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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 29

[Doc. No. AMS–CN–25–0024]

RIN 0581–AE42

Tobacco Grading and Inspections Services—Rescission of Obsolete Import Grading and Pesticide Testing Provisions

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA)

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: This direct final rule amends regulations that govern the mandatory inspection and pesticide testing for imported tobacco established under The Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983. The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 eliminated mandatory inspection and pesticide testing for imported tobacco. In alignment with Executive Order 14192, AMS is amending and, where appropriate, removing regulations that have expired authorizing statutes or govern non-operational programs.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective July 28, 2025, without further action or notice, unless a significant adverse comment is received by June 27, 2025. If a significant adverse comment is received, AMS will publish in the **Federal Register** a withdrawal of this direct final rule prior to the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Comments can be submitted electronically at *https://www.regulations.gov* searching by the docket number listed above. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this direct final rule. Comments may also be submitted by mail or hand delivery to USDA AMS Cotton and Tobacco Program, 3275 Appling Road, Memphis, TN 38133. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments submitted in response to this direct final rule will be included in the record and will be made available to the public at: *https://www.regulations.gov.* Public comments are posted without change. Any identifying information submitted with these comments will also be publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angie Snyder, Deputy Administrator, USDA AMS-Cotton and Tobacco Program, 3275 Appling Road, Memphis, TN 38133; Telephone: (901) 384–3000; Email: *angie.snyder@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AMS's regulations in 7 CFR part 29 implement section 213 of The Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 (Pub. L. 98–180; 7 U.S.C. 511r), which required that, prior to entry into the United States, all imported tobacco be inspected for grade and quality and that all imported flue-cured and burley tobacco be sampled and tested to determine if it conforms with the pesticide residue requirements. The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (sec. 611(b), Public Law 108–357, 118 Stat. 1522; Oct. 22, 2004) repealed 7 U.S.C. 511r, eliminating mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco. Federal inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco has continued to be provided upon request. Upon reviewing these regulations in light of changes to the law and in alignment with Executive Order 14192, AMS has determined that regulations in 7 CFR part 29 pertaining to the mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco should be removed and, where appropriate, amended.

AMS is amending § 29.400 by revising paragraph (a) and removing paragraph (b) to reflect the change from mandatory to permissive inspection and pesticide testing of imported tobacco. Definitions in § 29.401 paragraphs (m), (o), (t), and (v) are related to obsolete business practices and, therefore, are removed. Furthermore, § 29.402 is being amended to reflect how the protocol for requesting inspection and pesticide testing services for imported tobacco have changed since mandatory inspection and pesticide testing of imported tobacco was eliminated.

AMS is removing §§ 29.406 and 407, 29.425, 29.429 and 29.431, which specify how import inspection certificates issued under mandatory inspection and pesticide testing were to be managed. AMS is amending § 29.426 to account for obsolete business practices related to mandatory inspection and pesticide testing of imported tobacco.

Lastly, AMS is making conforming amendments to §§ 29.430 and 29.500 for clarifying the appeal process for test results for imported tobacco and updating how user fees and charges are to be determined, respectively.

The inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco are user-fee based services, which are services paid for by the industry through fees. Fee rates for these services are set such that all costs associated with these services are covered by revenues generated from providing these services. While permissive inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco continue to be offered, AMS has not provided services related to the mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco in twenty years. Therefore, costs or benefits associated with AMS's regulations governing mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco are unknown. To the extent there is any uncertainty about the costs and benefits of these regulations, it is the policy of USDA to err on the side of deregulation and focus resources on fairly and rationally enforcing a discrete and manageable number of regulations.

Section 553(b)(3)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*) authorizes agencies to dispense with prior notice and comment for rules when the agency for ''good cause'' finds that those procedures are ''impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.'' Under this section, an agency, upon finding good cause, may issue a direct final rule without first publishing a proposed rule. Removing regulations pertaining to mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco and making conforming amendments will provide transparency and may reduce confusion for tobacco producers and other stakeholders. Further, AMS views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse public comment. This rule will become effective, as

published in this document, July 28, 2025 without further action, unless adverse comments are received on or before June 27, 2025. Adverse comments are considered to be those comments that suggest the rule should not be adopted or suggest the rule should be changed.

If AMS receives adverse comments, a document will be published in the **Federal Register**, withdrawing this rule before the effective date. AMS will then publish a proposed rule for public comment. Following the close of that comment period, the comments will be considered, and a final rule will be published.

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), AMS certifies that this direct final rule will not, if issued, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. AMS has not provided services related to the mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco in twenty years. The amendments made by the direct final rule will merely conform the CFR with AMS' current operating practices. This rule has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). There are no current information collections associated with the regulations related to the mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco.

