standards will help identify and minimize the risks of forecasted energy emergencies in the operations planning time horizon by analyzing the expected resource mix availability and requiring the development of operating plans where necessary.

Internal Review: The Commission, through its delegated authority to the Director of the Office of Electric Reliability, has reviewed the proposed Reliability Standards and made a determination that its action is necessary to implement section 215 of the FPA.

Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting the following: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426; Attention: Kayla Williams, Office of the Executive Director, email: DataClearance@ferc.gov, phone: (202) 502-6468.

For submitting comments concerning the collection(s) of information and the associated burden estimate(s), please send your comments to the Commission, and to the Office of

Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503 [Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, phone: (202) 395-4638, fax: (202) 395-7285]. For security reasons, comments to OMB should be submitted by email to: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Comments submitted to OMB should include Docket Number RD25-5-000 and OMB Control Number 1902-0264.

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Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG25-277-000.

Applicants: Cross Trails Energy Storage Project, LLC.

Description: Cross Trails Energy Storage Project, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5070.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER25-1056-001.

Applicants: Hornshadow Solar, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Response to Deficiency Letter to be effective 3/2/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5192.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1410-000.

Applicants: Route 66 Energy Storage, LLC.

Description: Supplement to 02/25/2025, Route 66 Energy Storage, LLC tariff filing.

Filed Date: 4/4/25.

Accession Number: 20250404-5238.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/14/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1479-000.

Applicants: Escape Solar LLC.

Description: Supplement to 03/03/2025, Escape Solar LLC tariff filing.

Filed Date: 4/2/25.

Accession Number: 20250402-5242.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/14/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1864-002.

Applicants: Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to OBE to be effective 3/8/2025.

Filed Date: 4/4/25.

Accession Number: 20250404-5190.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/25/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1886-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025-04-04 Demand Response and Emergency Resources Reforms to be effective 9/1/2027.

Filed Date: 4/4/25.

Accession Number: 20250404-5209.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 5/5/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1887-000.

Applicants: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Description: Pacific Gas and Electric Company submits Compliance Filing with Order No. 904.

Filed Date: 3/28/25.

Accession Number: 20250328-5464.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/18/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1888-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: Southern California Edison Company submits Compliance Filing with Order No. 904.

Filed Date: 3/28/25.

Accession Number: 20250328-5465.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/18/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1889-000.

Applicants: San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

Description: San Diego Gas & Electric Company submits Compliance Filing with Order No. 904.

Filed Date: 3/31/25.

Accession Number: 20250331-5580.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/21/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1890-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original ISA and CSA, Service

Agreement Nos. 7614 and 7615; Queue No. AE2-289 to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5043.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1891-000.

Applicants: VIOTAS Texas LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Initial Application to be effective 4/10/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5066.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1892-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Union Electric Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Union Electric Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2025-04-07-SA 2012 Ameren MO (UEC)-City of California, MO 2nd Rev WDS to be effective 5/1/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5077.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1893-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original NSA Service Agreement No. 7643; Queue Position No. AC1-086 to be effective 6/7/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5081.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1894-000.

Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Service Agreement No. 432, BA Services Agreement w. Harquahala Sun 1, LLC to be effective 4/1/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5139.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1895-000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.15: EDF Renewables Development (Lightyear Solar) LGIA Termination Filing to be effective 4/7/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5145.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1896-000.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: USBR-WAPA Weber Basin Project Agreement (RS No. 286_Rev 6) to be effective 7/7/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407-5146.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1897-000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.15: SR Jasper (Solar & ESS) LGIA Termination Filing to be effective 4/7/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407–5149.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1898–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original GIA SA No. 7618; AD1–013/AF1–331; Cancellation of ISA No. 6799; AD1–013 to be effective 3/7/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407–5150.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1899–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original CSA Service Agreement No. 7621; Project Identifier No. J1377 to be effective 3/7/2025.

Filed Date: 4/7/25.

Accession Number: 20250407–5156.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

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Dated: April 7, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL OP–OFA–173]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202–564–5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

Filed March 31, 2025 10 a.m. EST

Through April 7, 2025 10 a.m. EST
Pursuant to CEQ Guidance on 42 U.S.C. 4332.

Notice: Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20250038, Final, TxDOT, TX, SH 68 from I–2/US 83 to I–69C/US 281, Review Period Ends: 05/12/2025, Contact: Doug Booher 512–416–2663.

EIS No. 20250039, Final, USACE, OR, Willamette Valley System Operations and Maintenance, Review Period Ends: 05/12/2025, Contact: Liz Oliver 503–808–4712.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Nancy Abrams,

Associate Director, Office of Federal Activities.

[FR Doc. 2025–06192 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, Room 511, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 North, Washington, DC 20004 (enter from F Street entrance).

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session: *Secretary of Labor v. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC*, Docket No. WEST 2021–0229, et al. (Issues include: (1) whether the Judge erred in finding that the operator had violated 30 CFR 50.10(b), that the violation was significant and substantial and caused by unwarrantable failure; (2) whether the Judge erred in finding certain miners individually liable under 30 U.S.C. 820(c) for the operator's violation of § 50.10(b); (3) whether the

Judge erred in finding that the operator violated 30 CFR 75.202(a); (4) whether the Judge erred in holding that Order No. 8541891 was not duplicative of Citation No. 8541894).

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Emogene Johnson (202) 434–9935/(202) 708–9300 for TDD Relay/1–800–877–8339 for toll free.

PHONE NUMBER FOR LISTENING TO

MEETING: 1–(866) 236–7472. Passcode: 678–100.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b)

Dated: April 9, 2025.

Rory P. Smith,

Attorney-Advisor.

[FR Doc. 2025–06313 Filed 4–9–25; 4:15 pm]

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, Room 511, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 North, Washington, DC 20004 (enter from F Street entrance).

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will hear oral argument in the matter *Secretary of Labor v. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC*, Docket No. WEST 2021–0229, et al. (Issues include: (1) whether the Judge erred in finding that the operator had violated 30 CFR 50.10(b), that the violation was significant and substantial and caused by unwarrantable failure; (2) whether the Judge erred in finding certain miners individually liable under 30 U.S.C. 820(c) for the operator's violation of § 50.10(b); (3) whether the Judge erred in finding that the operator violated 30 CFR 75.202(a); (4) whether the Judge erred in holding that Order No. 8541891 was not duplicative of Citation No. 8541894).

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PHONE NUMBER FOR LISTENING TO MEETING: 1-(866) 236-7472. Passcode: 678-100.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b)

Dated: April 9, 2025.

Rory P. Smith,
Attorney-Advisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0026; Docket No. 2025-0053; Sequence No. 14]

Information Collection; Change Order Accounting and Notification of Changes

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to comment on an extension concerning change order accounting and notification of changes. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Federal Government acquisitions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. OMB has approved this information collection for use through August 31, 2025. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection through <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000-0026, Change Order Accounting and Notification of Changes. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FARPolicy@gsa.gov or call 202-969-4075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000-0026, Change Order Accounting and Notification of Changes.

B. Need and Uses

This clearance covers the information that contractors must submit to comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 43 requirements as stated in the following clauses:

FAR 52.243-1, Changes—Fixed-Price, 52.243-2, Changes—Cost-Reimbursement, and 52.243-3, Changes—Time-and-Materials or Labor-Hours. Contractors are required to assert their right to an adjustment under these clauses within 30 days after receipt of a written change order from the contracting officer.

FAR 52.243-4, Changes. For acquisitions for dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements; and fixed-price construction contracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, the contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days after receipt of a written change order or the furnishing of a written notice, by submitting to the contracting officer a written statement describing the general nature and amount of proposal, unless this period is extended by the Government. The written notice covers any other written or oral order (which includes direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination) from

the contracting officer that causes a change. The contractor gives the contracting officer written notice stating (1) the date, circumstances, and source of the order and (2) that the contractor regards the order as a change order. The statement of proposal for adjustment may be included in the written notice.

FAR 52.243-6, Change Order Accounting. The contracting officer may require change order accounting whenever the estimated cost of a change or series of related changes exceeds \$100,000. The contractor, for each change or series of related changes, shall maintain separate accounts, by job order or other suitable accounting procedure, of all incurred segregable, direct costs (less allocable credits) of work, both changed and not changed, allocable to the change. The contractor shall maintain these accounts until the parties agree to an equitable adjustment or the matter is conclusively disposed of under the Disputes clause. This requirement is necessary in order to be able to account properly for costs associated with changes in supply and research and development (R&D) contracts of significant technical complexity, if numerous changes are anticipated, or construction contracts if deemed appropriate by the contracting officer.

FAR 52.243-7, Notification of Changes. The clause is available for use primarily in negotiated R&D or supply contracts for the acquisition of major weapon systems or principal subsystems. If the contract amount is expected to be less than \$1,000,000, the clause shall not be used, unless the contracting officer anticipates that situations will arise that may result in a contractor alleging that the Government has effected changes other than those identified as such in writing and signed by the contracting officer. The contractor shall notify the Administrative Contracting Officer in writing if the contractor identifies any Government conduct (including actions, inactions, and written or oral communications) that the contractor regards as a change to the contract terms and conditions. This excludes changes identified as such in writing and signed by the contracting officer. On the basis of the most accurate information available to the contractor, the notice shall state—

(1) The date, nature, and circumstances of the conduct regarded as a change;

(2) The name, function, and activity of each Government individual and Contractor official or employee involved in or knowledgeable about such conduct;

(3) The identification of any documents and the substance of any oral communication involved in such conduct;

(4) In the instance of alleged acceleration of scheduled performance or delivery, the basis upon which it arose;

(5) The particular elements of contract performance for which the Contractor may seek an equitable adjustment under this clause, including—

(i) What line items have been or may be affected by the alleged change;

(ii) What labor or materials or both have been or may be added, deleted, or wasted by the alleged change;

(iii) To the extent practicable, what delay and disruption in the manner and sequence of performance and effect on continued performance have been or may be caused by the alleged change;

(iv) What adjustments to contract price, delivery schedule, and other provisions affected by the alleged change are estimated; and

(6) The Contractor's estimate of the time by which the Government must respond to the Contractor's notice to minimize cost, delay or disruption of performance.

Contracting officers use the notices and information provided by contractors in response to a change notice to negotiate an equitable adjustment under the contract that may result from the change order.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents and Recordkeepers: 4,774.

Total Annual Responses: 11,532.

Total Burden Hours: 11,532. (9,656 reporting hours + 1,876 recordkeeping hours).

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division by calling 202-501-4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0026, Change Order Accounting and Notification of Changes.

Janet Fry,

*Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division,
Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy,
Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of
Governmentwide Policy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0029; Docket No. 2025-0053; Sequence No. 15]

Information Collection; Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to comment on an extension concerning extraordinary contractual action requests. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Federal Government acquisitions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. OMB has approved this information collection for use through August 31, 2025. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection through <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000-0029, Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including

any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FARPolicy@gsa.gov or call 202-969-4075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000-0029, Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests.

B. Need and Uses

This clearance covers the information that contractors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements:

FAR 50.103-3, Contract Adjustment. This section specifies the minimum information that a contractor must include when seeking a contract adjustment that would facilitate the national defense, as set forth in Public Law 85-804. The request, normally a letter, shall state as a minimum—

(1) The precise adjustment requested;

(2) The essential facts, summarized chronologically in narrative form;

(3) The contractor's conclusions based on these facts, showing, in terms of the considerations set forth in FAR 50.103-1 and 50.103-2, when the contractor considers itself entitled to the adjustment; and

(4) Whether or not—

(i) All obligations under the contracts involved have been discharged;

(ii) Final payment under the contracts involved has been made;

(iii) Any proceeds from the request will be subject to assignment or other transfer, and to whom; and

(iv) The contractor has sought the same, or a similar or related, adjustment from the Government Accountability Office or any other part of the Government, or anticipates doing so.

If the request exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, the contractor must certify that the request is made in good faith and the data are accurate and complete.

FAR 50.103-4, Facts and Evidence.

This section covers additional information that the contracting officer or other agency official may request from the contractor to support any request made under FAR 50.103-3.

FAR 50.104-3, Special Procedures for Unusually Hazardous or Nuclear Risks. This section provides the information a contractor shall submit to the contracting officer when requesting the inclusion of the indemnification clause

for unusually hazardous or nuclear risks at FAR 52.250–1.

FAR 52.250–1, Indemnification Under Public Law 85–804. This clause allows contractors to be indemnified against unusually hazardous or nuclear risks. Paragraph (g) requires the contractor to promptly notify the contracting officer and furnish pertinent information for any claim or loss that may involve indemnification under the clause.

The Government uses this information to determine if relief can be granted to the contractor and to determine the appropriate type and amount of relief.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 20.

Total Annual Responses: 30.

Total Burden Hours: 1,440.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division, by calling 202–501–4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0029, Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests.

Janet Fry,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; Review of SBIR Applications.

Date: April 25–28, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Persons: Lee Warren Slice, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Room 3AN12, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, 301–435–0807, slicelw@mail.nih.gov.

Latarsha J. Carithers, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Room 3AN12C, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, 301–594–4859, latarsha.carithers@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.859, Biomedical Research and Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, April 17, 11:00 a.m. to April 17, 2025, 12:30 p.m., National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2025, 90 FR 13379–13380, Doc 2025–04829.

This notice is being amended to change the start time from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the end time from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will now be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

David W. Freeman,

Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

[FR Doc. 2025–06197 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Anti-Infective and Immune Disease Therapeutics.

Date: May 13–14, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G50, Rockville, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Video Assisted Meeting.

Contact Person: Louis A. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892, (240) 669–5070, rosenthalla@niaid.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Cancellation of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the cancellation of the Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel RFA–OD–22–028, May 01, 2025, 9:30 a.m. to May 02, 2025, 6:30 p.m., National

Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 2025, 90 FR 15009, Doc. No. 2025–05881.

This notice is being amended to announce that the meeting is cancelled.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Sterlyn H. Gibson,

Program Specialist, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

[FR Doc. 2025–06176 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Special Topics in Brain and Neural Injury, May 06, 2025, 9 a.m. to May 6, 2025, 7 p.m., National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD, 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 19, 2025, 90 FR 12737, Doc No 2025–04622.

This meeting is being amended to change the contact person from Sulagna Banerjee to Maurizio Grimaldi, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, maurizio.grimaldi@nih.gov. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: April 8, 2025.

Sterlyn H. Gibson,

Program Specialist, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R5–ES–2025–N003;
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Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite local, State and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public to comment on these applications. Before issuing the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant's name and application number (*e.g.*, PER0001234).

- *Email:* permitsR5ES@fws.gov.

- *U.S. Mail:* Abby Goldstein, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr., Hadley, MA 01035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Abby Goldstein, 413–253–8212 (phone), or permitsR5ES@fws.gov (email).

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite local, State and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public to review and comment on applications we have received for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species, unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities constituting or resulting in take of endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

In accordance with the ESA, we invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to the applications in table 1.

TABLE 1—PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
53603D–3	West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, South Charleston, WV.	Candy darter (<i>Etheostoma osburni</i>)	West Virginia	Survey, hold more than 45 days, translocate, research, release.	Capture, collect.	Renew.

TABLE 1—PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED—Continued

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
86602C-6	White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, White Sulphur Springs, WV.	Candy darter (<i>Etheostoma osburni</i>) Clubshell (<i>Pleurobema clava</i>), Cumberland bean (<i>Villosa trabalis</i>), fanshell (<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>), fluted kidneyshell (<i>Ptychobranhus subtentum</i>), James spinymussel (<i>Parvaspina collina</i>), littlewing pearl mussel (<i>Pegias fabula</i>), northern riffleshell (<i>Epioblasma torulosa</i>), orangefoot pimpleback (<i>Plethobasus cooperianus</i>), pink mucket (<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>), purple cat's paw (= purple cat's paw pearl mussel) (<i>Epioblasma obliquata obliquata</i>), rayed bean (<i>Villosa fabalis</i>), sheepsnose mussel (<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>), shiny pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia cor</i>), snuffbox mussel (<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>), spectaclecase mussel (<i>Cumberlandia monodonta</i>). Guyandotte River crayfish (<i>Cambarus veteranus</i>).	Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.	Capture, survey, propagation, research, release.	Capture, collect.	Renew.
PER18419723-0 ...	Monongahela National Forest, Parsons, WV.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>).	West Virginia	Presence/probable absence survey, release.	Capture	New.
PER5389953-1	Jason Holmes, Arcata, CA.	Add: Tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>)	Add: Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, North Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Montana, South Dakota.	Survey, band, radio telemetry, release.	Capture, collect.	Amend.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Sharon Marino,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

[FR Doc. 2025-06189 Filed 4-10-25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[GX22LB00TZ80100; OMB Control Number 1028-0079]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; North American Breeding Bird Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection request (ICR) should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

■ **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS-2025-0003;

■ **U.S. Mail:** USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Ziolkowski by email at dziolkowski@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 301-497-5753. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 7, 2025 (90 FR 1185). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Respondents supply the USGS with bird count data for more than 600 North American bird species. These data and the analyzed relative abundance and population trend estimates derived from them will be made available via the internet and

through special publications, which are used by government agencies, industry, education programs, and the general public. We will protect information from respondents that is considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and in accordance with “Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection” (30 CFR 250.197). Responses are voluntary. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked.

Title of Collection: North American Breeding Bird Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0079.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1,650.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,600.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 11 hours on average.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 28,600.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$182,000. (Mileage costs average \$70 per response; based on an approximate 100-mile round trip made for data collection per response and using the U.S. GSA 2025 privately owned vehicle mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile.)

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

David Ziolkowski,

BBS Program Manager, Eastern Ecological Science Center.

[FR Doc. 2025–06240 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[PO #4820000251]

Public Land Order No. 7961; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6591; Withdrawal of Public Land for the United States Air Force, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This Public Land Order (PLO) extends the duration of the withdrawal created by PLO No. 6591, Parcel “B,” as extended by PLO No. 7630, for an additional 20-year period. These public lands were withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and reserved for use by the United States Air Force to protect a communication site and support facilities used for the safe and secure operation of national defense activities. This extension is necessary to continue the protection of a communications site and support facilities used for the safe and secure operation of national defense activities on the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR).

DATES: This PLO takes effect on April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edison Garcia, Land Law Examiner, Nevada State Office, at (775) 861–6530, email: edisongarcia@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension to protect a communication site and support facilities used for the safe and secure operation of national defense activities on the NTTR. The land withdrawn by PLO No. 6591, Parcel “B,” on March 19, 1985 (50 FR 10965–10966), and serialized as N–35951 (NVNV106083139) are located on Halligan Mesa in central Nye County, 77 miles east of Tonopah, Nevada. In 2005, PLO No. 7630 (70 FR 18424) extended the withdrawal for an additional 20-year period. Public access to the land has been restricted since the 1960s.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (f), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, PLO No. 6591 (50 FR 10965–10966 (1985)),

Parcel “B,” which withdrew approximately 264 acres of public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and reserved for use by the United States Air Force to protect a communication site and support facilities used for the safe and secure operation of national defense activities on the NTTR, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this Order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

Doug Burgum,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[PO #4820000251; Order #02412–014–004–047181.0]

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Oil and Gas Leasing Decisions in Seven States From February 2015 to December 2020; Rescission

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rescission.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is rescinding its notice to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the oil and gas leasing decisions in seven States from February 2015 to December 2020. The BLM announced its intent to prepare the EIS in a notice that published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janna Simonsen, Project Lead, or John Ajak, Division Chief, via email at blm_hq_litigated_leases_EIS@blm.gov, or via telephone at 505–954–2000; or by mail at Bureau of Land Management, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508.

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting the BLM. Individuals outside

the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of intent to prepare an EIS published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2025 (90 FR 4779). The rescission of the notice is responsive to and consistent with Executive Order 14154, “Unleashing American Energy” (January 20, 2025) and Secretary’s Order 3418, “Unleashing American Energy” (February 3, 2025).

(Authority: 30 U.S.C. 181 and 226; 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 4332; and 43 CFR part 3100 (2024))

Mitchell Leverette,

Acting Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management.

[FR Doc. 2025–06241 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039891; PPWOCRADNO–PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Intended Repatriation: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University (PMAE) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, and/or objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Deanna Byrd, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, telephone (617) 384–0672, email deannabyrd@fas.harvard.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the PMAE, and additional information on the

determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of 119 cultural items have been requested for repatriation. One cultural item is both an unassociated funerary object and a sacred object.

The one unassociated funerary object is one lot of hair ornaments collected by William Radcliff Morris between 1878 and 1893 from an unspecified location within the United States. Morris’s widow sold the cultural items to William H. Claffin, Jr., in 1930, and Claffin bequeathed them to the PMAE in 1985.