USDA has determined that there is no reliance interest in obsolete aspects of regulations. Moreover, regardless of the lawfulness, USDA has no interest in maintaining regulations that have expired authorizing statutes or govern non-operational programs. Maintaining regulations pertaining to the obsolete regulations related to mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco program in 7 CFR part 29 are not a priority. Therefore, AMS is removing and, where appropriate, amending the regulations in 7 CFR part 29 to eliminate references and provisions pertaining to mandatory inspection/grading and pesticide testing of imported tobacco.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 29

Administrative practice and procedure, Advisory committees, Government publications, Imports, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Tobacco.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, AMS amends 7 CFR part 29 as follows:

PART 29—TOBACCO INSPECTION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 29 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 511–511s.

■ 2. Revise § 29.400 to read as follows:

§ 29.400 Inspection, certification, and testing of imported tobacco.

Tobacco offered for importation into the United States, including tobacco entering foreign trade zones shall upon request be inspected for grade and/or pesticide testing.

§ 29.401 [Amended]

■ 3. Remove and reserve paragraphs (m), (o), (t) and (v).

■ 4. Revise § 29.402 to read as follows:

§ 29.402 Advance notice.

The importer shall notify, orally or in writing, the Director, of the date and location that tobacco subject to inspection under § 29.400 will be unloaded for warehousing, manipulation, or manufacturing. This notice shall be received at least five working days prior to unloading the tobacco for warehousing, manipulation, or manufacturing.

§ § 29.406, 29.407 and 29.425 [Removed]

■ 5. Remove §§ 29.406, 29.407 and 29.425.

■ 6. Revise § 29.426 to read as follows:

§ 29.426 Collection of pesticide test samples.

Any lot of tobacco not certified by the importer as being free of prohibited pesticide residues shall upon request be sampled in sufficient detail to determine whether the lot conforms with the pesticide residue standards.

§ 29.429 [Removed]

■ 7. Remove § 29.429.

■ 8. Amend § 29.430 by revising the first sentence to read as follows:

§ 29.430 Appeals.

Requests for resampling for the purpose of appeals of test results for imported tobacco must be communicated to the Director within 30 days from the receipt of notification. * * *

§ 29.431 [Removed]

■ 9. Remove § 29.431.

■ 10. Revise § 29.500 to read as follows:

§ 29.500 Fees and charges for inspection and acceptance of imported tobacco.

The fee for inspection of imported tobacco will be determined as described in § 29.123 and shall be paid by the importer.

Bruce Summers,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2024–1301; Project Identifier AD–2024–00035–T; Amendment 39–23001; AD 2025–06–13]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 787–9 and 787–10 airplanes. This AD was prompted by reports that some floor beam side-of-body fittings have been manufactured with an incorrect material type. This AD requires replacing the incorrectly manufactured floor beam side-of-body fittings, inspecting the fuselage frame and fastener holes for damage, and repairing any damage. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective July 2, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of July 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–1301; 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 final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

• For Boeing material identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110–SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740–5600; telephone 562–797–1717; website *myboeingfleet.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. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–1301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Hodgin, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206–231–3962; email: *Joseph.J.Hodgin@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain The Boeing Company (Boeing) Model 787–9 and 787–10 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on May 17, 2024 (89 FR 43344). The NPRM was prompted by reports that some floor beam side-of-body fittings have been manufactured with an incorrect material type between station 1233 and station 1593. The incorrect material type is a grade 1 or 2 commercially pure unalloyed titanium, which has significantly reduced strength, fatigue, and damage-tolerance properties compared to the type design grade 5 Ti-6AI-4V material.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require replacing the incorrectly manufactured floor beam side-of-body fittings, inspecting the fuselage frame and fastener holes for damage, and repairing any damage. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the floor beam side-of-body fittings that do not meet type design and prevent failure of the fittings. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in the inability of the surrounding principal structure elements to sustain limit loads and damage to critical systems under the floor; these conditions could cause loss of control of the airplane. Additionally, in the event of an emergency landing or full certified rapid decompression, failure of multiple adjacent fittings could result in the inability of the passenger floor grid to maintain the loads and could result in serious injury or impeded egress for passengers.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received comments from nine commenters. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

The Air Line Pilots Association, International and an individual supported the NPRM without change.

Request To Use High Frequency Eddy Current (HFEC) as an Alternative Inspection Method

Air Canada, American Airlines, Boeing, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM), Qantas Airways (Qantas), and United Airlines (United) requested the FAA allow an HFEC inspection as an alternative inspection method. Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, incorporates HFEC as an optional inspection method for determining the type of titanium material. Boeing stated that the original X-ray fluorescence spectrometry technology is still a valid method, however it is controlled for export in some areas and may not be available to all operators.

FAA agrees to allow HFEC as an alternative inspection method. The FAA has changed this AD to require the actions in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, instead of Issue 001, and to give credit for complying with Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 001, dated December 8, 2023, before the effective date of this AD.

Request To Correct a Part Number

All Nippon Airways requested that the FAA correct a part number for a nut in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 001, dated December 8, 2023, from part number BACN11Z8CK to part number BACN11Z9CK.

The FAA agrees; however, Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, has corrected this typographical error. As stated previously, the FAA has updated this AD to require compliance with Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, instead of Issue 001. No further change to this AD is necessary.

Request To Defer Non-Conforming Parts Replacement

KLM requested that the FAA allow a grace period after the inspection before requiring replacement of any incorrectly manufactured floor beam side-of-body fittings. KLM added that a period of 100 flight cycles or 750 flight hours (whichever occurs first) would enable airlines to plan fitting replacements without the need to cancel flights.

The FAA does not agree. An airplane with an incorrectly manufactured floor beam side-of-body fitting does not conform to its FAA-certificated type design, nor is it in a condition for safe operation, and therefore is not airworthy until a properly approved repair has been made. The incorrectly manufactured floor beam side-of-body fittings are significantly understrength, cannot withstand regulatory required loads, and do not provide an adequate level of safety. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

Request To Correct a Typographical Error

United requested that the FAA revise paragraph (e), Unsafe Condition, of the proposed AD to remove the extraneous word ''in'' in the phrase ''to sustain limit loads and in damage to . . .''

The FAA agrees to correct the typographical error. The FAA has revised paragraph (e) of this AD accordingly.

Request To Correct a Footnote in Tasks of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin

United requested that the FAA correct a phrase in footnote 2 of Tasks 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 36, 38, 41, 43, 46, 48, 51, 53, and 56 in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, from ''Chamfer edges of fastener holes common to the SOB fitting'' to ''Chamfer edges of fastener holes common to the fuselage frame, once installed.'' United Airlines pointed out this error in Issue 001 of the document, and that it is also in Issue 002.

The FAA agrees that the requested change is necessary. The FAA has added paragraph (h)(3) of this AD to provide an exception to Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, to correct the language in the footnote.

Request To Correct a Part Quantity

United requested that the FAA change the quantity of ''1'' spacer in Table 1 of Tasks 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 36, 38, 41, 43, 46, 48, 51, 53, and 56 in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 001, dated December 8, 2023, to match the quantity ''0'' to ''3'' in the footnote.

The FAA agrees with the comment. However, Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, which is incorporated by reference in this AD instead of Issue 001, contains

the correct spacer quantity. No further change to this AD is necessary.

Concern About Spare Parts Availability

Qantas stated that it supported the proposed requirements but expressed its concern regarding spare parts availability. Quantas requested assurance that Boeing has sufficient spares to meet the expected demand.

Boeing Alert Service Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, contains information regarding parts availability and order lead times. The FAA acknowledges the commenter's concern but cannot base its AD action on whether spare parts are available or can be produced.

Concern About Quality Control

Qantas expressed concern regarding whether the quality control issues with the non-conforming titanium fittings have been addressed.

As part of the safety investigation related to this AD, all parts under the Boeing quality system were inspected for conformity. In addition, Boeing performed a root cause analysis and took corrective actions to prevent reoccurrence of similar issues.

Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024. This material specifies performing an X-ray fluorescence spectrometer inspection or an HFEC inspection of the floor beam side-of-body fittings between station 1233 and station 1593 to determine whether the fitting was manufactured with type design grade 5 Ti–6AI–4V material. Alternatively, operators may replace all floor beam side-of-body fittings between station 1233 and station 1593 with fittings made of the correct material without performing an inspection. For any floor beam side-of-body fitting that needs replacement, this material specifies inspecting the fuselage frame and fuselage fastener holes for damage, repairing any damage, and installing a floor beam side-of-body fitting made of the correct material.

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.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 60 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS—OPTION 1

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per airplane	Cost on U.S. operators
X-ray fluorescence spectrometer inspection or HFEC inspection to determine material type	77 work-hours × $85 per hour = $6,545.	$0	$6,545	Up to $392,700.