The one cultural item determined to be an unassociated funerary object and a sacred object is one lot of shirts collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unspecified location within the United States. William H. Claffin, Jr., acquired the cultural items at an unknown date and bequeathed them to the PMAE in 1985.

The 56 sacred objects are described as follows:

The one sacred object is one lot of pipes collected by Anson H. Currier from an unknown location in MT between 1882 and 1901 and sold by Currier to the PMAE in 1901.

The five sacred objects are one lot of women’s bags, one lot of neck ornaments, one lot of hair ornaments, one lot of carved horn spoons, and one lot of beaded war shirts donated by Lewis Hobart Farlow to the PMAE between 1903 and 1913. Farlow acquired the cultural items from unknown collectors, William Radcliff Morris, Grace A. Nicholson, and Sam B. Dickens at various times between 1891 and 1913.

The one sacred object is one lot of hair ornaments collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from Miles City, Custer County, MT, and sold to the PMAE by an unknown person in 1903.

The one sacred object is one lot of horn spoons collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location within the United States and donated to the PMAE by Mrs. Charles Fairchild in 1914.

The one sacred object is one lot of rattles collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and sold to the PMAE by an unknown person in 1928.

The one sacred object is one lot of clubs collected by Beatrice Barrington at an unknown date from an unknown

location in North America and donated by Mrs. A.C. Sanborn to the PMAE in 1929.

The two sacred objects are one lot of horn spoons and one lot of beaded umbilical cord containers collected by Charles Alexander Eastman at an unknown date from the "Central Plains" or "Dakota" and sold to the PMAE by Dora W. Eastman in 1933.

The one sacred object is one lot of saddle blankets collected by Amelia Elizabeth White at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and donated to PMAE by White in 1937.

The two sacred objects are one chief's shirt trimmed with locks of human hair and one lot of coats or dresses trimmed with dentalium and bells from the "Plains" collected by Theodore Jewett Eastman and Col. S.J. Lockwood between 1888 and 1916 and donated to the PMAE by Mrs. Henry H. Richardson in 1938.

The two sacred objects are one lot of painted cases and one lot of pipe cleaners or tampers collected by Henry M. Wheelwright in 1901 from unknown locations in North America and donated to the PMAE by Mrs. Ruth E. Wheelwright through Henry Wheelwright's wife in 1939.

The six sacred objects are one lot of bags, one lot of club sticks, one lot of beaded female amulets, one lot of rattles, one lot of pipe bowls, and one lot of ladles collected by Ernest T. Jackson between 1872 and 1902 and donated to the PMAE by Jackson and Patrick T. Jackson in 1940 and 1946.

The one sacred object is one lot of saddle bags collected by David I. Bushnell, Jr., between 1899 and 1939 from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Bushnell's estate in 1941.

The one sacred object is one lot of medicine bags collected by Daniel Dorchester between 1889 and 1894 from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by Cleora Hatch in 1944.

The three sacred objects are one lot of horn spoons, one lot of women's bags, and one lot of pipe bowls collected by William E. Jones before 1909 from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Caroline W. Andrus in 1947. Jones acquired the horn spoons from H.W. Ludlow about 1880.

The one sacred object is one lot of pipe bags collected by H.E. Burnham at an unknown date from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Mrs. Arthur O. Robers in 1949.

The one sacred object is one lot of knives in beaded sheaths collected by Rosamund Lamb in the early 1900s from

the "Plains" and donated by Lamb to the PMAE in 1955.

The three sacred objects are one lot of pouches, one lot of beaded whips, and one lot of drumsticks collected by Amelia Elizabeth White at an unknown date from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by William White Howells in 1961.

The two sacred objects are one lot of medicine drums and rattles and one lot of pipes collected by A.B. Campbell and E. Woodruff of the United States Army at unknown dates from unknown locations in North America and donated to the PMAE by the United States Surgeon General's Office in 1874.

The one sacred object is one bison robe collected by General H.A. Morrow at an unknown date from the upper Missouri River in the United States or Canada and donated to the PMAE by Morrow in 1874.

The two sacred objects are one lot of rattles and one lot of bows and arrows collected from either the United States or Canada by an unknown person and James P. Kimball at unknown dates and donated to the PMAE by the Army Medical Museum in 1876.

The two sacred objects are one lot of bags and one lot of stone-headed clubs collected by an unknown person in the 1920s from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Douglas S. Dillman in 1970.

The one sacred object is one lot of beaded awl cases collected by William H. Best between 1885 and 1895 from the "Plains," likely North Dakota, and donated to the PMAE in 1971 by Mrs. William M. Milton and Mrs. W.S. MacDonald.

The 12 sacred objects are one lot of horn spoons, one lot of dolls, one lot of pouches and bags (including strike-a-light pouches, saddle bags, parfleche, and medicine bags), one lot of umbilical amulets, one lot of clothing and ornaments (including bonnets, shirts, shirt bands, leggings, hairpipe breastplates, and hair ornaments), one lot of whipsticks, one lot of knife sheaths, one lot of decorative silverware, one lot of eagle wing fans, one lot of archery items (quivers, bows, bow cases, and arrows), one lot of blanket strips and saddle blankets, and one lot of needlecases collected by William Radcliff Morris between 1878 and 1893 from unspecified locations within the United States. Morris's widow sold the cultural items to William H. Claflin, Jr., in 1930, and Claflin bequeathed the cultural items to the PMAE in 1985. Morris identified one horn spoon as previously owned by a woman identified as "Comes-Back-at-Night," wife of Broken Arm. Morris

identified two dolls, one quilled pouch, one parfleche bag, and one beaded lizard-shaped umbilical amulet as being from Chief Spotted Tail and his family. Morris identified one eagle wing fan as previously owned by a man variously identified as "Broken Arm" and "Broken Arrow." Morris identified one quilled blanket strip as previously owned by a man identified as "Shot-in-the-Eye."

The one sacred object is one lot of beaded belts collected by William R. Wright between 1950 and 1993 from an unknown location in the United States and donated to the PMAE by Wright in 1995.

The one sacred object is one lot of beaded ornaments collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by an unknown person at an unknown date.

The one sacred object is one lot of hairpipe breastplates and breastplate elements collected by William Henry Bisbee at an unknown date from the "Central Plains;" Bisbee gave the cultural items to Latimer Willis Ballou at an unknown date, who gave them to Putnam Ballou McDowell in the late 1950s, who finally donated them to the PMAE in 2004.

The 49 objects of cultural patrimony are described as follows:

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of women's garments collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by Mary Farlow Linder in 1902.

The four objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of breast and hairpipe plates, one lot of beaded cradles and cradle hoods, one lot of bags (including pipe and tobacco bags), and one lot of necklaces collected by unknown people, Reverend J.W. Millar, Mr. Raymond, and Grace A. Nicholson at between 1897 and 1908 from mostly unspecified locations within North America and donated to the PMAE by Lewis Hobart Farlow between 1902 and 1909.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of moccasins collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by Sarah Hammond Palfrey in 1914.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of pipes and pipe bowls collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by Emma Abbot Atwood in 1916.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of leggings collected by an

unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by Susan Minns in 1924.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of moccasins collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Lombard C. Jones in 1926.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of miniature beaded baby carriers collected by Charles Alexander Eastman at an unknown date from the "Central Plains" or "Dakota" and sold to the PMAE by Dora W. Eastman in 1933.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of beaded cradles collected by Amelia Elizabeth White from the "Plains" at an unknown date and donated to the PMAE by White in 1937.

The two objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of tobacco pouches and one lot of miniature moccasins collected by the brothers of Mrs. Joseph M. Robinson between 1883 and 1925 from unknown locations in North America and donated to the PMAE by Robinson in 1939.

The seven objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of pouches, one lot of quilled bridle cheek straps, one lot of cradles, one lot of headdresses, one lot of dolls in cradles, one lot of moccasins, and one lot of clubs or dance sticks collected by Ernest T. Jackson from locations in North America between 1872 and 1902 and donated to the PMAE by Jackson and Patrick T. Jackson in 1940 and 1946.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of moccasins collected by David I. Bushnell, Jr., between 1899 and 1939 from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Bushnell's estate in 1941.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of painted parfleche collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in the United States and donated to the PMAE by an unknown person in 1942.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of dolls collected by Alexander S. Porter in 1912 from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Frances R. Porter and Mrs. William Stanley Parker in 1942.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of beaded knife cases collected by Daniel Dorchester between 1889 and 1894 from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by Cleora Hatch in 1944.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of bags and pouches collected by William E. Jones before 1909 from the "Central Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Caroline W. Andrus in 1947.

The three objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of gloves, one lot

of lariats, and one lot of beaded cradles collected by H.E. Burnham at an unknown date from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Mrs. Arthur O. Roberts in 1949.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of women's dresses with dentalium shells collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from the "Central Plains" and donated to the Denver Art Museum at an unknown date; the PMAE acquired the cultural items through an exchange with the Denver Art Museum, via Frederic H. Douglas, in 1952.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of saddles collected by Robert W. Foster from the "Plains" prior to 1952 or 1953 and donated to the PMAE by Foster in 1955.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of bags collected by an unknown person prior to summer 1957 from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by an unknown person in 1958.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of women's dresses with dentalium shells collected by Amelia Elizabeth White at an unknown date from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by William White Howells in 1961.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of drums collected by General H.A. Morrow at an unknown date from the United States or Canada and donated to the PMAE by Morrow in 1874.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of moccasins collected by Copley Amory in 1887 from an unknown location in the United States and donated to the PMAE by Amory in 1888.

The one object of cultural patrimony is one lot of dentalium necklaces collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by the American Antiquarian Society in 1890.

The two objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of moccasins and one lot of beaded cradles collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by Mary I. Decker in 1969 through the Radcliffe College President Mary Bunting.

The 12 objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of pouches and bags, one lot of blanket strips, one lot of necklaces and pendants, one lot of moccasins, one lot of roaches, one lot of mashers, clubs, and mauls, one lot of leggings, one lot of belts, one lot of beaded cradles and cradle hoods, one lot of a shield and its fragments, one eagle bustle, and one lot of beaded bottles collected by William

Radcliff Morris between 1878 and 1893 from unspecified locations within the United States. Morris's widow sold the cultural items to William H. Claflin, Jr., in 1930, and Claflin bequeathed the cultural items to the PMAE in 1985. Morris identified one necklace as previously owned by a woman identified as "Comes-Back-at-Night," wife of Broken Arm. Morris identified one set of dentalium ear pendants as previously owned by a woman identified as Red Cloud's wife. Morris identified one club as belonging to Chief Rain in the Face and the eagle bustle as belonging to Chief Sitting Bull.

The 12 sacred objects/objects of cultural patrimony are described as follows:

The one sacred object/object of cultural patrimony is one lot of pipe and tobacco bags collected by an unknown person at an unknown date from an unknown location in Canada and donated to the PMAE by John Galt in 1916.

The one sacred object/object of cultural patrimony is one lot of umbilical amulets collected by Ernest T. Jackson between 1872 and 1902 from an unknown location in North America and donated to the PMAE by Jackson and Patrick T. Jackson in 1940.

The one sacred object/object of cultural patrimony is one lot of moccasins collected by Amelia Elizabeth White at an unknown date from the "Plains" and donated to the PMAE by William White Howells in 1961.

The two sacred objects/objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of pipe stems and one pictographic bison robe and its fragments which had been part of the Boston Museum's collection. The Boston Museum (which existed between 1841 and 1895) was co-owned by brothers David and Moses Kimball. It included collections from the former Peale Museum and the former New England Museum. The heirs of David Kimball (David P. Kimball, Augusta K. Horton, and Lemuel Cushing Kimball) donated the cultural items to the PMAE in 1899. The cultural items are associated historically with the expedition of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The pipes may have been acquired by Lewis and Clark in 1804, by Lt. George Christian Hutter in 1825, or by Charles Willson Peale in 1826; alternatively, the pipes may have been carried by the delegation that Lewis sent to visit Thomas Jefferson in Washington in 1805–1806 or by representatives of Tribes under the jurisdiction of Lewis and Clark in St Louis. The bison robe was once the symbol of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, though it may not

have been collected by Lewis and Clark and might have actually been acquired for the Peale Museum by Hutter in 1825.

The six sacred objects/objects of cultural patrimony are one lot of pipes, one lot of eagle bone whistles, one lot of pouches, one eagle feather horned headdress, one lot of drums, and one lot of pipe tampers collected by William Radcliff Morris between 1878 and 1893 from unspecified locations within the United States. Morris's widow sold the cultural items to William H. Claflin, Jr., in 1930, and Claflin bequeathed them to the PMAE in 1985. Morris identified one pipe as previously owned by a man identified as "Man-Who-Pocks-The-Eagle." Morris identified one eagle bone whistle as previously owned by a man identified as "Goes-To-War." Morris identified the eagle feather horned headdress as belonging to Chief Crazy Horse, who sent it by his brother, Chief Red Cloud, to General George Crook as a token of his surrender, several months after the Battle of Greasy Grass (Little Bighorn).

The one sacred object/object of cultural patrimony is one lot of pipe bags collected by William R. Wright between 1950 and 1993 from an unknown location within the United States and donated to the PMAE by Wright in 1995.

Determinations

The PMAE has determined that:

- The two unassociated funerary objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near human remains, and are connected, either at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony of a Native American culture according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization. The unassociated funerary objects have been identified by a preponderance of the evidence as related to human remains, specific individuals, or families, or removed from a specific burial site or burial area of an individual or individuals with cultural affiliation to an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- The 57 sacred objects described in this notice are specific ceremonial objects needed by a traditional Native American religious leader for present-day adherents to practice traditional Native American religion, according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization.

- The 49 objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have

ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- The 12 sacred objects/objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice are, according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, specific ceremonial objects needed by a traditional Native American religious leader for present-day adherents to practice traditional Native American religion, and have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision).

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the PMAE must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The PMAE is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

**[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039896;
PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]**

Notice of Intended Disposition: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Angeles National Forest, Arcadia, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Angeles National Forest (USFS—Angeles National Forest) intends to carry out the disposition of human remains, associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony removed from Federal or Tribal lands to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization with priority for disposition in this notice.

DATES: Disposition of the human remains or cultural items in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If no claim for disposition is received by April 13, 2026, the human remains or cultural items in this notice will become unclaimed human remains or cultural items.

ADDRESSES: Roman Luis Torres, Forest Supervisor, USFS—Angeles National Forest, 701 N Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006, telephone (626) 574–5216, email roman.torres@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the USFS—Angeles National Forest, and additional information on the human remains or cultural items in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the identifications in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Based on the information available, human remains representing at least two individuals have been reasonably

identified from two archaeological sites CA-LAN-1977 and FS #05-01-55-137. The one associated funerary object is a drilled pendent associated with FS #05-01-55-137.

CA-LAN-1977

The inadvertent discovery included two incisors with shovel-shaped morphology, a cranial fragment, and two phalanges (finger/toe bones), as well as numerous indeterminate bone fragments. Formal written notification was mailed on July 7, 2010, to federally recognized Tribes, non-federally recognized Tribes, and interested members of the Native American community. A Plan of Action (POA) was sent out July 26, 2010, for review, comment, and edits, with the request that the closest Federally Recognized Tribe, the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (YSMN) take lead on any coordination with the community members participating. The Forest and YSMN representatives have met onsite (2021–2024) and discussed by email and at meetings about repatriating the ancestral remains to the tribal and identifying an appropriate location for a potential reburial near the discovery location. During these discussions, the YSMN representative verbally indicated the Tribe, considering the discovery occurred within an area they ascribed cultural affinity, would make a formal claim in this case. Additional written information and records were provided on July 22, 2024.

FS #05-01-55-137

Another inadvertent discovery occurred in 2000, during the inventory of a proposed trail project located south of the city of Acton, California. Five skeletal fragments were observed on the surface in an area that is directly associated with a Native American archaeological site (FS #05-01-55-137). A physical anthropologist, using a non-intrusive examination, confirmed that three of the fragments were cranial and can be definitively identified as human. These fragments were collected following the coroner's determination that they were Native American in origin. During a monitoring visit in 2007, additional skeletal material, comprising three cranial fragments were observed on the surface near those collected in 2000. In addition, a phalange bone (probable fingertip), and a molar tooth were collected from a different location within the site, along with several indeterminate bone fragments and non-local lithic material. An artifact collected, a drilled pendent with parallel sides, was located and collected some distance from the

skeletal material and is likely to have funerary associations. Additional written information and records were provided on July 22, 2024.

Due to the location of the discovery, and prior and recent consultation with Tribes and the Native American community, it was determined the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation would have priority for disposition for Native American human remains or cultural items eligible for NAGPRA for these two inadvertent discoveries.

The Forest has received a formal written claim from the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation on October 11, 2024, for the remains and items associated with CA-LAN-1977 and FS #05-01-55-137.

Determinations

The USFS—Angeles National Forest has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of at least two individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The one object described in this notice is reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- The Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California) has priority for disposition of the human remains or cultural item described in this notice.

Claims for Disposition

Written claims for disposition of the human remains or cultural items in this notice must be sent to the appropriate official identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. If no claim for disposition is received by April 13, 2026, the human remains or cultural items in this notice will become unclaimed human remains or cultural items. Claims for disposition may be submitted by:

1. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that they have priority for disposition.

Disposition of the human remains or cultural items in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing claims for disposition are received, the USFS—Angeles National Forest must determine the most appropriate claimant prior to disposition. Requests for joint disposition of the human remains or cultural items are considered a single request and not competing

requests. The USFS—Angeles National Forest is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3002, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.7.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0039893; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Inventory Completion: University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of California, Berkeley has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Alexandra Lucas, University of California, Berkeley, 200 California Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720, telephone (510) 570-0964, email nagpra-ucb@berkeley.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the University of California, Berkeley, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Between 1898 and 1960, and potentially later, numerous individuals removed, at minimum, 112 individuals,

and 3,018 lots of associated funerary objects from the following sites in Sacramento County, California: CA-SAC-16, CA-SAC-26, CA-SAC-28, CA-SAC-29, CA-SAC-31, CA-SAC-32, CA-SAC-33, CA-SAC-37, CA-SAC-99, CA-SAC-127, CA-SAC-160, CA-SAC-192, and donated them to the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. The 3,018 lots of associated funerary objects are stone tools, bone tools, bone tubes, whistles, sinkers, awls, faunal remains, tool fragments, beads, ornaments, scrapers, hooks, mineral samples, projectile points, jewelry, charmstones, ground stone, stone fragments, botanical samples, gambling bones, rubbing stones, bone fragments, lithics, pins, shell, abraders, pebbles, discoidal fragments, pipes, grinding slabs, baked clay, baked clay balls, needles, whetstones, painting supplies, crystals, charms, vessels for food and drink, hair tubes, pottery, metal materials and fragments, porcelain, glassware and glass fragments, buttons, soil samples, charcoal, worked bone, pencil fragment, gouges, polishing stones, anvils, carvings, basketry fragments, and ammunition cases.

Collections and collection spaces at the Phoebe A Hearst Museum of Anthropology were treated with substances for preservation and pest control, some potentially hazardous. No records have been found to date at the Museum to indicate whether or not chemicals or natural substances were used prior to 1960.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The University of California, Berkeley has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 112 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 3,018 lots of objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson

Band of Miwuk Indians; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California; and the Wilton Rancheria, California.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of California, Berkeley must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The University of California, Berkeley is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History has

completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Luke Swetland, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, telephone (805) 682-4711, email lswetland@sbnature2.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. A cranium, missing the right zygomatic, teeth, and mandible, was removed from an unprovenienced location in Santa Barbara County, CA. It was collected by Howard Taylor, who owned properties in Montecito, CA and a ranch near Arroyo Grande, CA. The human remains were donated to the Museum by Chuck Carter in 2021.

Human remains representing, at least, two individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains include two human skulls and their associated mandibles. The human remains were collected or excavated from the Goleta and/or Santa Barbara regions between 1932 and 1935 by Jack Knight Green. They were donated to the Museum by Frances Green in 2015.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains are a human cranium missing the mandible. The skull was collected by a family and purported to have been "used as a teaching tool for a California history unit." The skull was donated to the Museum by Dr. Carolyn Maguire in 2017 and had been in the possession of her late husband's family who "had a long history in Santa Barbara," and according to the donor, "the skull is 100 years old, at least."

Human remains representing, at least, two individuals have been identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The human remains include two partial crania lacking their mandibles. The crania were “ploughed out near an oak tree in field in San Roque tract” in the City of Santa Barbara, CA. They were donated to the Museum by Miss Josephine Ciampi in 1935.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the human remains described in this notice.