ESTIMATED COSTS—OPTION 2

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per airplane
Replace all affected floor beam side-of-body fittings and inspect for damage.	527 work-hours × $85 per hour = $44,795	$218,250	$263,045

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any replacements that would be required based on the results of the inspection. The agency has no way of determining the number of aircraft that might need this replacement:

ON-CONDITION COSTS FOR OPTION 1

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per fitting
Replace floor beam side-of-body fitting and inspect for damage (per fitting).	18 work-hours × $85 per hour = $1,530	$8,730	$10,260

The extent of damage found during the inspection done when the fittings are replaced could vary significantly from airplane to airplane. The FAA has no way of determining how much damage may be found on each airplane, the cost to repair damaged parts on each airplane, or the number of airplanes that may require repair.

The FAA has included all known costs in its cost estimate. According to the manufacturer, however, some of the costs of this 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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

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

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

(3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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:

2025–06–13 The Boeing Company: Amendment 39–23001; Docket No. FAA–2024–1301; Project Identifier AD–2024–00035–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 2, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to The Boeing Company Model 787–9 and 787–10 airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 53, Fuselage.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports that some floor beam side-of-body fittings have been manufactured with an incorrect material type between station 1233 and station 1593. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the floor beam side-of-body fittings that do not meet type design and prevent failure of the fittings. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in the inability of the surrounding principal structure elements to sustain limit loads and damage to critical systems under the floor; these conditions could cause loss of control of the airplane. Additionally, in the event of an emergency landing or full certified rapid decompression, failure of multiple adjacent fittings could result in the inability of the passenger floor grid to maintain the loads and could result in serious injury or impeded egress for passengers.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: At the applicable times specified in the ''Compliance'' paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024.

Note 1 to paragraph (g): Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, which is referred to in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024.

(h) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications

(1) Where the ''Boeing Recommended Compliance Time'' column in the tables under the ''Compliance'' paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, refers to ''the Issue 001 date of Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB,'' this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, specifies contacting Boeing for repair instructions, this AD requires doing the repair before further flight using a method approved in accordance with the procedures in paragraph (i) of this AD.

(3) Where footnote [2] in Tasks 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 36, 38, 41, 43, 46, 48, 51, 53, and 56 of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024, uses the phrase ''Chamfer edges of fastener holes common to the SOB fitting,'' for this AD, replace that phrase with ''Chamfer edges of fastener holes common to the fuselage frame, once installed.''

(i) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for the actions specified in paragraph (g) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 001, dated December 8, 2023.

(j) 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 (k)(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.

(k) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Joseph Hodgin, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 206–231–3962; email: *Joseph.J.Hodgin@faa.gov.*

(2) Material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the address specified in paragraph (l)(3) of this AD.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB530084–00 RB, Issue 002, dated September 5, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For service information, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110–SK57, Seal

Beach, CA 90740–5600; telephone 562–797–1717; website *myboeingfleet.com*.

(4) You may view this service information 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*.

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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–2025–0335; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00466–T; Amendment 39–23043; AD 2025–10–09]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus SAS Model A350–941 and –1041 airplanes. This AD was prompted by a determination that certain master minimum equipment list (MMEL) items do not comply with MMEL certification requirements. This AD requires revising the operator's existing FAA-approved minimum equipment list (MEL), as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective July 2, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of July 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0335; 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 final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu*. You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu*.
- 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. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0335.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kin Suen Chan, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 847–294–7496; email: *kin.suen.chan@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus SAS Model A350–941 and –1041 airplanes. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on March 5, 2025 (90 FR 11236). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024–0157, dated August 14, 2024, issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union (EASA AD 2024–0157) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI states that certain MMEL items do not comply with MMEL certification requirements.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require revising the operator's existing FAA-approved MEL, as specified in EASA AD 2024–0157. The FAA is issuing this AD to address certain MMEL items that do not comply with MMEL certification requirements. This condition, if not corrected, could result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0335.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received comments from the Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) and ProTech Aero Services Limited (ProTech) who supported the NPRM without change.

Conclusion

These products have been approved by the civil aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, that authority has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed EASA AD 2024–0157. This material specifies procedures for revising the operator's MEL by incorporating the information in MMEL item numbers 32–42–13 ''Remote Brake Control Unit Channel A,'' 32–51–01 ''Steering Control,'' 27–14–01 ''Outer Aileron Green Hydraulic Actuator,'' 27–14–02 ''Outer Aileron Yellow Hydraulic Actuator,'' 27–14–03 ''Outer Aileron Pressure Sensor,'' and 32–41–02 ''Main Wheel Tie Bolt,'' as applicable. 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.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 36 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
10 work-hours × $85 per hour = $850	$0	$850	$30,600

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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

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

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

(3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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:

2025–10–09 Airbus SAS: Amendment 39–23043; Docket No. FAA–2025–0335; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00466–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 2, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Airbus SAS Model A350–941 and –1041 airplanes, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 27, Flight Controls; 32, Landing Gear.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that certain master minimum equipment list (MMEL) items do not comply with MMEL certification requirements. The FAA is issuing this AD to address this condition, which if not corrected, could result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0157, dated August 14, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0157).

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024–0157

(1) Where EASA AD 2024–0157 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2024–0157 specifies to ''inform all flight crews, and, thereafter, operate the aeroplane accordingly,'' this AD does not require those actions as they are already required by existing FAA operating regulations (see 14 CFR 121.628(a)(2) and 121.628(a)(5)).

(3) Where paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2024–0157 specifies to ''implement the instructions of the MMEL update, on the basis of which the operator's MEL must be amended,'' this AD requires replacing that text with ''revise the operator's existing FAA-approved MEL by incorporating the information identified in 'The MMEL update' as defined in EASA AD 2024–0157''.

(4) This AD does not adopt the ''Remarks'' section of EASA AD 2024–0157.

(i) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* 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 AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) 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, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Kin Suen Chan, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 847–294–7496; email: *kin.suen.chan@faa.gov.*

(k) 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) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0157, dated August 14, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu.*

(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.*

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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–2025–0008; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00563–T; Amendment 39–23014; AD 2025–08–01]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus SAS Model A321–251NX, –252NX, –253NX, –271NX, and –272NX airplanes. This AD was prompted by discovery of two bushes that had migrated on the latch shaft of an emergency overwing exit door (OWED) during accomplishment of an inspection on an in-service airplane. This AD requires repetitive detailed inspections (DETs) of the affected parts and, in case of discrepancies, modification of the affected parts, and prohibits the installation of affected parts, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective July 2, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of July 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0008; 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 final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu;* website *easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu.*
- 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. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Dowling, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone 206–231–3667; email *Timothy.P.Dowling@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus SAS Model A321–251NX, –252NX, –253NX, –271NX, and –272NX airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on January 21, 2025 (90 FR 6841). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024–0187, dated September 25, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0187) (also referred to as the MCAI), issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union. The MCAI states during accomplishment of an inspection on an in-service airplane, two bushes were found migrated on the latch shaft of an OWED.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require repetitive DETs of the affected parts and, in case of discrepancies, modification of the affected parts, and to prohibit the installation of affected parts, as specified in EASA AD 2024–0187. The FAA is issuing this AD to address bush migration on the latch shaft. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could affect the fatigue life of the lower beam of the OWED and, consequently, the structural integrity of the airplane.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0008.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received comments from an individual commenter who supported the NPRM without change.

Conclusion

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, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comment received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2024–0187 specifies procedures for repetitive DETs for discrepancies of the affected parts and, in case of discrepancies, modification of discrepant parts. Accomplishment of the modification terminates the repetitive inspections. Discrepancies include any signs of bush migration or deterioration of the sealant between the bush and latch bracket. EASA AD 2024–0187 also prohibits the installation of affected parts. 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.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 284 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
3 work-hours × $85 per hour = $255, per inspection cycle	$0	$255	$72,420, per inspection cycle.

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any on-condition action that would be required based on the results of any required actions. The FAA has no way of determining the number of

aircraft that might need this on-condition action:

ESTIMATED COSTS OF ON-CONDITION ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
51 work-hours × $85 per hour = $4,335	$2,150	$6,485

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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

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

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

(3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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

2025–08–01 Airbus SAS: Amendment 39–23014; Docket No. FAA–2025–0008; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00563–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 2, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Airbus SAS Model A321–251NX, –252NX, –253NX, –271NX, and –272NX airplanes, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 52, Doors.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by discovery of two bushes that had migrated on the latch shaft of an emergency overwing exit door (OWED) during accomplishment of an inspection on an in-service airplane. The FAA is issuing this AD to address bush migration on the latch shaft. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could affect the fatigue life of the lower beam of the OWED and, consequently, the structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD 2024–0187, dated September 25, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0187).

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024–0187

(1) Where EASA AD 2024–0187 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2024–0187 states ''discrepancies, as defined in the ISB,'' this AD requires replacing that text with ''any signs of bush migration or deterioration of the sealant between the bush and latch bracket.''