Determinations

The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of six individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains in this notice and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25

U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

**[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039888;
PPWOCRADNO–PCU00RP14.R50000]**

Notice of Intended Repatriation: Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Cristin Lucas, Repatriation Coordinator, Arizona State Museum, 1013 East University Boulevard, Tucson, AZ 85721–0026, telephone (520) 626–0320, email lucasc@arizona.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Arizona State Museum, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of one lot of cultural items has been requested for repatriation. The one lot of objects of cultural patrimony is modified bone. In 1934, the Gila Pueblo Foundation acquired one lot of modified bone (GP–41951–X; SJC No. 11236) from the Sacramento Junior College in Sacramento, CA as part of an exchange. The cultural item was recorded as having been removed from the Lincoln Mound site (CA–PLA–4), Placer County, on an unknown date. The Arizona State

Museum acquired the lot in 1951 after the Gila Pueblo Foundation closed. There is no noted presence of any potentially hazardous substances used to treat the cultural items.

Determinations

The Arizona State Museum has determined that:

- The one lot of objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Arizona State Museum must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Arizona State Museum is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

[FR Doc. 2025–06204 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039894;
PPWOCRADNO–PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Omaha, NE

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Livia Taylor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, ATTN: CENWO–PMA–D, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, NE 68102, telephone (402) 995–2434, email Livia.A.Taylor@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, one individual were removed from the shoreline of Prairie Dog Bay within the North Point Recreation Area in Charles Mix County, SD. No associated funerary objects are present. In April 1983, a recreator initially collected the remains which were later turned over to the Omaha District. The Ancestor was first transported to the University of North Dakota and then in 2012 was transferred by the Omaha District to the South Dakota State Historical Society Archaeological Research Center in Rapid City, SD where the Ancestor remains today. No known individuals were identified.

No information is available that would indicate that any of the human remains in this notice have been treated with potentially hazardous substances.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location and acquisition history of the human remains described in this notice.

Determinations

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

[FR Doc. 2025–06210 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039887;
PPWOCRADNO–PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Inventory Completion: Bruce Museum, Inc., Greenwich, CT

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Bruce Museum has completed an inventory of associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Kirsten J. Reinhardt, Bruce Museum, Inc., 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830, telephone (203) 413–6770, email kreinhardt@brucemuseum.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Bruce Museum, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

The two associated funerary objects are two nodules of natural, unground, red/orange ochre. The two associated funerary objects were removed by an unknown person from Native American graves at Fort Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY before 1940 and donated to the Bruce in 1940 by Mr. Stirling Martin. Cultural Affiliation has been determined to be with the Mohican and/or Lenape-Munsee people as per the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin. The location and temporal period of the graves is unknown. It is known that in 1757, approximately 8,000 French, Canadian, and Native Americans, including members of the Mohican Stockbridge Militia and Lenape soldiers, combined to fight the British at Fort Ticonderoga during the French and Indian War. According to THPO Bonney Hartley of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, the

location, Essex County, NY, is within the known territory of Mohican peoples. The Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin is a federally recognized Tribe of both Mohican and Munsee Lenape people. No treatment with hazardous material has been performed.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the result of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The Bruce Museum has determined that:

- The two objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Bruce Museum must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Bruce Museum is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

**[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039890;
PPWOCRADNO–PCU00RP14.R50000]**

Notice of Inventory Completion: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University (PMAE) has completed an inventory of associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the associated funerary object and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the associated funerary object in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Deanna Byrd, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, telephone (617) 384–0672, email deannabyrd@fas.harvard.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the PMAE, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

The one associated funerary object is one lot of beaded child's moccasins identified as "Sioux." The moccasins were collected by William Radcliff Morris between 1878 and 1893 from an unspecified location within the United States. Morris's widow sold the moccasins to William H. Claflin, Jr., in 1930, and Claflin bequeathed the moccasins to the PMAE in 1985.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the associated funerary object described in this notice.

Determinations

The PMAE has determined that:

- The one object described in this notice is reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the associated funerary object described in this notice and the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the associated funerary object in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the associated funerary object in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the PMAE must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the associated funerary object are considered a single request and not competing requests. The PMAE is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039895;
PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

**Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha
District, Omaha, NE**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Livia Taylor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, ATTN: CENWO–PMA–D, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, NE 68102, telephone (402) 995–2434, email Livia.A.Taylor@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, one individual were removed from the area of the LeCompte Catholic Church Cemetery in Corson County, SD. No associated funerary objects are present. In June 1986, the Mobridge Police Department notified an Omaha District park ranger of exposed human remains near LeCompte Creek. The remains were recovered and turned over to the Omaha District and a district archaeologist subsequently inspected the area, but did not recover additional remains. The Ancestor was first transported to the University of North Dakota and then in 2012 was transferred by the Omaha District to the South Dakota State Historical Society Archaeological Research Center in Rapid City, SD where the Ancestor remains today. No known individuals were identified.

No information is available that would indicate that any of the human remains in this notice have been treated with potentially hazardous substances.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains described in this notice.

Determinations

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under

ADDRESSES. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

[NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0039889;
PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

**Notice of Inventory Completion:
Peabody Museum of Archaeology and
Ethnology, Harvard University,
Cambridge, MA**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University (PMAE) has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Jane Pickering, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, telephone (617) 496–2374, email jpickering@fas.harvard.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the PMAE, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were collected at the Rosebud Indian Reservation, SD. The human remains are hair clippings collected from one individual who was recorded as being 73 years old and one individual who was recorded as being 29 years old and identified as “Oglala.” William O. Roberts took the hair clippings at the Rosebud Indian Reservation between 1930 and 1933. Roberts sent the hair clippings to George Woodbury, who donated the hair clippings to the PMAE in 1935. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at minimum, 13 individuals was collected

at the Flandreau Indian School, Moody County, SD. The human remains are hair clippings collected from two individuals who were recorded as being 19 years old, four individuals who were recorded as being 17 years old, three individuals who were recorded as being 16 years old, three individuals who were recorded as being 15 years old, and one individual who was recorded as being 13 years old and identified as "Sioux." George E. Peters took the hair clippings at the Flandreau Indian School between 1930 and 1933. Peters sent the hair clippings to George Woodbury, who donated the hair clippings to the PMAE in 1935. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at minimum, three individuals were collected at the Pierre Indian School, Hughes County, SD. The human remains are hair clippings collected from two individuals who were recorded as being 19 years old and one individual who was recorded as being 16 years old and identified as "Sioux." C.B. Dickinson took the hair clippings at the Pierre Indian School between 1930 and 1933. Dickinson sent the hair clippings to George Woodbury, who donated the hair clippings to the PMAE in 1935. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were collected at the Genoa Indian School, Nance County, NB. The human remains are hair clippings collected from one individual who was recorded as being 18 years old and one individual who was recorded as being 17 years old and identified as "Sioux." S.B. Davis took the hair clippings at the Genoa Indian School between 1930 and 1933. Davis sent the hair clippings to George Woodbury, who donated the hair clippings to the PMAE in 1935. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual was collected at the Rosebud Indian Reservation, SD. The human remains are hair clippings collected from one individual who was recorded as being 41 years old and identified as "Sioux." William O. Roberts took the hair clippings at the Rosebud Indian Reservation between 1930 and 1933. Roberts sent the hair clippings to George Woodbury, who donated the hair clippings to the PMAE in 1935. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual was collected

at the Carson Indian School, Carson City County, NV. The human remains are hair clippings collected from one individual who was recorded as being 17 years old and identified as "Sioux." Frederic Snyder took the hair clippings at the Carson Indian School between 1930 and 1933. Snyder sent the hair clippings to George Woodbury, who donated the hair clippings to the PMAE in 1935. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on the information available, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual was collected at the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School, Kay County, OK. The human remains are hair clippings collected from one individual who was recorded as being 16 years old and identified as "Sioux." Lawrence E. Correll took the hair clippings at the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School between 1930 and 1933. Correll sent the hair clippings to George Woodbury, who donated the hair clippings to the PMAE in 1935. No associated funerary objects are present.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the available information and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains described in this notice.

Determinations

The PMAE has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 23 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- There is a reasonable connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after May 12, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the PMAE must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint

repatriation of the human remains are considered a single request and not competing requests. The PMAE is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribe identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

**[NPS–WASO–NRNHL–DTS#–39921;
PPWOCRADIO, PCU00RP14.R50000]**

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is soliciting electronic comments on the significance of properties nominated before March 29, 2025, for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places.

DATES: Comments should be submitted electronically by April 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments are encouraged to be submitted electronically to *National Register Submissions@nps.gov* with the subject line "Public Comment on <property or proposed district name, (County) State>." If you have no access to email, you may send them via U.S. Postal Service and all other carriers to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, MS 2013, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry A. Frear, Chief, National Register of Historic Places/National Historic Landmarks Program, 1849 C Street NW, MS 2013, Washington, DC 20240, *sherry_frear@nps.gov*, 202–913–3763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The properties listed in this notice are being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places. Nominations for their consideration were received by the National Park Service before March 29, 2025. Pursuant to Section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60, comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Nominations submitted by State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officers:

Key: State, County, Property Name, Multiple Name (if applicable), Address/ Boundary, City, Vicinity, Reference Number.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia

Earley, John Joseph House, 1710 Lamont Street NW, Washington, SG100011776

NEW YORK

Cattaraugus County

Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building, 302 Court Street, Little Valley, SG100011780

Delaware County

Walter Coulter Homestead Farm, 615 Seedorf Road, Bovina, SG100011781

Monroe County

Colgate-Rochester (Crozer) Divinity School, 1100–1122 South Goodman Street and 117–125 Highland Parkway, Rochester, SG100011782

Schoharie County

Jefferson Historic District, Creamery Street, Main Street, Peck Street and Summit Street, Jefferson, SG100011783

Ulster County

The Home for the Aged in Ulster County, 80 Washington Avenue, Kingston, SG100011784

PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny County

St. Colman School, 547 Hunter Street, Turtle Creek, SG100011773

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston County

Hebron Presbyterian Church, 4058 Betsy Kerrison Parkway, Johns Island, SG100011785

Marlboro County

Marlboro County Training School, 612 King Street, Bennettsville, SG100011778

TEXAS

Matagorda County

Palacios Colored School, 907 8th Street, Palacios, SG100011777

Additional documentation has been received for the following resource(s):

KANSAS

Clay County

Clay Center Downtown Historic District (Additional Documentation), 4th to 6th Sts., Court to Lincoln Aves., Clay Center, AD100005716

NEVADA

Clark County

Vegas Grammar School Branch No. 1 (Additional Documentation), 330 West Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, AD79001460

OREGON

Multnomah County

Marshall, Dr. John D., Building (Additional Documentation), (African American Resources in Portland, Oregon, from 1851 to 1973 MPS), 2337 North Williams Ave., Portland, AD100009052

Nomination(s) submitted by Federal Preservation Officers:

The State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the following nomination(s) and responded to the Federal Preservation Officer within 45 days of receipt of the nomination(s) and supports listing the properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

INDIANA

Porter County

Cowles Bog, 1100 N Mineral Springs Road, Chesterton vicinity, SG100011750

Authority: 36 CFR 60.13.

Sherry A. Frear

Chief, National Register of Historic Places/ National Historic Landmarks Program.

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The APB includes representatives from State and local criminal justice agencies; Tribal law enforcement representatives; members of the judicial, prosecutorial, and correctional sectors of the criminal justice community, as well as one individual representing a national security agency; a representative of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council; a representative of Federal agencies participating in the CJIS Division Systems; and representatives of criminal justice professional associations (*i.e.*, the American Probation and Parole Association; American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors; International Association of Chiefs of Police; National District Attorneys Association; National Sheriffs' Association; Major Cities Chiefs Association; Major County Sheriffs of America; and a representative from a national professional association representing the courts or court administrators nominated by the Conference of Chief Justices). The FBI Director has the authority to appoint all members to the APB.

The APB functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Charter has been filed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Nicky J. Megna,

Designated Federal Officer, FBI CJIS Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Notice of Charter Reestablishment

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, title 5, United States Code, section 10, and title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, § 102–3.65, the FBI Director has determined that the reestablishment of the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board (APB) is in the public interest. In connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the FBI by law, I hereby give notice of the reestablishment of the APB Charter.

The APB provides the FBI Director with general policy recommendations with respect to the philosophy, concept, and operational principles of the various criminal justice information systems managed by the FBI's CJIS Division.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Request for Information: Deregulation

AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

ACTION: Notice of request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: OMB solicits ideas for deregulation from across the country. Commenters should identify rules to be rescinded and provide detailed reasons for their rescission. OMB invites comments about any and all regulations currently in effect.

DATES: Consideration will be given to written comments received by May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/> and follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, you can submit your comment via the Submit

Your Deregulatory Recommendations portal on the *regulations.gov* homepage. OMB will not respond to or address individual submissions.

Submission of comments in response to this RFI is voluntary. Comments may be used to inform deregulation efforts. Please note that submissions received in response to this notice may be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov/> or otherwise released in their entirety, including any personal information, business confidential information, or other sensitive information provided by the commenter. Do not include in your submissions any copyrighted material; information of a confidential nature, such as personal or proprietary information; or any information you would not like to be made publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelsi Feltz, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Mailbox: *MBX.OMB.DeregIdeas@omb.eop.gov*, telephone number: (202) 395-8524. Because of delays in the receipt of regular mail related to security screening, respondents are encouraged to use the portal or electronic communications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Americans are the most inventive, hardworking, and industrious people in the world. For too long, American dynamism and creativity have been stunted by onerous and unnecessary regulations. With this document, OMB seeks proposals to rescind or replace regulations that stifle American businesses and American ingenuity. We seek comment from the public on regulations that are unnecessary, unlawful, unduly burdensome, or unsound. Comments should address the background of the rule and the reasons for the proposed rescission, with particular attention to regulations that are inconsistent with statutory text or the Constitution, where costs exceed benefits, where the regulation is outdated or unnecessary, or where regulation is burdening American businesses in unforeseen ways.

Russell T. Vought,
Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Comment Request; Grantee
Reporting Requirements for Science
and Technology Centers (STC):
Integrative Partnerships**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and one request for a copy of the information collection was received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and recommendations to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov, or call 703-292-7556. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title of Collection: Grantee Reporting Requirements for Science and Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships.

OMB Number: 3145-0194.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection.

Proposed Project: The Science and Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships Program supports innovation in the integrative conduct of research, education and knowledge transfer. Science and Technology Centers build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. STCs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

STCs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. STCs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

Centers selected will be required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which will be used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, STCs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via an NSF evaluation technical assistance contractor. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the STC effort. Part of this reporting will take the form of a database which will be owned by the institution and eventually made available to an evaluation contractor. This database will capture specific

information to demonstrate progress towards achieving the goals of the program. Such reporting requirements will be included in the cooperative agreement which is binding between the academic institution and the NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) diversity, (6) management and (7) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

Use of the Information: NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

Estimate of Burden: 100 hours per center for twelve centers for a total of 1,200 hours.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions; federal government.

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: One from each of the twelve centers.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: April 8, 2025.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

725th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b of the Atomic

Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232(b)), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold meetings on May 6–9, 2025. The Committee will be conducting meetings that will include some Members being physically present at the headquarters of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) while other Members participate remotely. Interested members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely in any open sessions via Microsoft (MS) Teams or via phone at 301–576–2978, passcode 257672354#. A more detailed agenda, including the MSTeams link, may be found at the ACRS public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs/agenda/index.html>. If you would like the MSTeams link forwarded to you, please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) as follows: Quynh.Nguyen@nrc.gov, or Lawrence.Burkhart@nrc.gov.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

1:00 p.m.–1:35 p.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chair will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

1:35 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: NuScale Standard Design Approval Application (SDAA) Topics and Letter Report (Open)—The Committee will have presentations and discussions with applicant representatives and NRC staff regarding the subject topic and proceed to preparation of reports.

3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: Committee Deliberation on NuScale SDAA Topics and Letter Report (Open)—The Committee will deliberate regarding the subject topic and proceed to preparation of reports.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: TerraPower Sodium Topical Report on Source Term Methodology (Open/Closed)—The Committee will have presentations and discussions with applicant representatives and NRC staff regarding the subject topic. [Note: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4), a portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary.]

10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.: Committee Deliberation on TerraPower Sodium Topical Report on Source Term Methodology (Open/Closed)—The Committee will deliberate regarding the subject topic and proceed to preparation of report. [Note: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4), a portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary.]

1:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Seabrook Nuclear Station Alkali Silica Reaction Topic/Report Preparation/Preparation of Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will have discussions and deliberate with NRC staff regarding the subject topic and proceed to preparation of reports. [Note: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4), a portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary.]

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.: Planning and Procedures Session/Future ACRS Activities/Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations/Preparation of Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the Full Committee during future ACRS meetings, and/or proceed to preparation of reports. [Note: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), a portion of this meeting may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS.]

[Note: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4), a portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary.]

Friday, May 9, 2025

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.: Preparation of Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee and/or proceed to preparation of reports. [Note: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), a portion of this meeting may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS.]

[Note: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4), a portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary.]

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2019 (84 FR 27662). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Quynh Nguyen, Cognizant ACRS Staff and the DFO (Telephone: 301–415–5844, Email: Quynh.Nguyen@nrc.gov), 5 days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. In view of the

possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chair as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the cognizant ACRS staff if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

An electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the cognizant ACRS staff at least three days before the meeting.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), certain portions of this meeting may be closed, as specifically noted above. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chair. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting.

ACRS meeting agendas, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at pdr.resource@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, or from the Publicly Available Records System component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System, which is accessible from the NRC website at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/#ACRS/>

Dated: April 8, 2025.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Russell E. Chazell,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2025-0001]

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of April 14, 21, 28, and May 5, 12, 19, 2025. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

PLACE: The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the

public meetings in another format (e.g., braille, large print), please notify Anne Silk, NRC Disability Program Specialist, at 301-287-0745, by videophone at 240-428-3217, or by email at Anne.Silk@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

STATUS: Public.

Members of the public may request to receive the information in these notices electronically. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555, at 301-415-1969, or by email at Betty.Thweatt@nrc.gov or Samantha.Miklaszewski@nrc.gov.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of April 14, 2025

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 14, 2025.

Week of April 21, 2025—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 21, 2025.

Week of April 28, 2025—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 28, 2025.

Week of May 5, 2025—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of May 5, 2025.

Week of May 12, 2025—Tentative

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. Strategic Programmatic Overview of the Fuel Facilities and the Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Business Lines (Public Meeting) (Contact: Haile Lindsay: 301-415-0616)

Additional Information: The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The public is invited to attend the Commission's meeting in person or watch live via webcast at the Web address—

<https://video.nrc.gov/>.

Week of May 19, 2025—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of May 19, 2025.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Chris Markley at 301-415-6293 or via email at Christopher.Markley@nrc.gov.

The NRC is holding the meetings under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: April 9, 2025.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Christopher Markley,

Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2025-06327 Filed 4-9-25; 4:15 pm]

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. EST.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Operations Committee of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service.

The Committee will consider the below matters.

1. Administrative Matters.
2. Operational Matters.

General Counsel Certification: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting may be closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lucy C. Trout, Acting Secretary of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone: (202) 268-4800.

Lucy C. Trout,

Acting Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

International Product Change—Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Competitive Product List in the Mail Classification Schedule.

DATES: Date of notice: April 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher C. Meyerson, (202) 268-7820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C.

3642 and 3632(b)(3), on April 3, 2025, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Contract 64 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2025–1283 and K2025–1282.

Colleen Hibbert-Kapler,

Attorney, Ethics and Legal Compliance.

[FR Doc. 2025–06239 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. EST.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compensation and Governance Committee of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service.

The Committee will consider the below matters.

1. Administrative Matters.
2. Executive Session.
3. Personnel Matters.

General Counsel Certification: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting may be closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Lucy C. Trout, Acting Secretary of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260–1000. Telephone: (202) 268–4800.

Lucy C. Trout,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235–0787]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Generic Clearance for Feedback to the SEC's Office of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission submitted this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

The Commission's Office of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation (“Office” or “OASB”) seeks to collect feedback from small businesses and their investors to understand better the population that it is serving and their role in the small business ecosystem. The proposed collection of information will help ensure that the Office's outreach efforts and communication materials and other program initiatives are effective and responsive to customer needs. More specifically, the Office will seek the following four categories of information:

(i) Demographic information about program participants, (ii) feedback on the Office's outreach and educational materials, (iii) capital formation-related questions, and (iv) issues and challenges faced by small businesses and their investors. This feedback will allow the Office to tailor its outreach efforts and communication materials to serve its customers more effectively. Collecting feedback will also allow the Office to understand better its target audience and improve outreach events and educational materials by optimizing their content and delivery, while strategizing how best to deploy the Office's resources to address issues and challenges faced by its customers.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance.