(3) This AD does not adopt the ''Remarks'' section of EASA AD 2024–0187.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the material referenced in EASA AD 2024–0187 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

(j) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* 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 Continued Operational Safety 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, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Required for Compliance (RC):* Except as required by paragraph (i) and (j)(2) of this AD, if any material contains procedures or tests that are identified as RC, those procedures and tests must be done to comply with this AD; any procedures or tests that are not identified as RC are recommended. Those procedures and tests that are not identified as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator's maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the procedures and tests identified as RC can be done and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition. Any substitutions or changes to procedures or tests identified as RC require approval of an AMOC.

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Timothy Dowling, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone 206–231–3667; email *Timothy.P.Dowling@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) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0187, dated September 25, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu;* website *easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu.*

(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 7, 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–2024–2717; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00147–T; Amendment 39–23011; AD 2025–07–09]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2020–19–13, which applied to certain Bombardier, Inc., Model CL–600–1A11 (600), CL–600–2A12 (601), and CL–600–2B16 (601–3A, 601–3R, and 604 Variants) airplanes. AD 2020–19–13 required a check to identify the manufacturer and part number of the portable oxygen bottle installation, and, if necessary, modification of the portable oxygen bottle installation. This AD continues to require the actions specified in AD 2020–19–13 and expands the applicability. This AD was prompted by a report indicating that the portable oxygen bottle installation's upper bracket latch assembly can catch on the pressure gauge tube or on the pressure gauge bezel of the portable oxygen bottle. This AD was also prompted by the determination that additional airplanes may be subject to the unsafe condition. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective July 2, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of July 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2717; 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 final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- 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.*
- 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. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2717.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Buitrago, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; email n.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2020–19–13, Amendment 39–21256 (85 FR 60887, dated September 29, 2020) (AD 2020–19–13). AD 2020–19–13 applied to certain Bombardier, Inc., Model CL–600–1A11 (600), CL–600–2A12 (601), and CL–600–2B16 (601–3A, 601–3R, and 604 Variants) airplanes. AD 2020–19–13 required a check to identify the manufacturer and part number of the portable oxygen bottle installation, and, if necessary, modification of the portable oxygen bottle installation. The FAA issued AD 2020–19–13 to address the portable oxygen bottle installation's upper bracket latch assembly catching on the pressure gauge bezel of the portable oxygen bottle, which could prevent fast and easy access to the portable oxygen bottle in an emergency situation.

The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2024 (89 FR 107069). The NPRM was prompted by AD CF–2024–09, dated February 29, 2024, issued by Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada (Transport Canada AD CF–2024–09) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI states four Model CL–600–2B16 airplanes have been added to the applicability.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to continue to require the actions specified in AD 2020–19–13. In the NPRM, the FAA also proposed to add airplanes to the applicability. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2717.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received no comments on the NPRM or on the determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

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, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed the following material:

- Bombardier Service Bulletin 600–0772, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023;

- Bombardier Service Bulletin 601–0646, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023;
- Bombardier Service Bulletin 604–35–006, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023;
- Bombardier Service Bulletin 605–35–005, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023; and
- Bombardier Service Bulletin 650–35–001, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023.

This material specifies procedures for a check to identify the manufacturer and part number of the portable oxygen bottle installation, and, if necessary, modification of the portable oxygen bottle installation. These documents are distinct since they apply to different airplane models/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.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 192 airplanes of U.S. registry.

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
3 work-hours × $85 per hour = $255	$1,530	$1,785	$342,720

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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

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

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

(3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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 (AD) 2020–19–13, Amendment 39–21256 (85 FR 60887, September 29, 2020); and

■ b. Adding the following new AD:

2025–07–09 Bombardier, Inc.: Amendment 39–23011; Docket No. FAA–2024–2717; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00147–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 2, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2020–19–13, Amendment 39–21256 (85 FR 60887, September 29, 2020) (AD 2020–19–13).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Bombardier, Inc., airplanes, identified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (3), certificated in any category, equipped with Scott (Avox/Zodiac) 5500 or 5600 series 11 cubic foot portable oxygen bottle(s) with upper bracket part number (P/N) 36758–02, P/N 36758–12 or P/N H3–2091–1 installed at the neck of the bottle(s).

(1) Model CL–600–1A11 (600) airplanes, serial numbers (S/Ns) 1004 through 1085 inclusive.

(2) Model CL–600–2A12 (601) airplanes, serial numbers 3001 through 3066 inclusive.