These are the estimates for the next three years for the expected annual number of (i) activities: 30; (ii) respondents: 10,000; (iii) responses: 10,000; (iv) frequency of response: once per request; (v) average minutes per response: 5; and (vi) burden hours: 833.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this collection of information is

necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202501-3235-016 or send an email comment to MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov within 30 days of the day after publication of this notice by May 12, 2025.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2025–06165 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102781; File No. SR–FINRA–2025–002]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt FINRA Rule 6152 (Disclosure of Order Execution Information for NMS Stocks)

April 7, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2025, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to adopt FINRA Rule 6152 (Disclosure of Order Execution Information for NMS Stocks) to require members to submit their order execution reports for NMS stocks to

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

FINRA for publication on the FINRA website.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's website at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Background

Rule 605 of Regulation NMS³ ("SEC Rule 605") requires specified entities to publish monthly reports of statistical information concerning their order executions in NMS stocks.⁴ The execution quality reports required under SEC Rule 605 ("Rule 605 Reports") are intended to "provide awareness about how broker-dealers responded to trade-offs between price and other factors, such as speed or reliability, and establish a baseline level of disclosure in order to facilitate cross-market comparisons of execution quality"⁵ and, together with order routing disclosures required to be published by broker-dealers under Rule 606 of Regulation NMS ("SEC Rule 606"),⁶ provide an opportunity for "investors to evaluate what happens to their orders after investors submit their orders to a broker-dealer for execution."⁷

On March 6, 2024, the Commission adopted amendments to SEC Rule 605 that, among other things, expand the scope of reporting entities subject to SEC Rule 605 to include, in addition to

market centers,⁸ broker-dealers that introduce or carry 100,000 or more customer accounts (referred to as "larger broker-dealers"⁹).¹⁰ The amendments to SEC Rule 605 also require broker-dealers operating single dealer platforms ("SDPs") to prepare a separate report for activity specific to those platforms;¹¹ expand the scope of covered orders subject to SEC Rule 605 disclosures; modify the categorization and content of order information required to be reported under SEC Rule 605; and require reporting entities to produce a new summary report of execution quality.¹² These amendments to Rule 605 reflect the Commission's endeavors to "ensure that investors are provided with timely and accurate information needed to make informed investment decisions," reflecting the Commission's "ongoing commitment to enhance transparency for investors" by "[f]acilitating the ability of the public to compare and evaluate execution quality among different market centers, brokers, and dealers[.]"¹³ The amendments to SEC Rule 605 became effective on June 14, 2024 and the compliance date is December 14, 2025.¹⁴

Reporting entities must make their Rule 605 Reports available to the public in a uniform, readily accessible, and usable electronic format,¹⁵ in accordance with the procedures established under the Rule 605 NMS Plan,¹⁶ within one month after the end

⁸ Under Regulation NMS, a "market center" means any exchange market maker, OTC market maker, alternative trading system, national securities exchange, or national securities association. See 17 CFR 242.600(b)(55). FINRA believes that, other than national securities exchanges, all market centers are FINRA members. FINRA itself does not operate a market.

⁹ FINRA believes that all larger broker-dealers subject to SEC Rule 605 are FINRA members.

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 99679 (March 6, 2024), 89 FR 26428, 26429 (April 15, 2024) (Disclosure of Order Execution Information; Final Rule) ("Rule 605 Amendments Release").

¹¹ FINRA believes that all broker-dealers operating SDPs subject to separate reporting under SEC Rule 605 are FINRA members.

¹² See generally Rule 605 Amendments Release, *supra* note 10. The amendments to SEC Rule 605 also necessitate updates to the Plan Establishing Procedures Under Rule 605 of Regulation NMS ("Rule 605 NMS Plan") to incorporate references to larger broker-dealers and to account for the summary reports and new data fields required under the amendments. See Rule 605 Amendments Release, *supra* note 10, 89 FR 26428, 26492.

¹³ See Rule 605 Amendments Release, *supra* note 10, 89 FR 26428, 26435.

¹⁴ See Rule 605 Amendments Release, *supra* note 10, 89 FR 26428, 26496.

¹⁵ See 17 CFR 242.605(a)(3). All citations to SEC Rule 605 in this proposed rule change are to the currently effective version of the rule, which reflects the amendments adopted in the Rule 605 Amendments Release.

¹⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44177 (April 12, 2001), 66 FR 19814 (April 17, 2001) (Joint

of the month addressed in the report.¹⁷ The Rule 605 NMS Plan further requires each market center to make arrangements with a single self-regulatory organization ("SRO") to act as its "Designated Participant," and to provide its Designated Participant with a hyperlink to the website where the market center's Rule 605 Reports can be downloaded.¹⁸ Each SRO participant in the Rule 605 NMS Plan, in turn, maintains a website that includes a list of links where the Rule 605 Reports can be obtained for all market centers for which the SRO participant functions as a Designated Participant.¹⁹ FINRA acts as the Designated Participant under the Rule 605 NMS Plan for all non-exchange market centers and includes on the FINRA website links to such market centers' Rule 605 Reports.²⁰ However, users seeking to analyze and compare Rule 605 Reports must still navigate to the separate websites that house each individual market center's Rule 605 Reports.

Proposed Rule Change

To make Rule 605 Reports more accessible for regulators, investors, and others seeking to analyze and compare the data, FINRA is proposing to require that members provide their Rule 605 Reports to FINRA for central publication on the FINRA website. Specifically, new Rule 6152, entitled "Disclosure of Order Execution Information for NMS Stocks," would require each member that is required to publish reports pursuant to SEC Rule 605 to provide the reports to FINRA, in the manner prescribed by FINRA, within the same time and in the

Industry Plan; Order Approving Plan Establishing Procedures Under Rule 11Ac1-5 by the American Stock Exchange, Boston Stock Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange, Cincinnati Stock Exchange, National Association of Securities Dealers, New York Stock Exchange, Pacific Exchange, and Philadelphia Stock Exchange) ("Rule 605 NMS Plan Release"). Among other things, the Rule 605 NMS Plan specifies the electronic file formats and other technical information for publication of Rule 605 Reports. The national securities exchanges and FINRA are participants in the Rule 605 NMS Plan.

¹⁷ See 17 CFR 242.605(a)(6). Rule 605 Reports must be posted on an internet website that is free and readily accessible to the public for a period of three years from the initial date of posting. See also 17 CFR 242.605(a)(5).

¹⁸ See Rule 605 NMS Plan Release, *supra* note 16, 66 FR 19814, 19815 (defining "Designated Participant") and 19816 (requiring each market center to arrange with a single Participant to act as the market center's Designated Participant). As noted above, the amendments to SEC Rule 605 will require updates to the Rule 605 NMS Plan to, among other things, incorporate references to larger broker-dealers, in addition to market centers.

¹⁹ See Rule 605 NMS Plan Release, *supra* note 16, 66 FR 19814, 19815.

²⁰ FINRA's market centers website can be accessed here: <https://www.finra.org/filing-reporting/regulation-nms/market-centers>. See also *supra* note 8.

³ 17 CFR 242.605.

⁴ Generally, "NMS securities" include listed stocks and options, and "NMS stocks" means any NMS security other than an option. See 17 CFR 242.600(b).

⁵ See Rule 605 Amendments Release, *infra* note 10, 89 FR 26428, 26429.

⁶ 17 CFR 242.606.

⁷ See Rule 605 Amendments Release, *infra* note 10, 89 FR 26428, 26512.

same formats that such reports are required to be made publicly available pursuant to SEC Rule 605 (*i.e.*, within one month after the end of the month addressed in the report).²¹

FINRA would publish the Rule 605 Reports it receives in a centralized location on the FINRA website, free of charge and with no restrictions on use of the data.²² FINRA believes that, similar to the recently approved FINRA Rule 6151 that requires members to submit their SEC Rule 606 order routing disclosures to FINRA for centralized publication,²³ the proposed rule change would enhance public access to Rule 605 Reports by centralizing the data files in a single location for download.²⁴

²¹ FINRA would specify details regarding the manner of submission of the reports to FINRA in a *Regulatory Notice* or similar publication. Members would be permitted to use a third-party vendor to assist with transmission to FINRA. However, the member would remain responsible for submission of the reports in all respects, including the timeliness of the submissions to FINRA. Accordingly, a member would be required to submit a restated or corrected report to FINRA promptly in the event the member publishes a restated or corrected report pursuant to SEC Rule 605.

As stated above, FINRA will announce the effective date of the proposed rule change in a *Regulatory Notice*. FINRA expects that the effective date of the proposed rule change will be no earlier than the compliance date established by the Commission for the Rule 605 amendments (currently set for December 14, 2025) and no later than 12 months following publication of the *Regulatory Notice* announcing Commission approval of the proposed rule change.

²² As it currently does for SEC Rule 606 reports under FINRA Rule 6151, FINRA anticipates that Rule 605 Reports submitted to FINRA pursuant to proposed FINRA Rule 6152 would be posted to the FINRA website as soon as practicable following acceptance of the file submission, in most cases on the same day as submission. FINRA would maintain the Rule 605 Report on its website for at least three years from the initial date of posting.

²³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98047 (August 2, 2023), 88 FR 53560 (August 8, 2023) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2022-031); see also *Regulatory Notice* 24-05 (February 2024) (announcing June 30, 2024 as the effective date of SR-FINRA-2022-031).

²⁴ As discussed above, the Commission has adopted amendments to SEC Rule 605 that, among other things, expand the scope of reporting entities under SEC Rule 605 and require the publication of new summary reports, in addition to modifying the content of the currently required detailed reports. See *supra* note 12 and accompanying text. FINRA notes that, under the proposed rule change, new Rule 6152 would automatically incorporate these amendments to SEC Rule 605 since, on an ongoing basis, members would be required to submit to FINRA the same reports that they are required to publish under SEC Rule 605 in the same format as is required under SEC Rule 605. Thus, for example, since, under the amendments, reporting entities are required to publish additional summary reports in PDF and CSV format, members would also be required under Rule 6152 to submit such summary reports to FINRA for centralized publication. Similarly, larger-broker dealers newly subject to SEC Rule 605 would be required to submit any required Rule 605 Reports to FINRA under Rule 6152, and broker-dealer operators of SDPs would be

If the Commission approves the proposed rule change, FINRA will announce the effective date of the proposed rule change in a *Regulatory Notice*.

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.²⁵

FINRA believes that the proposed requirement for members to send their Rule 605 Reports to FINRA for centralized publication on the FINRA website will make this important order execution quality information more readily accessible for regulators, investors, academics, and others seeking to analyze and compare the data, particularly across firms, and would facilitate the ability of FINRA and the SEC to review the data for regulatory purposes. Further, FINRA believes the proposed rule change is not unfairly discriminatory as it would apply uniformly to all similarly situated FINRA members that are already subject to the disclosure requirements under SEC Rule 605.²⁶

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

required to submit their separate Rule 605 Reports for such SDPs to FINRA.

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

²⁶ The proposed rule change applies only to FINRA members that are reporting entities required to publish execution quality reports under SEC Rule 605. FINRA believes that, other than national securities exchanges, all reporting entities that are required, or will be required, to publish Rule 605 Reports are FINRA members. See *supra* notes 9 and 11. FINRA believes that the additional cost burden imposed on FINRA members submitting Rule 605 Reports to FINRA is likely to be minimal relative to other factors influencing competition between FINRA members and non-FINRA members (*i.e.*, national securities exchanges), which are not subject to the proposed requirement to submit Rule 605 Reports to FINRA. Consequently, any competitive effects arising from the proposed rule should be limited.

Economic Impact Assessment

FINRA has undertaken an economic impact assessment, as set forth below, to analyze the potential economic impacts of the proposed rule change, including potential costs, benefits, and distributional and competitive effects, relative to the current baseline.

Regulatory Need

FINRA believes that requiring members to provide their Rule 605 Reports to FINRA for centralized publication on the FINRA website would promote transparency and enhance accessibility of the Rule 605 Reports by better enabling market participants to locate and download the Rule 605 Reports from a single, central location. Investors and other relevant stakeholders seeking to analyze and compare Rule 605 Reports from different reporting entities must first visit the website of a reporting entity, a third-party vendor that is contracted to host a link to the market center's Rule 605 Report, or FINRA's website, which provides URL links to reports for those member firms that have selected FINRA as their Designated Participant. After navigating to such websites, public users can download the Rule 605 Report data files. The proposed rule change would allow public users to more readily locate, download, and aggregate the reports at a central location.

Economic Baseline

FINRA estimates that 74 FINRA member firms currently operate 86 "market centers," as that term is defined in Rule 600(b)(55) of Regulation NMS. Some of these members operate more than one market center each. Firms are required to provide a Designated Participant, such as FINRA, with URL links to their required Rule 605 Reports and, currently, 64 members provide their URL links to FINRA (corresponding to 76 market centers).²⁷ Public users can access and download the Rule 605 Reports by visiting each market center's, and following implementation of the Rule 605 Amendments Release, other reporting

²⁷ FINRA's Market Centers website can be accessed here: <https://www.finra.org/filing-reporting/regulation-nms/market-centers>. Because Rule 605 applies only to "covered orders" in NMS stocks, Rule 605 reports would not be available for a market center that did not execute any covered orders within the three-year publication period required by Rule 605. FINRA understands that 10 of the 86 total market centers currently operated by FINRA member firms have not executed any covered orders within the prior three years. For these 10 market centers, which are operated by 10 different FINRA member firms, FINRA does not currently maintain a URL link for the market centers' reports on FINRA's public website.

entities' website (or through third-party websites that collect and maintain the URL links to Rule 605 Reports). Users can also visit FINRA's website and, for reporting entities that use FINRA as their Designated Participant, navigate from there to each individual reporting entities' website (or to the third-party website designated by the reporting entity) to access and download the data files. In the Rule 605 Amendments Release, the SEC estimated that 85 larger broker-dealers, along with 10 SDPs operated by broker-dealers, will be required to start publishing Rule 605 Reports as a result of the recent amendments to SEC Rule 605.²⁸ These broker-dealers, to the extent they select FINRA as their Designated Participant, will therefore be required to send the links to their Rule 605 Reports to FINRA under amended SEC Rule 605 and the Rule 605 NMS Plan, once it is amended to conform to the Rule 605 Amendments Release.²⁹

Economic Impacts

Anticipated Benefits

FINRA believes that centralized access through FINRA's website to members' Rule 605 Reports will make it more efficient for users (whether retail and institutional investors, academic researchers, the press, regulators, other market participants, or other interested parties) to access and collect the Rule 605 Reports and therefore more easily analyze and compare execution quality statistics across market centers and, following implementation of the Rule 605 Amendments Release, larger broker-dealers. To the extent that centralization enables more efficient use of Rule 605 Reports, it could encourage comparison of the data in the reports, including firms' analysis of their execution quality as compared to competitors, in furtherance of the goals of SEC Rule 605.³⁰

²⁸ See Rule 605 Amendments Release, 89 FR 26428, 26579.

²⁹ In the Rule 605 Amendments Release, the SEC stated that the Rule 605 NMS Plan will need to be updated to (1) incorporate references to broker-dealers subject to SEC Rule 605; (2) account for summary reports that will be required under SEC Rule 605(a)(2); and (3) incorporate the new data fields that will be required under SEC Rule 605(a)(1) for the detailed report. See Rule 605 Amendments Release, 89 FR 26428, 26496. Absent other changes, broker-dealers newly subject to SEC Rule 605 will be required to send links to their Rule 605 Reports to their Designated Participant as market centers do today.

³⁰ See *supra* note 7 and accompanying text. To the extent the centralized website does not include Rule 605 Reports for non-member reporting entities subject to SEC Rule 605, such as national securities exchanges, these benefits may be limited.

Anticipated Costs

Members may incur initial fixed costs, such as programming, to create a system to send the Rule 605 Report to FINRA each month. Furthermore, members that use third-party vendors to create the Rule 605 Reports would need to arrange for reports to be submitted directly to FINRA. In addition, once the system to provide the Rule 605 Reports to FINRA is built, there would be variable costs for maintaining the system and ongoing compliance costs.

For members that currently send, or will send the links to their Rule 605 Reports to FINRA pursuant to the Rule 605 NMS Plan, these costs may be lower than building an entirely new system, depending on the degree to which any technology or processes can be leveraged.³¹ Furthermore, members required to send their SEC Rule 606 reports to FINRA for centralized publication effective in June 2024 will have systems in place to send such reports to FINRA. FINRA generally expects the manner of submission of Rule 605 Reports will likely be similar to the manner specified for the submission of SEC Rule 606 reports,³² consistent with FINRA's intention to specify a manner of submission that attempts to mitigate the costs of sending the reports to FINRA relative to the benefits of more easily comparable and accessible data.³³ Accordingly, to the extent those member firms could leverage the systems or processes used to submit their SEC Rule 606 reports to also send their Rule 605 Reports to FINRA, the initial fixed costs and variable costs may be relatively lower for those member firms.

Alternatives Considered

No other alternatives were considered.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The proposed rule change was published for comment in *Regulatory Notice* 23–10 (May 2023). Three comments were received in response to the *Regulatory Notice*.³⁴ A copy of the

³¹ See *supra* note 20.

³² See *Regulatory Notice* 24–05 (February 2024).

³³ See *supra* note 21.

³⁴ See Comment submission from Larry Tabb, dated May 31, 2023 ("Larry Tabb Comment"); letter from Tyler Gellasch, President & CEO, Healthy Markets Association, to Jennifer Piorko Mitchell, Office of the Corporate Secretary, FINRA, dated July 19, 2023 ("Healthy Markets Letter"); and letter from Thomas M. Merriitt, Deputy General Counsel, Virtu Financial Inc., to Jennifer Piorko Mitchell, Office of the Corporate Secretary, FINRA, dated July 31, 2023 ("Virtu Letter").

Regulatory Notice is available on FINRA's website at <http://www.finra.org>. Copies of the comment letters received in response to the *Regulatory Notice* are also available on FINRA's website. The comments are summarized below.

Virtu, Larry Tabb, and Healthy Markets all supported the centralization of Rule 605 Reports, with Virtu noting that centralized publication would make this information more accessible and useful to investors and market participants, streamlining the process for analyzing execution quality across market centers.³⁵ However, Virtu and Healthy Markets noted that national securities exchanges would not be required to share their Rule 605 Reports under the proposed rule change, with Virtu stating that the centralized repository would be incomplete and less useful for investors as a result and Healthy Markets similarly stating that the benefits of centralizing Rule 605 Reports will be lost if the database does not include national securities exchanges.³⁶ Both Virtu and Healthy Markets therefore recommended that the centralized repository include all Rule 605 Reports, including those of exchanges.³⁷

As Virtu noted,³⁸ the national securities exchanges are not FINRA members, and therefore would not be required to provide their Rule 605 Reports to FINRA under the proposed rule change. FINRA believes that centralizing access to the Rule 605 Reports for all other market centers (and, once the Rule 605 Amendments Release becomes effective, larger broker-dealers and covered SDPs operated by broker-dealers) would still provide significant benefits to investors, academics, and others seeking to analyze and compare the data, even if users must continue to navigate to exchange websites to access their Rule 605 Reports.³⁹ However, FINRA notes

³⁵ See Virtu Letter at 1, 3; Larry Tabb Comment; Healthy Markets Letter at 2.

³⁶ See Virtu Letter at 3; Healthy Markets Letter at 2–3.

³⁷ See Virtu Letter at 3; Healthy Markets Letter at 3.

³⁸ See Virtu Letter at 3.

³⁹ FINRA notes that there are currently 76 non-exchange market centers, operated by 64 members, providing links to FINRA as their Designated Participant under the Rule 605 NMS Plan. Additionally, in the Rule 605 Amendments Release, the SEC estimated that 85 larger broker-dealers, along with 10 SDPs operated by broker-dealers, will be required to start publishing Rule 605 Reports as a result of the recent amendments to SEC Rule 605. See Rule 605 Amendments Release, *supra* note 10, 89 FR 26428, 26579. By comparison, there are currently 16 exchange market centers, operated by three exchange groups and four independent exchanges.

that it intends to explore ways to further enhance its Rule 605 Report centralization effort going forward.

Some commenters raised issues relating to the content of Rule 605 Reports, which is outside the scope of FINRA's proposal and authority.⁴⁰ FINRA, therefore, is not responding to those comments as they are not germane to a consideration of the instant proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2025-002 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.
- All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2025-002. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule

change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2025-002 and should be submitted on or before May 2, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴¹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE American LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Change To Amend Certain Transaction Fees and Credits in the NYSE American Equities Price List

April 7, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2025, NYSE American LLC ("NYSE American" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the

proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend certain transaction fees and credits in the NYSE American Equities Price List and Fee Schedule ("Price List") pertaining to its optional monthly credits applicable to Electronic Designated Market Makers ("eDMM") in assigned securities. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective April 1, 2025. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend certain transaction fees and credits in the NYSE American Equities Price List and Fee Schedule ("Price List") pertaining to its optional monthly credits applicable to Electronic Designated Market Makers ("eDMM") in assigned securities.

The proposed changes respond to the current competitive environment where order flow providers have a choice of where to direct liquidity-providing orders by offering further incentives for ETP Holders to send additional adding and removing liquidity to the Exchange.

The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective April 1, 2025.

Competitive Environment

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market. The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities

⁴⁰ See, e.g., Virtu Letter at 1-2; Larry Tabb Comment; Healthy Markets Letter at 3.

⁴¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

markets. In Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”³

While Regulation NMS has enhanced competition, it has also fostered a “fragmented” market structure where trading in a single stock can occur across multiple trading centers. When multiple trading centers compete for order flow in the same stock, the Commission has recognized that “such competition can lead to the fragmentation of order flow in that stock.”⁴ Indeed, cash equity trading is currently dispersed across 16 exchanges,⁵ numerous alternative trading systems,⁶ and broker-dealer internalizers and wholesalers, all competing for order flow. Based on publicly-available information, no single exchange currently has more than 17% market share.⁷ Therefore, no exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of cash equity order flow. More specifically, the Exchange currently has less than 1% market share of executed volume of cash equities trading.⁸

The Exchange believes that the ever-shifting market share among the exchanges from month to month demonstrates that market participants can move order flow, or discontinue or reduce use of certain categories of products. While it is not possible to know a firm’s reason for shifting order flow, the Exchange believes that one such reason is because of fee changes at any of the registered exchanges or non-exchange venues to which the firm routes order flow. Accordingly, competitive forces compel the Exchange to use exchange transaction fees and

credits because market participants can readily trade on competing venues if they deem pricing levels at those other venues to be more favorable.

Proposed Rule Change

Currently, the Exchange offers eDMMs an optional monthly credit per security (“Credit Per Security”) up to a maximum credit of \$1,000 per month per assigned security, provided that eDMMs agree to a credit of \$0.0020 per share for orders adding displayed liquidity instead of the otherwise-applicable credit of \$0.0045 per share. Specifically, for eDMMs agreeing to a \$0.0020 credit per share for orders adding displayed liquidity, the Exchange currently offers a Credit Per Security of \$100 for an eDMM quoting at the National Best Bid or Offer (“NBBO”) for a minimum average of 25% of the time; a Credit Per Security of \$350 for an eDMM quoting at the NBBO for a minimum average of 40% of the time; a Credit Per Security of \$850 for an eDMM quoting at the NBBO for a minimum average of 50% of the time; and a Credit Per Security of \$1,000 for an eDMM quoting at the NBBO for a minimum average of 70% of the time.⁹

The Exchange proposes to add a new Credit Per Security level, offering a Credit Per Security of \$1,250 for an eDMM quoting at the NBBO for a minimum average of 80% of the time.

The proposed change responds to the current competitive environment where order flow providers have a choice of where to direct liquidity-providing orders by offering further incentives for eDMMs to increase quoting on, and send additional displayed liquidity to, the Exchange. The Exchange believes that offering Exchange eDMMs the option to receive a new higher monthly rebate across all eDMM securities would foster liquidity provision, increased quoting, and stability in the marketplace and lessen eDMM reliance on transaction fees, to the benefit of the marketplace and all market participants.

The Exchange does not propose any other changes to its rates to eDMMs on transactions in assigned securities.

The proposed changes are not otherwise intended to address any other issues, and the Exchange is not aware of any significant problems that market participants would have in complying with the proposed changes.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with

Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,¹¹ in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities, is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Proposed Fee Change Is Reasonable

As discussed above, the Exchange operates in a highly fragmented and competitive market. The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Specifically, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”¹²

The Exchange believes that the ever-shifting market share among the exchanges from month to month demonstrates that market participants can shift order flow, or discontinue to reduce use of certain categories of products, in response to fee changes. ETP Holders can choose from any one of the 16 currently operating registered exchanges, and numerous off-exchange venues, to route such order flow. Accordingly, competitive forces constrain exchange transaction fees that relate to orders on an exchange. Stated otherwise, changes to exchange transaction fees can have a direct effect on the ability of an exchange to compete for order flow.

Given this competitive environment, the proposal represents a reasonable attempt to attract additional order flow to the Exchange. Providing eDMMs with the option to receive a lower per share transaction credit for adding displayed liquidity in exchange for higher monthly rebates per assigned liquidity for higher quoting levels, up to a maximum credit of \$1,250 per month across all eDMM assigned securities, is reasonable because it would foster liquidity provision, improved quoting, and stability in the marketplace and

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (File No. S7-10-04) (Final Rule) (“Regulation NMS”).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61358, 75 FR 3594, 3597 (January 21, 2010) (File No. S7-02-10) (Concept Release on Equity Market Structure).

⁵ See Cboe U.S. Equities Market Volume Summary, available at https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/market_share. See generally <https://www.sec.gov/fast-answers/divisionsmarketregmrexchangesshtml.html>.

⁶ See FINRA ATS Transparency Data, available at <https://otctransparency.finra.org/otctransparency/AtsIssueData>. A list of alternative trading systems registered with the Commission is available at <https://www.sec.gov/foia/docs/atlist.htm>.

⁷ See Cboe Global Markets U.S. Equities Market Volume Summary, available at http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/market_share/.

⁸ See *id.*

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 99282 (January 8, 2024), 89 FR 2294 (January 12, 2024) (SR-NYSEAMER-2024-01).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹² See Regulation NMS, *supra* note 4, 70 FR at 37499.

lessen eDMM reliance on transaction fees, to the benefit of the marketplace and all market participants. Moreover, the proposal is reasonable because it would balance the increased risks and heightened quoting and other obligations that eDMMs on the Exchange have and that other market participants do not. The Exchange believes that increasing the maximum Credit Per Security level to \$1,250 (from \$1,000) per month is reasonable and will provide a further incentive for eDMMs to quote and to quote at higher levels in a greater number of securities on the Exchange and will generally allow the Exchange and eDMMs to better compete for order flow, and thus enhance competition.

The Proposed Change Is an Equitable Allocation of Fees and Credits

The Exchange believes its proposal equitably allocates its fees among its market participants by fostering liquidity provision and stability in the marketplace. The Exchange believes that it is equitable to offer eDMMs the option to receive a lower per-share transaction credit for adding displayed liquidity in exchange for monthly rebates per assigned security because it would balance the increased risks and heightened quoting and other obligations that eDMMs on the Exchange have and that other market participants do not have. As such, it is equitable to offer eDMMs the option to receive a flat per-security credit based on the eDMM's quoting in that symbol, coupled with a lower transaction fee.

The Exchange believes that increasing the maximum Credit Per Security level to \$1,250 (from \$1,000) per month is equitable because it would apply equally to all eDMM firms, each of whom would have the option to elect to participate (or not participate) on a monthly basis. Any eDMM wishing to receive the Credit Per Security would be required to meet the prescribed quoting requirements in order to qualify for the payments, as described above. All eDMMs would be eligible to elect to receive a Credit Per Security and could do so by notifying the Exchange and meeting the per symbol quoting requirements.

The Proposed Fee Change Is Not Unfairly Discriminatory

The Exchange believes it is not unfairly discriminatory to offer eDMMs the option to receive a flat per-security credit coupled with a lower transaction fee for orders that provide displayed liquidity in assigned securities as the proposed credits would be provided on an equal basis to all such participants.

The proposed \$1,250 maximum Credit Per Security level would apply equally to all eDMM firms, who would have the option to elect to participate on a monthly basis. Further, the Exchange believes the new proposed maximum credit would incentivize eDMMs that meet the proposed quoting requirement to send more orders to the Exchange to qualify for a higher Credit Per Security.

The proposal neither targets nor will it have a disparate impact on any particular category of market participant. The proposal does not permit unfair discrimination because the proposed thresholds would be applied to all similarly situated eDMMs, who would all be eligible for the same credit on an equal basis. Accordingly, no eDMM already operating on the Exchange would be disadvantaged by this allocation of fees.

For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,¹³ the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Instead, as discussed above, the Exchange believes that the proposed fee change would encourage the submission of additional liquidity to a public exchange, thereby promoting market depth, price discovery, and transparency and enhancing order execution opportunities for market participants. As a result, the Exchange believes that the proposed change furthers the Commission's goal in adopting Regulation NMS of fostering integrated competition among orders, which promotes "more efficient pricing of individual stocks for all types of orders, large and small."¹⁴

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes would incentivize market participants to direct their orders to the Exchange. Greater overall order flow, trading opportunities, and pricing transparency benefit all market participants on the Exchange by enhancing market quality and continuing to encourage ETP Holders to send orders, thereby contributing towards a robust and well-balanced market ecosystem.

Intermarket Competition. The Exchange operates in a highly

competitive market in which market participants can readily choose to send their orders to other exchange and off-exchange venues if they deem fee levels at those other venues to be more favorable. As noted above, the Exchange currently has less than 1% market share of executed volume of equities trading. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees and credits to remain competitive with other exchanges and with off-exchange venues. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees and credits in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange does not believe its proposed fee change can impose any burden on intermarket competition.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change could promote competition between the Exchange and other execution venues, including those that currently offer similar order types and comparable transaction pricing, by encouraging additional orders to be sent to the Exchange for execution.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,¹⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder¹⁶ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

¹⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808, 70 FR 37495, 37498-99 (June 29, 2005) (S7-10-04) (Final Rule).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NYSEAMER-2025-18 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEAMER-2025-18. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEAMER-2025-18 and should be submitted on or before May 2, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Order Making Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Adjustments to Transaction Fee Rates

I. Background

Section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") requires each national securities exchange and national securities association to pay transaction fees to the Commission.¹ Specifically, section 31(b) requires each national securities exchange to pay to the Commission fees based on the aggregate dollar amount of sales of certain securities ("covered sales") transacted on the exchange.² Section 31(c) requires each national securities association to pay to the Commission fees based on the aggregate dollar amount of covered sales transacted by or through any member of the association other than on an exchange.³

Section 31 of the Exchange Act requires the Commission to annually adjust the fee rates applicable under sections 31(b) and (c) to a uniform adjusted rate.⁴ Specifically, the Commission must adjust the fee rates to a uniform adjusted rate that is reasonably likely to produce aggregate fee collections (including assessments on security futures transactions) equal to the regular appropriation to the Commission for the applicable fiscal year.⁵

The Commission is required to publish notice of the new fee rates under section 31 not later than 30 days after the date on which an Act making a regular appropriation for the applicable fiscal year is enacted.⁶ On March 15, 2025, the President signed into law the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, which includes total appropriations of \$2,188,658,000 to the SEC for fiscal year 2025.⁷

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78ee.

² 15 U.S.C. 78ee(b).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78ee(c).

⁴ In some circumstances, the SEC also must make a mid-year adjustment to the fee rates applicable under sections 31(b) and (c).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78ee(j)(1) (the Commission must adjust the rates under sections 31(b) and (c) to a "uniform adjusted rate that, when applied to the baseline estimate of the aggregate dollar amount of sales for such fiscal year, is reasonably likely to produce aggregate fee collections under [section 31] (including assessments collected under [section 31(d)]) that are equal to the regular appropriation to the Commission by Congress for such fiscal year").

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78ee(g).

⁷ Consistent with past practice, the Commission is treating this continuing resolution, which lasts through the remainder of the fiscal year, as a regular

II. Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Adjustment to the Fee Rate

The new fee rate is determined by (1) subtracting the sum of fees estimated to be collected prior to the effective date of the new fee rate⁸ and estimated assessments on security futures transactions to be collected under section 31(d) of the Exchange Act for all of fiscal year 2025⁹ from an amount equal to the regular appropriation to the Commission for fiscal year 2025, and (2) dividing by the estimated aggregate dollar amount of covered sales for the remainder of the fiscal year following the effective date of the new fee rate.¹⁰

As noted above, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, includes total appropriations of \$2,188,658,000 to the Commission for fiscal year 2025.¹¹ The Commission estimates that it will collect \$3,523,193,571 in fees for the period prior to the effective date of the new fee rate and \$0 in assessments on round turn transactions in security futures products during all of fiscal year 2025. Using the methodology described in Appendix A, the Commission estimates that the aggregate dollar amount of covered sales for the remainder of fiscal year 2025 to be \$57,096,800,730,300.

The uniform adjusted rate is computed by dividing the residual fees to be collected by the estimated aggregate dollar amount of covered sales for the remainder of fiscal year. Because the Commission expects to have collected its total appropriation in the period prior the effective date of the new fee rate, there are no residual fees

appropriation for fiscal year 2025 for purposes of section 31 of the Exchange Act.

⁸ The sum of fees to be collected prior to the effective date of the new fee rate is determined by applying the current fee rate to the dollar amount of covered sales prior to the effective date of the new fee rate. The exchanges and Financial Industry Regulator Authority ("FINRA") have provided data on the dollar amount of covered sales through Feb. 2025. To calculate the dollar amount of covered sales from Mar. 2025 to the effective date of the new fee rate, the Commission is using the same methodology it used in fiscal year 2020. This methodology is described in Appendix A of this order.

⁹ Currently, security futures do not trade on any market, therefore the Commission has not collected any assessments for transactions in security futures. Accordingly, the forecast for the assessments for all of fiscal year 2025 for single stock futures is zero.

¹⁰ To estimate the aggregate dollar amount of covered sales for the remainder of fiscal year 2025 following the effective date of the new fee rate, the Commission is using the same methodology it used previously. This methodology is described in Appendix A of this order.

¹¹ The President signed into law the "Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025" on Mar. 15, 2025. This legislation included an appropriation of \$2,188,658,000 to the SEC for fiscal year 2025 operations. Public Law 119-4.

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

to collect during the period the new fee rate is in effect; therefore, the uniform adjusted rate for fiscal year 2025 is \$0.00 per million.¹²

III. Effective Date of the Uniform Adjusted Rate

Under section 31(j)(4)(A) of the Exchange Act, the fiscal year 2025 annual adjustments to the fee rates applicable under sections 31(b) and (c) of the Exchange Act shall take effect on the later of October 1, 2024, or 60 days after the date on which a regular appropriation to the Commission for fiscal year 2025 is enacted.¹³ The regular appropriation to the Commission for fiscal year 2025 was enacted on March 15, 2025, and accordingly, the new fee rates applicable under sections 31(b) and (c) of the Exchange Act will take effect on May 14, 2025.

IV. Conclusion

Accordingly, pursuant to section 31 of the Exchange Act,

It is hereby ordered that the fee rates applicable under sections 31(b) and (c) of the Exchange Act shall be \$0.00 per \$1,000,000 effective on May 14, 2025.

By the Commission.

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

Appendix A

This appendix provides the methodology for determining the annual adjustment to the fee rates applicable under sections 31(b) and (c) of the Exchange Act for fiscal year 2025. Section 31 of the Exchange Act requires the fee rates to be adjusted so that it is reasonably likely that the Commission will collect aggregate fees equal to its regular appropriation for fiscal year 2025.

To make the adjustment, the Commission must project the aggregate dollar amount of covered sales of securities on the securities exchanges and certain over-the-counter ("OTC") markets over the course of the year. The fee rate equals the ratio of the Commission's regular appropriation for fiscal year 2025 (less the sum of fees to be collected during fiscal year 2025 prior to the effective date of the new fee rate and aggregate assessments on security futures transactions during all of fiscal year 2025) to the estimated aggregate dollar amount of covered sales for the remainder of the fiscal year

following the effective date of the new fee rate.

For 2025, the Commission has estimated the aggregate dollar amount of covered sales by projecting forward the trend established in the previous decade. More specifically, the dollar amount of covered sales was forecasted for months subsequent to February 2025, the last month for which the Commission has data on the dollar volume of covered sales.¹

The following sections describe this process in detail.

A. Baseline Estimate of the Aggregate Dollar Amount of Covered Sales for Fiscal Year 2025

First, calculate the average daily dollar amount of covered sales ("ADS") for each month in the sample (August 2014 through February 2025). The monthly total dollar amount of covered sales (exchange plus certain OTC markets) is presented in column C of Table A.

The model forecasts the monthly moving average of the average daily dollar amount of covered sales. Each month's average daily dollar amount of covered sales is calculated by dividing the total covered sales for that month (column C of Table A) by the number of trading days for that month (column B of Table A). These amounts are shown in column D of Table A. The moving average will span the same number of months required to be forecast for the remainder of the fiscal year. The trailing moving average used in the forecast model is presented in column E of Table A.

To capture the recent trends in the monthly changes in the moving averages, calculate the one- and two-month lags of the trailing moving average shown in column E in Table A. These amounts are shown in columns F and G, respectively, of Table A.

Next, model the monthly trailing moving average of ADS as function of a constant term and the two lagged trailing moving averages using the ordinary least squares technique.

Use the estimated model to forecast the trailing moving average of ADS of the first month after the last available monthly data. Estimate the trailing moving average of the second month using the forecasted value of the first month and the actual value of the month before that. Similarly, estimate the trailing moving average of the third month using the forecasted values of the two previous months. Continue in this fashion until the end of the fiscal year.

The estimate of the trailing moving average ADS for the last applicable month in the fiscal year is a prediction of the moving average for those months that need to be predicted. This estimate is used as the

predicted value of ADS for each month in the forecast period; to obtain the forecast total covered sales for each month, multiply the predicted ADS by the number of days in each month.

The following is a more formal (mathematical) description of the procedure:

1. Begin with the monthly data for total dollar volume of covered sales (column C). The sample spans ten years, from August 2014 through February 2025.² Divide each month's total dollar volume by the number of trading days in that month (column B) to obtain the average daily dollar volume (ADS, column D).

2. For each month t , calculate the six-month trailing moving average of ADS (shown in column E). For example, the value for March 2015 is the average of the six months ending in March 2015, or October 2014 through March 2015 inclusive.

3. Calculate the one- and two-month lags of the trailing moving average. For example, the one-month lag of the six-month trailing moving average for March 2015 is equal to the six-month trailing moving average for February 2015. The two-month lag of the six-month trailing moving average for March 2015 is equal to the six-month trailing moving average for January 2015. These are shown in columns F and G.

4. Estimate the model using ordinary least squares:

$$y_t = \alpha + \beta_1 y_{t-1} + \beta_2 y_{t-2} + u_t$$

Where y_t is the six-month trailing moving average of the average daily sales for month t , and y_{t-1} and y_{t-2} are the one- and two-month lags of y_t , and u_t representing the error term for month t . The model can be estimated using standard commercially available software. The estimated parameter values are $\alpha = +3,895,798,017$, $\beta_1 = +1.676426$, $\beta_2 = -0.682343$. The root-mean squared error (RMSE) of the regression is 12,221,951,636.

5. The predicted value of the six-month trailing moving average of the last month to be forecast represents the final forecast of covered sales for the entire prediction period. This value is shown in column H. This represents the prediction for August 2025. To calculate this value from the model above, one needs the one-month and two-month lag of the six-month trailing moving average ADS, i.e., the six-month trailing moving average for June and July. The six-month trailing moving average for July is obtained by using the one- and two-month lags for July, that is, the six-month trailing moving averages for June and May. To arrive at all the necessary inputs, one begins with the first month to be forecast, in this case, March 2025, and iterates predictions forward until the last month is predicted. One then multiplies the final predicted six-month trailing moving average ADS by the number of days in each month to arrive at the forecast total dollar amount of covered sales. This is shown in column I.

6. For example, for March 2025, using the a , b_1 , and b_2 parameter estimates shown

¹² The Commission expects that more than its total appropriation will be collected prior the effective date of the new fee rate. Neither the calculation methodology nor section 31 of the Exchange Act contemplates negative residual fees or a negative uniform adjusted rate. Because a negative fee rate is not possible, the fee rate will be set to \$0.00. Appendix A shows the process of calculating the fiscal year 2025 annual adjustment and includes the data used by the Commission in making this adjustment.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78ee(j)(4)(A).