(3) Model CL–600–2B16 (601–3A, 601–3R, and 604 Variants) airplanes, serial numbers 5001 through 5194 inclusive, 5301 through 5665 inclusive, 5701 through 5988 inclusive, 6050 through 6119 inclusive, 6158, 6161, 6176, and 6181.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 35, Oxygen.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report indicating that the portable oxygen bottle installation's upper bracket latch assembly can catch on the pressure gauge tube or on the pressure gauge bezel of the portable oxygen bottle. This AD was also prompted by the determination that four additional Model CL–600–2B16 airplanes may be subject to the unsafe condition. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition, which, if not addressed, could prevent fast and easy access to the portable oxygen bottle in an emergency situation.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Retained Check for Airplanes, With Revised Figure Reference and Revised Service Information

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (g) of AD 2020–19–13, with revised figure reference and revised service information. For airplanes with a serial number listed in Section 1.A. of the applicable Bombardier service information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, except airplane S/Ns 6158, 6161, 6176, and 6181: Within 60 months after November 3, 2020 (the effective date of AD 2020–19–13), check each portable oxygen bottle installation to determine the manufacturer and P/N, in accordance with paragraph 2.B. of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable Bombardier service information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD.

Figure 1 to Paragraph (g)—Service Information References

Airplane Model	Bombardier Service Information
Model CL-600-1A11	Bombardier Service Bulletin 600-0772, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023
Model CL-600-2A12	Bombardier Service Bulletin 601-0646, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023
Model CL-600-2B16	Bombardier Service Bulletin 601-0646, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023
Model CL-600-2B16	Bombardier Service Bulletin 604-35-006, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023
Model CL-600-2B16	Bombardier Service Bulletin 605-35-005, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023
Model CL-600-2B16	Bombardier Service Bulletin 650-35-001, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023

(h) Retained Bracket Modification, With Specified Compliance Time

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (h) of AD 2020–19–13, with a specified compliance time. If, during the inspection specified in paragraph (g) of this AD, any portable oxygen bottle is found to be manufactured by Scott (Avox/Zodiac) and is a 5500 or 5600 series 11 cubic foot bottle, with upper bracket P/N 36758–02, 36758–12, or H3–2091–1 installed at the neck of the bottle: Within 60 months after November 3, 2020 (the effective date of AD 2020–19–13), modify the portable oxygen bottle brackets in accordance with paragraph 2.C. of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable Bombardier service information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD.

(i) Retained Check for Airplanes Not Listed in the Service Information, With Revised Figure Reference and Revised Service Information

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (i) of AD 2020–19–13, with a revised figure reference and revised service information. For airplanes with a serial number that is not listed in section 1.A. of the applicable Bombardier service information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, within 60 months after November 3, 2020 (the effective date of AD 2020–19–13), check each portable oxygen bottle installation to determine the manufacturer and part number and accomplish corrective actions in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (l)(1) of this AD.

(j) New Check Requirement for Added Airplanes

For airplane S/Ns 6158, 6161, 6176, and 6181: Within 60 months after the effective date of this AD, check each portable oxygen bottle installation to determine the manufacturer and part number and accomplish corrective actions in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (l)(1) of this AD.

(k) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for actions required by paragraphs (g) and (h) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using the applicable material specified in paragraphs (k)(1) through (5) of this AD.

(1) Bombardier Service Bulletin 600–0772, dated June 29, 2018;

(2) Bombardier Service Bulletin 601–0646, dated June 29, 2018;

(3) Bombardier Service Bulletin 604–35–006, dated June 29, 2018;

(4) Bombardier Service Bulletin 605–35–005, dated June 29, 2018; and

(5) Bombardier Service Bulletin 650–35–001, dated June 29, 2018.

(l) Additional AD Provisions

(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, mail it to the address identified in paragraph (m)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed 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.

(m) Additional Information

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

(2) Material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the address specified in paragraph (n)(3) of this AD.

(n) 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 this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Bombardier Service Bulletin 600–0772, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023.

(ii) Bombardier Service Bulletin 601–0646, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023.

(iii) Bombardier Service Bulletin 604–35–006, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023.

(iv) Bombardier Service Bulletin 605–35–005, Revision 01, dated June 28, 2023.

(v) Bombardier Service Bulletin 650–35–001, Revision 01, dated June 28, 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–2024–2720; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00129–T; Amendment 39–23013; AD 2025–07–11]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Bombardier, Inc., Model BD–700–1A10 and BD–700–1A11 airplanes. This AD was prompted by reports of engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hoses for hydraulic systems number 1 and 2 chafing against the pylon in the aft equipment bay. This AD requires an inspection of the engine-driven pump pressure hoses for any damage and minimum clearance between the engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hose and case drain, suction pressure hose, and surrounding pylon structure; and corrective actions if necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective July 2, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of July 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2720; 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 final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

• 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*.