¹ To determine the availability of data, the Commission compares the date of the appropriation with the date the transaction data are due from the exchanges (10 business days after the end of the month). If the business day following the date of the appropriation is equal to or subsequent to the date the data are due from the exchanges, the Commission uses these data. The appropriation was signed on Mar. 15, 2025. The first business day after this date was Mar. 17, 2025. Data for Feb. were due from the exchanges on Mar. 14, 2025. As a result, the Commission used Feb. 2025 and earlier data to forecast volume for Mar. 2025 and later months.

² Because the model uses a two period lag in the 6-month trailing moving average of average daily covered sales, seven additional months of data are added to the table so that the model is estimated with 120 observations.

above, along with the one- and two-month lags in the six-month trailing moving average ADS (representing the six-month trailing moving average ADS for January and February 2025, respectively), one can estimate the forecast six-month trailing moving average ADS for March:

$$+3,895,798,017 + (1.676426 \times 717,967,657,152) + (-0.682343 \times 692,274,672,471) = 735,147,103,930.$$

7. With the estimated six-month trailing moving average ADS for March 2025 calculated above, one can estimate the six-month trailing moving average ADS for April 2025. The estimate obtained from March 2025 becomes the one-month lag for April, and the one-month lag used in the March forecast becomes the two-month lag for the April forecast. Thus, the predicted six-month trailing moving average ADS for April 2025 is calculated as: $+3,895,798,017 + (1.676426 \times 735,147,103,930) + (-0.682343 \times 717,967,657,152) = 746,415,760,047.$

8. Using the forecasts for March and April, one can estimate the value for May. Repeat this procedure for subsequent months, until the estimate for August 2025 is obtained. This value is 761,290,676,404.³ This value is then used to calculate the final forecast total

monthly covered sales for all six months from March 2025 through August 2025.

9. To obtain the estimate of total monthly covered sales for each month, multiply the number of trading days in the month, shown in column B in Table A, by the final forecast six-month trailing moving average ADS, shown in column H of Table A. This product is shown in column I of Table A, and these figures are used to calculate the new fee rate.

B. Using the Forecasts From A To Calculate the New Fee Rate

1. Use Table A to estimate fees collected for the period September 1, 2024, through May 13, 2025. The projected aggregate dollar amount of covered sales for this period is \$126,733,581,688,716. Actual and projected fee collections at the current fee rate of \$27.80 per million are \$3,523,193,571.

2. Estimate the amount of assessments on security futures products collected from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. The only entity reporting assessable security futures products ceased operations in September 2020.⁴ Consequently, the estimated amount of assessments on security futures products collected from September 2024 through August 2025 is zero.

3. Subtract the amount \$3,523,193,571 from the target off-setting collection amount set by Congress of \$2,188,658,000, resulting in $-\$1,334,535,571$ to be collected on dollar volume for the period May 14, 2025, through August 31, 2025.

4. Use Table A to estimate dollar volume for the period May 14, 2025, through August 31, 2025. The estimate is \$57,096,800,730,300. Finally, compute the fee rate required to produce the $-\$1,334,535,571$ in revenue. This rate is $-\$1,334,535,571$ divided by \$57,096,800,730,300 or $-0.00002337321.$

5. Round the result to the seventh decimal point, yielding a rate of -0.00002340 (or $-\$23.40$ per million).

Neither the calculation methodology nor section 31 of the Exchange Act contemplates a negative fee rate, and the Commission cannot effectuate a negative fee rate. For these reasons, the fee rate is thus instead set to \$0.00 per million.

This table summarizes the estimates of the aggregate dollar amount of covered sales, by time period. The figures in this table can be used to determine the new fee rate.

TABLE A—BASELINE ESTIMATE OF THE AGGREGATE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF SALES
[Fee rate calculation]

a. Baseline estimate of the aggregate dollar amount of sales, 09/01/2024 to 04/30/2025 (\$Millions)	119,881,966
b. Baseline estimate of the aggregate dollar amount of sales, 05/01/2025 to 05/13/2025 (\$Millions)	6,851,616
c. Baseline estimate of the aggregate dollar amount of sales, 05/14/2025 to 05/31/2025 (\$Millions)	9,135,488
d. Baseline estimate of the aggregate dollar amount of sales, 06/01/2025 to 08/31/2025 (\$Millions)	47,961,313
e. Estimated collections in assessments on securities futures products in FY 2004 (\$Millions)	0.000
f. Implied fee rate ($(\$2,188,658,000 - 27.80 \times (a + b) - e) / (c + d)$)	(\$23.40)

³ One obtains insignificantly different values using the rounded parameter estimates shown above. The predicted ADS values displayed above represents the full precision estimate.

⁴ Currently, security futures do not trade on any market, therefore the Commission has not collected any assessments for transactions in security futures.

Accordingly, the forecast for the assessments for all of fiscal year 2025 for single stock futures is zero.

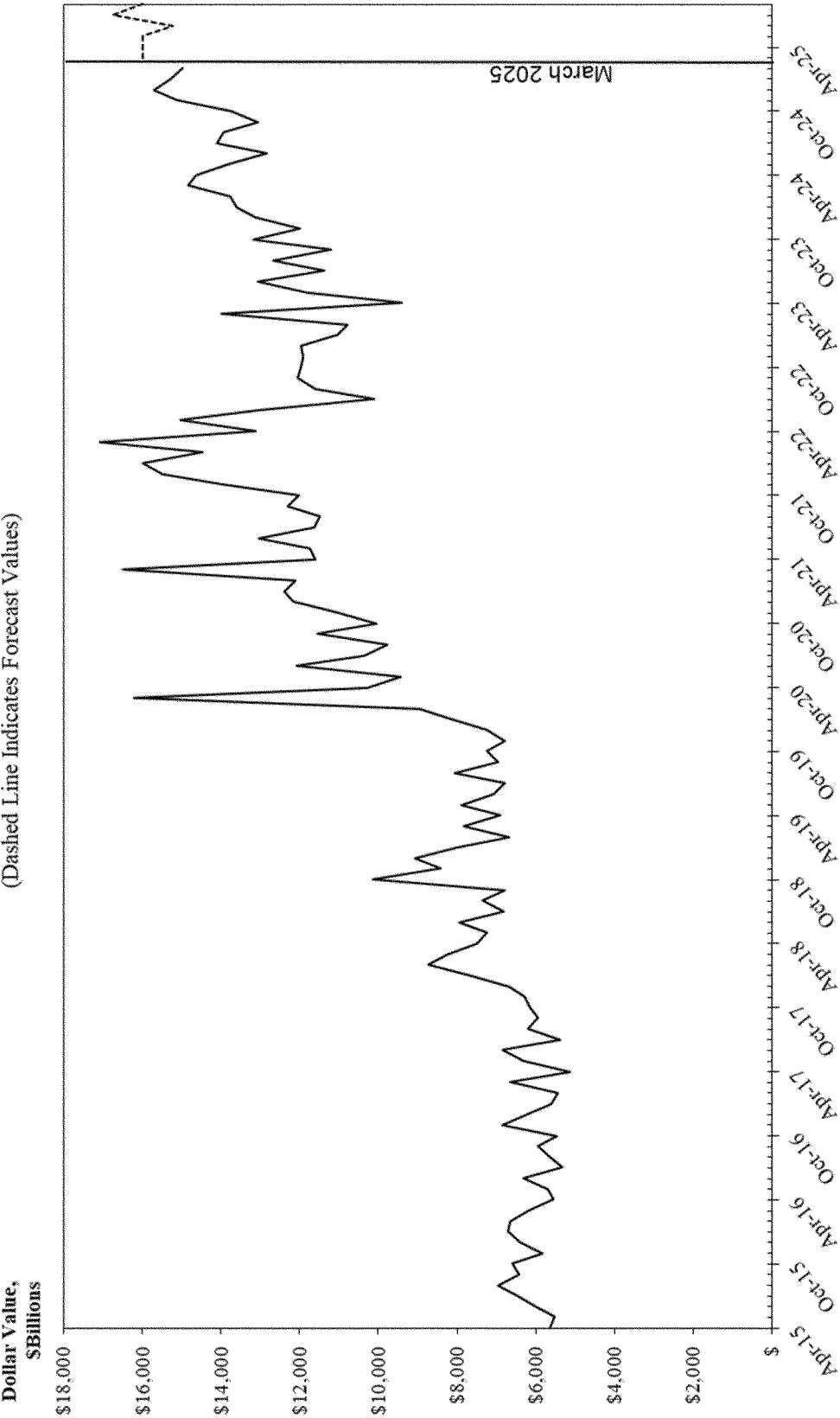
Month	Number of trading days in month	Total dollar amount of sales	Average daily dollar amount of sales (ADS)	6-Month trailing moving average ADS	1 Month lag of 6-month trailing moving average ADS	2 Month lag of 6-month trailing moving average ADS	Forecast 6-month trailing moving average ADS	Forecast total dollar amount of sales
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Aug-14	21	\$5,075,332,147,677	\$241,682,483,223					
Sep-14	21	5,507,943,363,243	262,283,017,297					
Oct-14	23	7,796,638,035,879	338,984,262,430					
Nov-14	19	5,340,847,027,697	281,097,211,984					
Dec-14	22	6,559,110,068,128	298,141,366,733					
Jan-15	20	6,185,619,541,044	309,280,977,052	\$288,578,219,786				
Feb-15	19	5,723,523,235,641	301,238,065,034	298,504,150,088	\$288,578,219,786	\$288,578,219,786		
Mar-15	22	6,395,046,297,249	290,683,922,602	303,237,634,306	298,504,150,088	298,504,150,088		
Apr-15	21	5,625,548,298,004	267,883,252,286	291,387,465,949	303,237,634,306	303,237,634,306		
May-15	20	5,521,351,972,386	276,067,598,619	290,549,197,054	291,387,465,949	291,387,465,949		
Jun-15	22	6,005,521,460,806	272,978,248,218	286,355,343,969	290,549,197,054	290,549,197,054		
Jul-15	22	6,493,670,315,390	295,166,832,518	284,002,986,546	286,355,343,969	286,355,343,969		
Aug-15	21	6,963,901,249,270	331,614,345,203	289,065,699,908	284,002,986,546	284,002,986,546		
Sep-15	22	6,434,496,770,897	306,404,608,138	291,685,814,164	289,065,699,908	284,002,986,546		
Oct-15	22	6,592,594,708,082	299,663,395,822	296,982,504,753	291,685,814,164	289,065,699,908		
Nov-15	20	5,822,824,015,945	291,141,200,797	299,494,771,783	296,982,504,753	291,685,814,164		
Dec-15	22	6,384,337,478,801	290,197,158,127	302,364,590,101	299,494,771,783	296,982,504,753		
Jan-16	19	6,696,059,796,055	352,424,199,792	311,907,484,647	302,364,590,101	299,494,771,783		
Feb-16	20	6,659,878,908,747	332,993,945,437	312,137,418,019	311,907,484,647	302,364,590,101		
Mar-16	22	6,161,943,754,542	280,088,352,479	307,751,375,409	312,137,418,019	311,907,484,647		
Apr-16	21	5,541,076,988,322	263,860,808,968	301,784,277,600	307,751,375,409	312,137,418,019		
May-16	21	5,693,520,415,112	271,120,019,767	298,447,414,095	301,784,277,600	307,751,375,409		
Jun-16	22	6,317,212,852,759	287,146,038,762	297,938,894,201	298,447,414,095	301,784,277,600		
Jul-16	20	5,331,797,261,269	266,589,863,063	283,633,171,413	297,938,894,201	298,447,414,095		
Aug-16	23	5,635,976,607,786	245,042,461,208	268,974,590,708	283,633,171,413	297,938,894,201		
Sep-16	21	5,942,072,286,976	282,955,823,189	269,452,502,493	288,974,590,708	283,633,171,413		
Oct-16	21	5,460,906,573,682	260,043,170,175	268,816,229,361	269,452,502,493	268,974,590,708		
Nov-16	21	6,845,287,809,886	325,966,086,185	277,957,240,431	268,816,229,361	269,452,502,493		
Dec-16	21	6,208,579,880,985	295,646,660,999	279,374,010,803	277,957,240,431	268,816,229,361		
Jan-17	20	5,598,200,907,603	279,910,045,380	281,594,041,190	279,374,010,803	277,957,240,431		
Feb-17	19	5,443,426,609,533	286,496,137,344	288,502,987,212	281,594,041,190	279,374,010,803		
Mar-17	23	6,661,861,914,530	289,646,170,197	289,618,045,047	288,502,987,212	281,594,041,190		
Apr-17	19	5,116,714,033,499	269,300,738,605	291,160,973,118	289,618,045,047	288,502,987,212		
May-17	22	6,305,822,460,672	286,628,293,667	284,604,674,365	291,160,973,118	289,618,045,047		
Jun-17	22	6,854,993,097,601	311,590,595,346	287,261,996,756	284,604,674,365	291,160,973,118		
Jul-17	20	5,394,333,070,522	269,716,653,526	282,786,241,215	287,261,996,756	284,604,674,365		
Aug-17	23	6,206,204,906,864	269,834,995,951	282,786,241,215	285,563,098,114	287,261,996,756		
Sep-17	20	5,939,886,169,525	296,994,308,476	284,010,930,928	282,786,241,215	285,563,098,114		
Oct-17	22	6,134,529,538,894	278,842,251,768	285,601,183,122	284,010,930,928	282,786,241,215		
Nov-17	21	6,289,748,560,897	299,511,836,233	287,748,440,217	285,601,183,122	284,010,930,928		
Dec-17	20	6,672,181,323,001	333,609,066,150	291,418,185,351	287,748,440,217	285,601,183,122		
Jan-18	21	7,672,288,677,308	365,347,079,872	307,356,589,742	291,418,185,351	287,748,440,217		
Feb-18	19	8,725,420,462,639	459,232,655,928	338,922,866,405	307,356,589,742	291,418,185,351		
Mar-18	21	7,464,755,011,030	393,559,762,430	355,017,108,730	338,922,866,405	307,356,589,742		
Apr-18	21	7,490,308,402,446	356,681,352,497	367,990,292,185	355,017,108,730	338,922,866,405		
May-18	22	7,242,077,467,361	329,185,339,426	372,935,876,051	367,990,292,185	355,017,108,730		
Jun-18	21	7,936,783,802,579	377,942,085,837	380,324,712,665	372,935,876,051	367,990,292,185		
Jul-18	21	6,807,593,326,456	324,171,110,784	373,462,051,150	380,324,712,665	372,935,876,051		
Aug-18	23	7,363,115,477,823	320,135,455,558	350,279,184,422	373,462,051,150	380,324,712,665		
Sep-18	19	6,781,988,459,996	356,946,761,052	344,177,017,526	350,279,184,422	373,462,051,150		
Oct-18	23	10,133,514,482,168	440,587,586,181	358,161,389,806	344,177,017,526	350,279,184,422		
Nov-18	21	8,414,847,862,204	400,707,041,057	370,081,673,412	358,161,389,806	344,177,017,526		
Dec-18	19	9,075,221,733,736	477,643,249,144	386,698,533,963	370,081,673,412	358,161,389,806		
Jan-19	21	7,960,664,643,749	379,079,268,750	386,698,533,963	386,698,533,963	370,081,673,412		
Feb-19	19	6,676,391,653,247	351,389,034,381	401,058,823,428	395,849,893,624	386,698,533,963		
Mar-19	21	7,828,979,311,928	372,808,538,663	403,702,453,030	401,058,823,428	395,849,893,624		
Apr-19	21	6,507,923,076,080	328,948,717,909	385,095,974,984	403,702,453,030	401,058,823,428		
May-19	22	7,895,053,976,747	358,866,089,852	378,122,483,117	385,095,974,984	403,702,453,030		
Jun-19	20	7,070,583,442,058	353,529,172,103	357,436,803,610	378,122,483,117	385,095,974,984		

Month	Number of trading days in month	Total dollar amount of sales	Average daily dollar amount of sales (ADS)	6-Month trailing moving average ADS	1 Month lag of 6-month trailing moving average ADS	2 Month lag of 6-month trailing moving average ADS	Forecast 6-month trailing moving average ADS	Forecast total dollar amount of sales
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
Jul-19	22	6,792,811,319,721	308,764,150,896	345,717,617,301	357,436,803,610	378,122,483,117		
Aug-19	22	8,059,527,400,976	366,342,154,590	348,209,804,002	345,717,617,301	357,436,803,610		
Sep-19	22	6,958,132,871,506	347,906,643,575	344,059,988,154	348,209,804,002	345,717,617,301		
Oct-19	23	7,235,982,824,882	314,607,948,908	341,669,359,987	344,059,988,154	348,209,804,002		
Nov-19	20	6,784,888,230,209	339,244,411,510	338,399,080,264	341,669,359,987	344,059,988,154		
Dec-19	21	7,252,856,724,647	345,374,129,745	337,039,906,538	338,399,080,264	341,669,359,987		
Jan-20	21	8,178,172,797,805	389,436,799,895	350,485,348,037	337,039,906,538	338,399,080,264		
Feb-20	19	8,951,554,790,521	471,134,462,659	337,950,732,716	350,485,348,037	337,039,906,538		
Mar-20	22	16,218,726,536,159	737,214,842,553	432,835,432,545	367,950,732,716	350,485,348,037		
Apr-20	21	10,289,596,902,933	489,980,804,902	462,064,241,877	432,835,432,545	367,950,732,716		
May-20	20	9,435,524,799,540	471,776,239,977	484,152,879,955	462,064,241,877	432,835,432,545		
Jun-20	22	12,093,857,552,130	549,720,797,824	518,210,657,968	484,152,879,955	462,064,241,877		
Jul-20	22	10,355,334,352,448	470,697,016,020	531,754,027,322	518,210,657,968	518,210,657,968		
Aug-20	21	9,763,364,099,611	464,922,099,981	530,718,633,543	531,754,027,322	518,210,657,968		
Sep-20	21	11,545,564,207,158	549,788,771,769	499,480,955,079	530,718,633,543	531,754,027,322		
Oct-20	22	10,052,383,314,951	456,926,514,316	493,971,906,648	499,480,955,079	530,718,633,543		
Nov-20	22	11,039,477,432,965	551,973,871,648	507,338,178,593	493,971,906,648	499,480,955,079		
Dec-20	22	12,172,302,216,779	553,286,464,399	507,932,456,356	507,338,178,593	493,971,906,648		
Jan-21	19	12,996,479,814,996	652,446,306,052	538,224,004,694	507,932,456,356	507,338,178,593		
Feb-21	19	12,103,659,666,497	637,034,719,289	566,909,441,246	538,224,004,694	507,932,456,356		
Mar-21	23	16,485,012,205,966	716,739,661,129	594,734,589,472	566,909,441,246	538,224,004,694		
Apr-21	21	11,602,282,119,601	552,489,624,743	610,661,774,543	594,734,589,472	566,909,441,246		
May-21	20	11,729,455,630,914	586,472,781,546	616,411,592,860	610,661,774,543	594,734,589,472		
Jun-21	22	13,038,812,281,463	592,673,285,521	622,976,063,047	616,411,592,860	610,661,774,543		
Jul-21	21	11,823,478,100,180	553,498,957,151	606,484,838,230	622,976,063,047	616,411,592,860		
Aug-21	21	11,493,350,851,643	522,425,038,711	607,383,224,800	606,484,838,230	622,976,063,047		
Sep-21	21	12,312,072,157,576	586,289,150,361	565,641,473,005	587,383,224,800	606,484,838,230		
Oct-21	21	12,011,570,888,110	571,979,566,100	568,889,796,565	565,641,473,005	587,383,224,800		
Nov-21	22	13,996,377,941,116	666,494,187,672	582,226,697,586	568,889,796,565	587,383,224,800		
Dec-21	22	15,494,373,840,971	704,289,720,044	600,829,436,673	582,226,697,586	568,889,796,565		
Jan-22	20	16,002,717,162,409	800,135,858,120	641,935,586,835	600,829,436,673	582,226,697,586		
Feb-22	19	14,483,452,476,259	762,286,972,435	681,912,575,789	641,935,586,835	600,829,436,673		
Mar-22	23	17,089,275,084,128	743,011,960,179	708,033,044,092	681,912,575,789	641,935,586,835		
Apr-22	20	13,123,148,685,917	656,157,434,296	722,062,688,791	708,033,044,092	681,912,575,789		
May-22	21	15,039,352,606,836	716,159,647,945	730,340,265,503	722,062,688,791	708,033,044,092		
Jun-22	21	13,021,062,095,851	620,050,575,993	716,300,408,161	730,340,265,503	722,062,688,791		
Jul-22	20	10,112,087,348,637	505,604,367,432	667,211,826,380	716,300,408,161	730,340,265,503		
Aug-22	23	11,593,039,396,644	504,045,191,158	624,171,529,501	667,211,826,380	716,300,408,161		
Sep-22	21	12,052,452,021,792	573,926,286,752	595,990,583,929	624,171,529,501	667,211,826,380		
Oct-22	21	11,962,224,366,908	569,629,731,758	581,569,300,173	595,990,583,929	624,171,529,501		
Nov-22	21	11,900,801,868,077	566,704,850,861	556,660,167,326	581,569,300,173	595,990,583,929		
Dec-22	21	11,980,859,826,961	570,517,134,617	548,404,593,763	556,660,167,326	581,569,300,173		
Jan-23	20	11,045,225,185,619	552,261,259,281	556,180,742,404	548,404,593,763	556,660,167,326		
Feb-23	19	10,787,317,510,620	567,753,553,191	566,798,802,743	556,180,742,404	548,404,593,763		
Mar-23	23	13,965,409,202,169	608,061,269,660	572,487,966,561	566,798,802,743	556,180,742,404		
Apr-23	19	9,399,552,596,651	494,713,294,561	560,001,893,695	572,487,966,561	566,798,802,743		
May-23	22	11,791,806,548,751	535,991,206,761	554,882,953,012	560,001,893,695	572,487,966,561		
Jun-23	21	13,061,036,476,029	621,954,117,906	554,882,953,012	554,882,953,012	560,001,893,695		
Jul-23	20	11,366,116,854,082	568,305,842,704	566,129,880,797	563,455,783,560	554,882,953,012		
Aug-23	23	12,671,358,964,418	550,928,650,627	563,325,730,370	566,129,880,797	563,455,783,560		
Sep-23	20	11,205,898,765,006	560,294,938,250	555,364,675,135	563,325,730,370	566,129,880,797		
Oct-23	22	13,188,976,620,062	599,498,937,276	572,828,948,921	555,364,675,135	563,325,730,370		
Nov-23	21	11,988,333,174,115	570,873,008,291	578,642,582,509	572,828,948,921	555,364,675,135		
Dec-23	20	13,128,847,387,720	656,442,369,386	578,642,582,509	578,642,582,509	555,364,675,135		
Jan-24	21	13,601,328,853,198	647,682,326,343	597,620,038,362	584,390,624,422	578,642,582,509		
Feb-24	20	13,773,538,263,581	688,676,913,179	620,578,082,121	597,620,038,362	584,390,624,422		
Mar-24	20	14,842,839,760,845	742,141,988,042	650,885,923,753	620,578,082,121	597,620,038,362		
Apr-24	22	14,638,651,655,508	665,393,257,069	661,868,310,385	650,885,923,753	620,578,082,121		
May-24	22	13,826,082,480,569	628,458,294,571	671,465,858,098	661,868,310,385	650,885,923,753		

Jun-24	19	12,831,940,323,239	675,365,280,170	674,619,676,562	671,465,858,098	661,868,310,385
Jul-24	22	14,104,512,115,506	641,114,187,068	673,524,986,683	674,619,676,562	671,465,858,098
Aug-24	22	13,948,316,899,330	634,014,404,515	664,414,568,573	673,524,986,683	674,619,676,562
Sep-24	20	13,073,651,577,918	653,682,578,896	649,671,333,715	664,414,568,573	673,524,986,683
Oct-24	23	13,738,447,402,519	597,323,800,110	638,326,424,222	649,671,333,715	664,414,568,573
Nov-24	20	15,117,644,635,380	755,882,231,769	659,563,747,088	649,671,333,715	664,414,568,573
Dec-24	21	15,704,624,168,553	747,839,246,122	671,642,741,413	659,563,747,088	638,326,424,222
Jan-25	20	15,298,115,468,255	764,905,773,413	692,274,672,471	671,642,741,413	659,563,747,088
Feb-25	19	14,975,273,939,488	788,172,312,605	717,967,657,152	692,274,672,471	671,642,741,413
Mar-25	21				717,967,657,152	761,290,676,404
Apr-25	21				0	761,290,676,404
May-25	21				0	15,987,104,204,484
Jun-25	20				0	15,987,104,204,484
Jul-25	22				0	15,225,813,528,080
Aug-25	21				0	16,748,394,880,888
						15,987,104,204,484

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Figure A.
Aggregate Dollar Amount of Sales Subject to Exchange Act Sections 31(b) and 31(c)¹
Methodology Developed in Consultation With OMB and CBO
(Dashed Line Indicates Forecast Values)



¹Forecasted line is not smooth because the number of trading days varies by month.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Franklin Bitcoin ETF, the Franklin Ethereum ETF, and the Franklin Crypto Index ETF, To Allow for In-Kind Creations and Redemptions

April 7, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2025, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange” or “BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

[sic] amend the Franklin Bitcoin ETF (the “Bitcoin Fund”), the Franklin Ethereum ETF (the “Eth Fund”), and the Franklin Crypto Index ETF (the “Crypto Index Fund” and, collectively with the Bitcoin Fund and the Eth Fund, the “Funds”),³ shares of which have been approved by the Commission to list and trade on the Exchange pursuant to BZX Rule 14.11(e)(4), to permit in-kind creations and redemptions.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange’s website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements

concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Commission approved the listing and trading of shares (the “Bitcoin ETP Shares”) of the Bitcoin Fund on the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.11(e)(4), Commodity-Based Trust Shares, on January 10, 2024.⁴ The Commission approved the listing and trading of shares (the “Eth ETP Shares”) of the Eth Fund on the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.11(e)(4), Commodity-Based Trust Shares, on May 23, 2024.⁵ The Commission also approved the listing and trading of shares (the “Crypto Index ETP Shares”) of the Crypto Index Fund on the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.11(e)(4), Commodity-Based Trust Shares, on December 19, 2024.⁶

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 99286 (January 8, 2024) 89 FR 2372 (January 12, 2024) (SR–CboeBZX–2023–072) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 to a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the Franklin Bitcoin ETF Under BZX Rule 14.11(e)(4), Commodity-Based Trust Shares) (“Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1”); 99306 (January 10, 2024) 89 FR 3008 (January 17, 2024) (SR–CboeBZX–2023–072) (Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes, as Modified by Amendments Thereto, To List and Trade Bitcoin-Based Commodity-Based Trust Shares and Trust Units) (the “Bitcoin ETP Approval Order”). The Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1 was later amended to amend the time at which purchase orders for cash transaction creation baskets must be placed. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100245 (May 29, 2024) 89 FR 48016 (June 4, 2024) (SR–CboeBZX–2024–040) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Franklin Bitcoin ETF).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 100218 (May 22, 2024) 89 FR 46499 (May 29, 2024) (SR–CboeBZX–2024–018) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 to a Proposed Rule Change Relating To List and Trade Shares of the Franklin Ethereum ETF, a Series of the Franklin Ethereum Trust, Under BZX Rule 14.11(e)(4), Commodity-Based Trust Shares) (“Eth ETP Amendment No. 1”); 100224 (May 23, 2024) 89 FR 46937 (May 30, 2024) (SR–CboeBZX–2024–018) (Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes, as Modified by Amendments Thereto, to List and Trade Shares of Ether-Based Exchange-Traded Products) (the “Eth ETP Approval Order”).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 101963 (December 18, 2024) 89 FR 105109 (December 26, 2024) (SR–CboeBZX–2024–091) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 to a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the Franklin Crypto Index ETF, a Series of the Franklin

Exchange Rule 14.11(e)(4) governs the listing and trading of Commodity-Based Trust Shares, which means a security (a) that is issued by a trust that holds (1) a specified commodity deposited with the trust, or (2) a specified commodity and, in addition to such specified commodity, cash; (b) that is issued by such trust in a specified aggregate minimum number in return for a deposit of a quantity of the underlying commodity and/or cash; and (c) that, when aggregated in the same specified minimum number, may be redeemed at a holder’s request by such trust which will deliver to the redeeming holder the quantity of the underlying commodity and/or cash. The Bitcoin ETP Shares are issued by the Bitcoin Fund, the Eth ETP Shares are issued by the Eth Fund, and the Crypto Index ETP Shares are issued by the Crypto Index Fund. The Bitcoin Trust was formed as a Delaware statutory trust on September 6, 2023, the Eth Trust was formed as a Delaware statutory trust on February 8, 2024, and the Crypto Trust was formed as a Delaware statutory trust on August 13, 2024.

Bitcoin Fund

The Exchange proposes to amend several portions of the Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1, as amended, in order to permit in-kind creation and redemptions.

Representations

The Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1 included specific representations making clear that the Bitcoin Fund would only process creations and redemptions in cash. Specifically, the “Franklin Templeton Digital Holdings Trust” section of Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1 stated:

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in cash transactions in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (a “Creation Basket”) at the Fund’s NAV. In such cases, a third party that is unaffiliated with the Fund and the Sponsor will use cash to buy and deliver bitcoin to create Shares or withdraw and sell bitcoin for cash to redeem Shares, on behalf of the Fund. Authorized participants will deliver, or

Crypto Trust, Under BZX Rule 14.11(e)(4), Commodity-Based Trust Shares) (“Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1”); 101998 (December 19, 2024) 89 FR 106707 (December 30, 2024) (SR–CboeBZX–2024–028) (Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To List and Trade Shares of the Hashdex Nasdaq Crypto Index US ETF and Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To List and Trade Shares of the Franklin Crypto Index ETF, a Series of the Franklin Crypto Trust) (the “Crypto Index ETP Approval Order”).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ The Bitcoin Fund is a series of the Franklin Templeton Digital Holdings Trust (the “Bitcoin Trust”), the Eth Fund is a series of the Franklin Ethereum Trust (the “Eth Trust”), and the Crypto Index Fund is a series of the Franklin Crypto Trust (the “Crypto Trust”).

facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares when they purchase Shares, and the Fund, through the Cash Custodian, will deliver cash to such authorized participants when they redeem Shares. Authorized participants may then offer Shares to the public at prices that depend on various factors, including the supply and demand for Shares, the value of the Fund's assets, and market conditions at the time of a transaction. Shareholders who buy or sell Shares during the day from their broker may do so at a premium or discount relative to the NAV of the Shares of the Fund.⁷

The Exchange proposes to replace the above paragraph as follows:

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (a "Creation Basket") based on the quantity of bitcoin attributable to each Share (net of the accrued but unpaid Sponsor's fee and any accrued but unpaid expenses or liabilities). Creation Baskets are issued and redeemed in exchange for bitcoin or cash. For cash creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved cash creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit to one or more previously onboarded trading partners an order to buy the amount of bitcoin represented by a Creation Basket.⁸ For in-kind creations, authorized participants or their designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, bitcoin to the Fund's account with the bitcoin Custodian in exchange for Shares.⁹ Authorized participants may then offer Shares to the public at prices that depend on various factors, including the supply and demand for Shares, the value of the Fund's assets, and market conditions at the time of a transaction. Shareholders who buy or sell Shares during the day from their broker may do so at a premium or discount relative to the net asset value ("NAV") per Share of the Fund.

Creation and Redemption of Shares

Additionally, the "Creation and Redemption of Shares" section of the filing, as amended, includes a detailed description of how the cash-only creation and redemption process

works.¹⁰ The Exchange proposes to replace this section as follows:

Creation and Redemption of Shares

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in Creation Baskets that are based on the quantity of bitcoin attributable to each Share (net of the accrued but unpaid Sponsor's fee and any accrued but unpaid expenses or liabilities). Creation Baskets are issued and redeemed in exchange for bitcoin or cash. According to the Registration Statement, on any business day, an authorized participant may place an order to create one or more Creation Baskets. Purchase orders for cash transaction Creation Baskets must be placed by 2:00 p.m. ET (or such other time as disclosed in the Prospectus), or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier. Purchase orders for in-kind transaction Creation Baskets must be placed by 4:00 p.m. ET (or such other time as disclosed in the Prospectus), or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier. The day on which an order is properly received is considered the purchase order date.

For cash creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved cash creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit to one or more previously onboarded trading partners an order to buy the amount of bitcoin represented by a Creation Basket. For in-kind creations, authorized participants or their designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, bitcoin to the Fund's account with the bitcoin Custodian in exchange for Shares.

For a cash creation order, the total deposit of cash required is based on the combined NAV of the number of Shares included in the Creation Baskets being created determined as of 4:00 p.m. ET on the purchase order date, in an amount sufficient to purchase the requisite amount of bitcoin (as described below). For a creation order in-kind, the total in-kind transfer of bitcoin is based on the quantity of bitcoin attributable to the Creation Baskets being created determined as of 4:00 p.m. ET on the purchase order date. The Administrator determines the quantity of bitcoin associated with a Creation Basket for a given day by dividing the number of bitcoin held by the Fund as of the opening of business on that business day, adjusted for the

amount of bitcoin constituting estimated accrued but unpaid fees and expenses of the Fund as of the opening of business on that business day, by the quotient of the number of Shares outstanding at the opening of business divided by the number of Shares in a Creation Basket.

The procedures by which an authorized participant can redeem one or more Creation Baskets mirror the procedures for the creation of Creation Baskets. For a cash creation order, an authorized participant will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to create Shares. For an in-kind creation order, an authorized participant or its designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, bitcoin to create Shares. For a cash redemption order, an authorized participant will deliver Shares to the Fund and will receive cash for the Shares delivered. For an in-kind redemption order, an authorized participant will deliver Shares to the Fund and the authorized participant or its designee will receive bitcoin for the Shares delivered.

The Sponsor (including its delegates) will maintain ownership and control of the Fund's bitcoin in a manner consistent with good delivery requirements for spot commodity transactions.

Eth Fund

Similarly, the Exchange proposes to amend several portions of the Eth ETP Amendment No. 1 in order to permit in-kind creations and redemptions.

Representations

The Eth ETP Amendment No. 1 included specific representations making clear that the Eth Fund would only process creations and redemptions in cash. Specifically, the "Franklin Ethereum ETF" section of the Eth ETP Amendment No. 1 stated:

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in cash transactions in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (a "Creation Basket") at the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). For creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit an order to buy the amount of ether represented by a Creation Basket. Based off ether executions, the Cash Custodian will request the required cash from the authorized participant. Following receipt by the Cash Custodian of the cash from an authorized participant, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will approve an order with one or more previously onboarded trading partners to purchase the amount of ether represented by the Creation

⁷ See Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1 at 2381.

⁸ For cash redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved cash redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit an order to sell the amount of bitcoin represented by a Creation Basket and the cash proceeds will be remitted to the authorized participant when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

⁹ For in-kind redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved in-kind redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will transfer the amount of bitcoin represented by a Creation Basket to the authorized participant or its designee when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

¹⁰ See Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1 at 2382–2383.

Basket.¹¹ Authorized participants may then offer Shares to the public at prices that depend on various factors, including the supply and demand for Shares, the value of the Fund's assets, and market conditions at the time of a transaction. Shareholders who buy or sell Shares during the day from their broker may do so at a premium or discount relative to the NAV of the Shares of the Fund.¹²

The Exchange proposes to replace the above with the following:

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (a "Creation Basket") based on the quantity of ETH attributable to each Share (net of the accrued but unpaid Sponsor's fee and any accrued but unpaid expenses or liabilities). Creation Baskets are issued and redeemed in exchange for ETH or cash. For cash creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved cash creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit to one or more previously onboarded trading partners an order to buy the amount of ETH represented by a Creation Basket.¹³ For in-kind creations, authorized participants or their designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, ETH to the Fund's account with the Custodian in exchange for Shares.¹⁴ Authorized participants may then offer Shares to the public at prices that depend on various factors, including the supply and demand for Shares, the value of the Fund's assets, and market conditions at the time of a transaction. Shareholders who buy or sell Shares during the day from their broker may do so at a premium or discount relative to the net asset value ("NAV") per Share of the Fund.

Creation and Redemption of Shares

Additionally, the "Creation and Redemption of Shares" section of the filing includes a detailed description of how the cash-only creation and redemption process works.¹⁵ The

Exchange proposes to replace this section as follows:

Creation and Redemption of Shares

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in Creation Baskets that are based on the quantity of ETH attributable to each Share (net of the accrued but unpaid Sponsor's fee and any accrued but unpaid expenses or liabilities). Creation Baskets are issued and redeemed in exchange for ETH or cash. According to the Registration Statement, on any business day, an authorized participant may place an order to create one or more Creation Baskets. Purchase orders for cash transaction Creation Baskets must be placed by 2:00 p.m. ET (or such other time as disclosed in the Prospectus), or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier. Purchase orders for in-kind transaction Creation Baskets must be placed by 4:00 p.m. ET (or such other time as disclosed in the Prospectus), or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier. The day on which an order is properly received is considered the purchase order date.

For cash creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved cash creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit to one or more previously onboarded trading partners an order to buy the amount of ETH represented by a Creation Basket. For in-kind creations, authorized participants or their designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, ETH to the Fund's account with the Custodian in exchange for Shares.

For a cash creation order, the total deposit of cash required is based on the combined NAV of the number of Shares included in the Creation Baskets being created determined as of 4:00 p.m. ET on the purchase order date, in an amount sufficient to purchase the requisite amount of ETH (as described below). For a creation order in-kind, the total in-kind transfer of ETH is based on the quantity of bitcoin attributable to the Creation Baskets being created determined as of 4:00 p.m. ET on the purchase order date. The Administrator determines the quantity of ETH associated with a Creation Basket for a given day by dividing the number of ETH held by the Fund as of the opening of business on that business day, adjusted for the amount of ETH constituting estimated accrued but unpaid fees and expenses of the Fund as of the opening of business on that business day, by the quotient of the number of Shares outstanding at the opening of business divided by the number of Shares in a Creation Basket.

The procedures by which an authorized participant can redeem one or more Creation Baskets mirror the procedures for the creation of Creation Baskets. For a cash creation order, an authorized participant will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to create Shares. For an in-kind creation order, an authorized participant or its designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, ETH to create Shares. For a cash redemption order, an authorized participant will deliver Shares to the Fund and will receive cash for the

Shares delivered. For an in-kind redemption order, an authorized participant will deliver Shares to the Fund and the authorized participant or its designee will receive ETH for the Shares delivered.

The Sponsor (including its delegates) will maintain ownership and control of the Fund's ETH in a manner consistent with good delivery requirements for spot commodity transactions.

Crypto Index Fund

The Exchange proposes to amend several portions of the Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 in order to permit in-kind creations and redemptions.

Representations

The Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 included specific representations making clear that the Crypto Index Fund would only process creations and redemptions in cash. Specifically, the "Franklin Crypto Index ETF" section of the Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 stated:

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in cash transactions in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (a "Creation Basket") at the Fund's NAV. For creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit to one or more previously onboarded trading partners an order to buy the amount of bitcoin and ether represented by a Creation Basket.¹⁶ Authorized participants may then offer Shares to the public at prices that depend on various factors, including the supply and demand for Shares, the value of the Fund's assets, and market conditions at the time of a transaction. Shareholders who buy or sell Shares during the day from their broker may do so at a premium or discount relative to the NAV per Share of the Fund.¹⁷

The Exchange proposes to replace the above with the following:

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (a "Creation Basket") based on the quantity of bitcoin and ether attributable to each Share (net of the accrued but unpaid Sponsor's fee and any accrued but unpaid expenses or liabilities). Creation Baskets are issued and redeemed in exchange for (i) bitcoin and ether or (ii) cash. For cash creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved cash creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the

¹¹ For redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit an order to sell the amount of ether represented by a Creation Basket and the cash proceeds will be remitted to the authorized participant when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

¹² See Eth ETP Amendment No. 1 at 46505.

¹³ For cash redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved cash redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit an order to sell the amount of ETH represented by a Creation Basket and the cash proceeds will be remitted to the authorized participant when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

¹⁴ For in-kind redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved in-kind redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will transfer the amount of ETH represented by a Creation Basket to the authorized participant or its designee when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

¹⁵ See Eth ETP Amendment No. 1 at 46507.

¹⁶ For redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit an order to sell the amount of bitcoin and ether represented by a Creation Basket and the cash proceeds will be remitted to the authorized participant when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

¹⁷ See Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 at 105111.

Fund, will submit to one or more previously onboarded trading partners an order to buy the amount of bitcoin and ether represented by a Creation Basket.¹⁸ For in-kind creations, authorized participants or their designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, bitcoin and ether to the Fund's account with the Custodian in exchange for Shares.¹⁹ Authorized participants may then offer Shares to the public at prices that depend on various factors, including the supply and demand for Shares, the value of the Fund's assets, and market conditions at the time of a transaction. Shareholders who buy or sell Shares during the day from their broker may do so at a premium or discount relative to the net asset value ("NAV") per Share of the Fund.

Creation and Redemption of Shares

Additionally, the "Creation and Redemption of Shares" section of the filing includes a detailed description of how the cash-only creation and redemption process works.²⁰ The Exchange proposes to replace this section as follows:

Creation and Redemption of Shares

When the Fund sells or redeems its Shares, it will do so in Creation Baskets that are based on the quantity of bitcoin and ether attributable to each Share (net of the accrued but unpaid Sponsor's fee and any accrued but unpaid expenses or liabilities). Creation Baskets are issued and redeemed in exchange for (i) bitcoin and ether or (ii) cash. According to the Registration Statement, on any business day, an authorized participant may place an order to create one or more Creation Baskets. Purchase orders for cash transaction Creation Baskets must be placed by 2:00 p.m. ET (or such other time as disclosed in the Prospectus), or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier. Purchase orders for in-kind transaction Creation Baskets must be placed by 4:00 p.m. ET (or such other time as disclosed in the Prospectus), or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier. The day on which an order is properly received is considered the purchase order date.

¹⁸ For cash redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved cash redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit an order to sell the amount of bitcoin and ether represented by a Creation Basket and the cash proceeds will be remitted to the authorized participant when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

¹⁹ For in-kind redemptions, the process will occur in the reverse order. Upon receipt of an approved in-kind redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will transfer the amount of bitcoin and ether represented by a Creation Basket to the authorized participant or its designee when the large block of Shares is received by the Transfer Agent.

²⁰ See Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 at 105113.

For cash creations, authorized participants will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to the Fund's account with the Cash Custodian in exchange for Shares. Upon receipt of an approved cash creation order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Fund, will submit to one or more previously onboarded trading partners an order to buy the amount of bitcoin and ether represented by a Creation Basket. For in-kind creations, authorized participants or their designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, bitcoin and ether to the Fund's account with the Custodian in exchange for Shares.

For a cash creation order, the total deposit of cash required is based on the combined NAV of the number of Shares included in the Creation Baskets being created determined as of 4:00 p.m. ET on the purchase order date, in an amount sufficient to purchase the requisite amount of bitcoin and ether (as described below). For a creation order in-kind, the total in-kind transfer of bitcoin and ether is based on the quantity of bitcoin and ether attributable to the Creation Baskets being created determined as of 4:00 p.m. ET on the purchase order date. The Administrator determines the quantity of bitcoin and ether associated with a Creation Basket for a given day by dividing the number of bitcoin and ether held by the Fund as of the opening of business on that business day, adjusted for the amount of bitcoin and ether constituting estimated accrued but unpaid fees and expenses of the Fund as of the opening of business on that business day, by the quotient of the number of Shares outstanding at the opening of business divided by the number of Shares in a Creation Basket.

The procedures by which an authorized participant can redeem one or more Creation Baskets mirror the procedures for the creation of Creation Baskets. For a cash creation order, an authorized participant will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, cash to create Shares. For an in-kind creation order, an authorized participant or its designee will deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, bitcoin and ether to create Shares. For a cash redemption order, an authorized participant will deliver Shares to the Fund and will receive cash for the Shares delivered. For an in-kind redemption order, an authorized participant will deliver Shares to the Fund and the authorized participant or its designee will receive bitcoin and ether for the Shares delivered.

The Sponsor (including its delegates) will maintain ownership and control of the Fund's bitcoin and ether in a manner consistent with good delivery

requirements for spot commodity transactions.

Conclusion

Except for the above changes, all other representations in the Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1, as amended, the Eth ETP Amendment No. 1, and the Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 remain unchanged and will continue to constitute continuing listing requirements. In addition, the Bitcoin Fund will continue to comply with the terms of Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1, as amended, the Eth Fund will continue to comply with the terms of Eth ETP Amendment No. 1, and the Crypto Index Fund will continue to comply with the terms of the Crypto Index ETP Amendment No.1 and the Funds will continue to comply with the requirements of Rule 14.11(e)(4).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.²¹ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)²² requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest because it would update representations in the Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1, as amended, the Eth ETP Amendment No. 1, and the Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 such that the Funds would be able to engage in in-kind creation and redemptions with authorized participants or their designees, as described above. This ability would make the Funds (and the market more generally) operate more efficiently because authorized participants would be able to source bitcoin and/or ether, as applicable, rather than to provide

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

cash to the applicable Fund and to receive bitcoin and/or ether from the Funds. This means that the authorized participant would be responsible for buying and selling the applicable crypto asset(s) rather than the Fund itself, which would potentially lessen the impact on the market of the Funds on both sides of the transaction by allowing the authorized participant to decide how and where to source the underlying crypto asset for creations and deciding how, where, and whether to sell the underlying crypto asset received for redemptions. This would improve the creation and redemption process for both authorized participants and the Funds, increase efficiency, and ultimately benefit the end investors in the Funds.

Except for the addition of in-kind creation and redemption for the Bitcoin Fund as specifically set forth herein, all other representations made in the Bitcoin ETP Amendment No. 1, as amended, remain unchanged, and will continue to constitute continuing listing requirements for the Bitcoin Fund. Except for the addition of in-kind creation and redemption for the Eth Fund as specifically set forth herein, all other representations made in the Eth ETP Amendment No. 1 remain unchanged and will continue to constitute continuing listing requirements for the Eth Fund. Similarly, except for the addition of in-kind creation and redemption for the Crypto Index Fund as specifically set forth herein, all other representations made in the Crypto Index ETP Amendment No. 1 remain unchanged and will continue to constitute continuing listing requirements for the Crypto Index Fund.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As noted above, the proposed amendment is intended to allow the Funds to operate more efficiently by allowing for in-kind creation and redemption. The Exchange believes these changes will not impose any burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing of Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

- A. by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
- B. institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-050 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.
- All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-050. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and

copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-050 and should be submitted on or before May 2, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²³

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2024-0051]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new matching program with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Services (OCSS). Under this matching program, OCSS will provide SSA with quarterly wage (QW) and unemployment insurance (UI) information located in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) to allow SSA to determine eligibility of applicants for Extra Help (low-income subsidy assistance) under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003. This agreement assists SSA in determining eligibility of applicants for Extra Help, redetermining eligibility of existing Extra Help beneficiaries during periodic screening, and administering the Extra Help program.

DATES: The deadline to submit comments on the proposed matching program is May 12, 2025.

The matching program will be applicable on May 27, 2025, or once a minimum of 30 days after publication of this notice has elapsed, whichever is later. The matching program will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same

²³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. SSA–2024–0051 so that we may associate your comments with the correct regulation.

Caution: You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. **Internet:** We strongly recommend that you submit your comments via the internet. Please visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Use the Search function to find docket number SSA–2024–0051 and then submit your comments. The system will issue you a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comment immediately because we must post each submission manually. It may take up to a week for your comments to be viewable.

2. **Fax:** Fax comments to (833) 410–1631.

3. **Mail:** Matthew Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of Law and Policy, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, or emailing Matthew.Ramsey@ssa.gov. Comments are also available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by arranging with the contact person identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested parties may submit general questions about the matching program to Andrea Huseth, Division Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of Law and Policy, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, at telephone: (410) 608–9675, or send an email to andrea.huseth@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Matthew Ramsey,

Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of Law and Policy.

Participating Agencies

SSA and OCSS.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

This computer matching agreement (agreement) between OCSS and SSA is executed pursuant to the Social Security Act (Act) and the Privacy Act of 1974,

as amended. Subsection 453(j)(4) of the Act provides that OCSS shall provide the Commissioner of SSA with all information in the NDNH. 42 U.S.C. 653(j)(4). SSA has authority to use the data to determine entitlement to and eligibility for programs it administers pursuant to sections 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f), and 1860D–14(a)(3) of the Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f), and 1395w–114(a)(3)). Disclosures under this agreement are authorized by routine uses published in each agency's applicable System of Records Notice pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3).

The Act provides that the determination of whether a Part D eligible individual residing in a state is a subsidy eligible individual shall be determined under the state plan for medical assistance or by the Commissioner of Social Security. 42 U.S.C. 1395w–114(a)(3)(B)(i).

SSA has independent authority to collect this information regarding Medicare Parts A–D eligibility and premium calculations via sections 202–205, 223, 226, 228, 1611, 1631, 1818, 1836, 1839, 1840, and 1860D–1 to 1860D–15 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 402–405, 423, 426, 428, 1382, 1383, 1395i–2, 1395o, 1395r, 1395s, and 1395w–101 to 1395w–115).

Purpose(s)

This agreement governs a matching program between OCSS and SSA. OCSS will provide SSA with QW and UI information from the NDNH to assist SSA in determining eligibility of applicants for Extra Help (low-income subsidy assistance) under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–173) (Extra Help). This agreement also governs the use, treatment, and safeguarding of the information exchanged. OCSS is the “source agency” and SSA is the “recipient agency,” as defined by the Privacy Act. 5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(9) and (11).

This matching program assists SSA in: (1) determining eligibility of applicants for Extra Help; (2) redetermining eligibility of existing Extra Help beneficiaries during periodic screening; and (3) administering the Extra Help program.

The Privacy Act provides that no record contained in a system of records (SOR) may be disclosed for use in a computer matching program, except pursuant to a written agreement containing specified provisions. 5 U.S.C. 552a(o). SSA and OCSS are executing this agreement to comply with the Privacy Act and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder.

OCSS and SSA have been parties to matching agreements for this purpose since April 1, 2005.

Categories of Individuals

The individuals whose information is involved in this matching program are applicants and beneficiaries of Extra Help (low-income subsidy assistance).

Categories of Records

SSA will provide OCSS the following data elements electronically in the finder file:

- Client's Own Social Security Number (COSSN)
- Name

OCSS will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH QW file:

- QW record identifier
- For employees:
 - (1) Name (first, middle, last)
 - (2) SSN
 - (3) Verification request code
 - (4) Processed date
 - (5) Non-verifiable indicator
 - (6) Wage amount
 - (7) Reporting period
- For employers of individuals in the QW file of the NDNH:
 - (1) Name
 - (2) Employer identification number
 - (3) Address(es)
- Transmitter Agency Code
- Transmitter State Code
- State or Agency Name

OCSS will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH UI file:

- UI record identifier
- Processed date
- SSN
- Verification request code
- Name (first, middle, last)
- Address
- UI benefit amount
- Reporting period
- Transmitter Agency Code
- Transmitter State Code
- State or Agency Name

Data Elements SSA updates in the OCSS Financial Items (OCSSFITM) table if there is a match:

- QW record identifier
- For employees:
 - (1) Employee's SSN
 - (2) Employee's wage amount
 - (3) Reporting period
- For employers of individuals:
 - (1) Employer identification number
 - (2) Employer's name
- Unemployment Insurance identifier:
 - (1) Claimant SSN
 - (2) Unemployment insurance benefit amount
 - (3) Reporting period

(4) Transmitter State Name

System(s) of Records

SSA's SOR is the Medicare Database file SOR, No. 60–0321, last fully published at 71 FR 42159 (July 25, 2006), amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), and at 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018).

OCSS will match SSA's information in the MDB against the QW and UI information furnished by state and federal agencies maintained in its SOR, "OCSS National Directory of New Hires" (NDNH), No. 09–80–0381, published in the **Federal Register** in full at 89 FR 25625 (April 11, 2024).

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA–2024–0028]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new matching program with the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Under this matching program, the IRS will disclose IRS to SSA certain return information for the purpose of verifying eligibility for the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS) and determines the correct subsidy percentage of benefits provided under the Social Security Act (Act).

DATES: Submit comments on the proposed matching program on or before May 12, 2025.

The matching program will be applicable on May 27, 2025, or once a minimum of 30 days after publication of this notice has elapsed, whichever is later. The matching program will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. SSA–2024–0028 so that we may associate your comments with the correct regulation.

Caution: You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you

not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. **Internet:** We strongly recommend that you submit your comments via the internet. Please visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Use the Search function to find docket number SSA–2024–0028 and then submit your comments. The system will issue you a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comment immediately because we must post each submission manually. It may take up to a week for your comments to be viewable.

2. **Fax:** Fax comments to (833) 410–1631.

3. **Mail:** Matthew Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of Law and Policy, Social Security Administration, G–401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, or by emailing Matthew.Ramsey@ssa.gov. Comments are also available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by arranging with the contact person identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested parties may submit general questions about the matching program to Andrea Huseh, Division Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of Law and Policy, Social Security Administration, G–401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, at telephone: (410) 608–9675, or send an email to Andrea.Huseh@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Matthew Ramsey,

Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of Law and Policy.

Participating Agencies

SSA and IRS.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

This matching agreement between IRS and SSA is executed pursuant to section 6103(l)(7)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(7)) authorizes IRS to disclose return information with respect to unearned income to Federal, State and local agencies administering certain benefit programs under the Act.

Section 1860D–14 of the Act requires the Commissioner of Social Security to determine the eligibility of applicants for the prescription drug subsidy who self-certify their income, resources, and

family size. Pursuant to section 1860D–14(a)(3) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114(a)(3)), SSA must determine whether a Medicare Part D eligible individual is a subsidy-eligible individual, and whether the individual is an individual as described in section 1860D–14(a) of the Act.

Purpose(s)

This agreement sets forth the terms and conditions, and safeguards under which the IRS will to disclose to SSA certain return information for the purpose of verifying eligibility for the Medicare Part D LIS, and determining the correct subsidy percentage of benefits provided under section 1860D–14 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114).

Categories of Individuals

The individuals whose information is involved in this matching program are beneficiaries for whom SSA must make Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy determinations.

Categories of Records

SSA will provide electronically to IRS the following data elements in the finder file:

- Social Security number, and
- Name control.

IRS will disclose to SSA the following:

- Payee Account Number,
- Payee Name and Mailing Address,
- Payee Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN),
- Payer Name and Address,
- Payer TIN, and
- Income Type and Amount.

System(s) of Records

SSA's System of Records is the Medicare Database (MDB) File, 60–321, last fully published at 71 FR 42159 (July 25, 2006), and amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), and at 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018).

IRS will match SSA's information with its Information Return Master File (IRMF) and disclose to SSA return information with respect to unearned income from the IRMF [Treasury/IRS 22.061], as published at 77 FR 47946 (August 10, 2012), as amended by 80 FR 54081–082 (September 8, 2015), through the "Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies" program.

[FR Doc. 2025–06168 Filed 4–10–25; 8:45 am]

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**Release of Waybill Data**

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Thompson Hine and Escalation Consultants, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), (WB25-18—04/04/25) for permission to use select data from the Board's 2023 unmasked Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board's website under docket no. WB25-18.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Any inquiries on this request should be directed to waybill@stb.gov.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

[FR Doc. 2025-06222 Filed 4-10-25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No.: FAA-2024-2466; Summary Notice No. 2025-20]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Michael Gray

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion nor omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before May 1, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2024-2466 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kara White, 202-267-3793, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Dan Ngo,

Manager, Part 11 Petitions Branch, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2024-2466.

Petitioner: Michael Gray.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: § 61.160(b).

Description of Relief Sought: Michael Gray is petitioning for relief from 14 CFR 61.160(b) to allow him to use his prior training and education experience to obtain the Restricted Air Transport Pilot certificate with a minimum of 1,000 hours of total time as a pilot. Mr. Gray is basing his request on his educational studies in the field of aviation as well as his vast experience

and training working for a 14 CFR part 121 Air Carrier as an aircraft mechanic.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2024-0084]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is withdrawing the notice, "Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection," published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jazmyne Lewis, (202)-366-2826/jazmyne.lewis@dot.gov; Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA is withdrawing the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2024, at 89 FR 106728 (FR Number 2024-31252).

Issued on: April 8, 2025.

Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

[FR Doc. 2025-06216 Filed 4-10-25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2025-0002]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of request for reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described

in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate a previously approved information collection. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0002 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Derrick Roma (202) 451-0787, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on December 3, 2024, at 89 FR 95897. There were no comments received.

Title: Annual State Right-of-Way Acquisition Data.

OMB Control: 2125-0661.

Background: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (MAP-21) section 1521(d) amended the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, section 213(b), codified in 42 U.S.C. 4633(b)(4) to require, “that each Federal agency that has programs or projects requiring the acquisition of real property or causing a displacement from real property subject to the provisions of this chapter shall provide to the lead agency an annual summary report that describes the activities conducted by the Federal agency.”

Respondents: There are 56 respondents, including 50 State

Transportation Departments, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa. Each respondent will be asked to send an annual report to FHWA Office of Real Estate Services which outlines state or territory specific acquisition data.

Frequency: Annually. Every October FHWA Office of Real Estate Services will request this data.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 5 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 280 total hours for all 56 respondents.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA’s performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: April 8, 2025.

Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

[FR Doc. 2025-06194 Filed 4-10-25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2024-0085]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is withdrawing the notice, “Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection,” published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jazmyne Lewis, (202) 366-2826/

jazmyne.lewis@dot.gov; Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA is withdrawing the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2024, at 89 FR 107190 (FR Number 2024-31393).

Issued On: April 8, 2025.

Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

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UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

Board of Directors; Request for Nomination

AGENCY: Unified Carrier Registration Plan.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan Board of Directors (Board) is requesting nominations of qualified individuals for possible appointment by the FMCSA to one of the Board’s motor carrier industry positions. Each nominee must be a representative of “a motor carrier that falls within the smallest fleet fee bracket.” The term for this position will begin immediately upon appointment and expire on May 31, 2027.

DATES: Nominations of or expressions of interest by qualified individuals, along with accompanying resumes, must be received on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Nominations of or expressions of interest by qualified individuals may be received by any of the following methods—internet, regular mail, courier, or hand-delivery.

Mail, Courier, or Hand-Delivery: Unified Carrier Registration Plan, Attention: Matt Mantione, 529 14th Street NW, Suite 1280, Washington, DC 20045, internet: mmantione@plan.ucr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Leaman, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors, (617) 305-3783, eleaman@board.ucr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Congress established the UCR plan and agreement in Section 4305(b) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity

Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) [Pub. L. 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144, August 10, 2005], codified at 49 U.S.C. 14504a. The UCR Plan is defined at 49 U.S.C. 14504a(a)(9) as the organization of State, Federal, and industry representatives responsible for developing, implementing, and administering the UCR Agreement, under which motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies involved in interstate transportation must register and pay certain fees.

Section 14504a(d)(1)(B) directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish a UCR Plan Board of Directors made up of 15 members from FMCSA, State Governments, and the motor carrier industry. The establishment of the Board was announced in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 2006 (71 FR 27777). The Board is responsible for issuing the rules and regulations that govern the UCR Agreement and making recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation regarding any adjustments to the fees assessed against carriers, leasing companies, brokers, and freight forwarders under the UCR Agreement.

Section 14504a(d)(1)(B) provides that the Board must consist of directors from the following groups:

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: One director must be selected from each of the FMCSA service areas (as defined by FMCSA on January 1, 2005) from among the chief administrative officers of the State

agencies responsible for administering the UCR Agreement.

State Agencies: The five directors selected to represent State agencies must be from among the professional staffs of State agencies responsible for overseeing the administration of the UCR Agreement.

Motor Carrier Industry: Five directors must be from the motor carrier industry. At least one of the five motor carrier industry directors must be from “a national trade association representing the general motor carrier of property industry” and one of them must represent “a motor carrier that falls within the smallest fleet fee bracket.”

U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department): One individual, either the FMCSA Deputy Administrator or such other Presidential appointee from the Department appointed by the Secretary, represents the Department.

The Board is soliciting nominations or expressions of interest by qualified individuals who are interested in being considered by the FMCSA for appointment to the Board as a representative of “a motor carrier that falls within the smallest fleet fee bracket.” The Board previously published a notice in the **Federal Register**, soliciting nominations or expressions of interest for all five industry positions, on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. (89 FR 21419). However, only one nomination or expression of interest for the position held by a representative of a motor carrier that falls within the smallest fleet fee bracket was received. For this reason, the UCR Plan Board of Directors

is again requesting nominations or expressions of interest from individuals representing a motor carrier that falls within the smallest fleet fee bracket. The successful nominee’s term will take effect immediately upon appointment and expire on May 31, 2027.

All nominations or expressions of interest for the director position described above must be submitted on or before May 12, 2025. Nominations or expressions of interest should indicate that the individual nominated or interested meets the statutory requirements specified in 49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(1)(B). All applications must include a current resume.

As the authority to appoint individuals to the Board lies with Secretary of Transportation and has been delegated to FMCSA, the Board will forward all nominations or expressions of interest to FMCSA for consideration. The UCR Plan Board may, but is not required to, recommend to FMCSA the appointment of individuals from among the nominations or expressions of interest received. If the Board does make such recommendation(s), it will do so after consideration during an open meeting in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act that includes such recommendation(s) as part of the subject matter of the meeting.

Alex B. Leath,
*Chief Legal Officer, Unified Carrier
Registration Plan.*

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