• 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. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2720.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Catanzaro, 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:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain Bombardier, Inc., Model BD–700–1A10 and BD–700–1A11 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2025 (90 FR 578). The NPRM was prompted by AD CF–2024–07, dated February 21, 2024 (referred to after this as ''the MCAI''), issued by Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada. The MCAI states that there have been reports of engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hoses for hydraulic systems number 1, left-hand side (LHS), and number 2, right-hand side (RHS), chafing against the pylon in the aft equipment bay.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require an inspection of the engine-driven pump pressure hoses for any damage and minimum clearance between the engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hose and case drain, suction pressure hose, and surrounding pylon structure; and corrective actions if necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the chafing of the hydraulic systems engine-driven pump hoses against the pylon, which may lead to hydraulic system leaks and failures and result in the loss of the affected hydraulic system. Loss of both hydraulic systems number 1 and 2 would substantially reduce the airplane's functional capabilities.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2720.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received no comments on the NPRM or on the determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

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, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed the following material issued by Bombardier:

• Service Bulletin 700–29–5502, dated November 29, 2023.

• Service Bulletin 700–29–6011, dated November 29, 2023.

• Service Bulletin 700–29–6502, dated November 29, 2023.

This material describes procedures for a borescope inspection of the routing of hydraulic systems number 1, LHS, and number 2, RHS, engine-driven pump pressure hoses for any damage (including fouling or chafing) and for minimum clearance between the engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hose and case drain, suction pressure hose, and surrounding pylon structure. Corrective actions include replacing and adjusting the pressure hoses. These documents are distinct since they apply to different airplane models. 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.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 36 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
2 work-hours × $85 per hour = $170	$0	$170	$6,120

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any necessary on-condition actions that would be required based on the results of any required actions. The FAA has no way of determining the number of aircraft that might need these on-condition actions:

ESTIMATED COSTS OF ON-CONDITION ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
2 work-hours × $85 per hour = $170	$1,226	$1,396

The FAA has included all known costs in its cost estimate. According to the manufacturer, however, some or all of the costs of this 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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

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

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

(3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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:

2025–07–11 Bombardier, Inc.: Amendment 39–23013; Docket No. FAA–2024–2720; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00129–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 2, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Bombardier, Inc., Model BD–700–1A10 and BD–700–1A11 airplanes, certificated in any category, serial numbers (S/Ns) 60001 through 60076 inclusive, 60083, 60087, and 60089.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 29, Hydraulic Power.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hoses for hydraulic systems number 1 and 2 chafing against the pylon in the aft equipment bay. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the chafing of the hydraulic systems engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hoses for the hydraulic system against the pylon, which may lead to hydraulic system leaks and failures and result in the loss of the affected hydraulic system. Loss of both hydraulic systems number 1 and 2 would substantially reduce the airplane's functional capabilities.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Inspection of Engine-Driven Pump Hydraulic Hoses

Within 500 flight hours or 18 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first, do a borescope inspection of the routing of hydraulic systems number 1, left-hand side, and number 2, right-hand side, engine-driven pump pressure hoses over the length of the hoses for any damage and for minimum clearance between the engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hose and case drain, suction pressure hose, and surrounding pylon structure, in accordance with section 2.B. of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable service information identified in paragraph (g)(1) through (3) of this AD.

(1) For airplanes identified in Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–5502, dated November 29, 2023: Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–5502, dated November 29, 2023. Where paragraph 1.A. of Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–5502, dated November 29, 2023, identifies ''Model BD–700–1A10 aircraft,'' this AD requires replacing that text with ''Model BD–700–1A11 aircraft.''

(2) For airplanes identified in Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–6011, dated November 29, 2023: Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–6011, dated November 29, 2023.

(3) For airplanes identified in Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–6502, dated November 29, 2023: Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–6502, dated November 29, 2023.

(h) Corrective Actions

(1) If clearance is found to be less than 0.500 inch (12.70 mm) during the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD: Before further flight, adjust the applicable hose(s) to

obtain minimum clearance between the engine-driven pump hydraulic pressure hose and case drain, suction pressure hose, and surrounding pylon structure, in accordance with section 2.C. of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable service information identified in paragraphs (g)(1) through (3) of this AD.

(2) If any damage (including fouling or chafing) is found during the inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD: Before further flight, replace all damaged pressure hoses, in accordance with section 2.D. of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable service information identified in paragraphs (g)(1) through (3) of this AD.

(i) 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 (j) 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, Inc.'s Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(j) Additional Information

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

(k) 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) Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–5502, dated November 29, 2023.

(ii) Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–6011, dated November 29, 2023.

(iii) Bombardier Service Bulletin 700–29–6502, dated November 29, 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–2025–0203; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00360–T; Amendment 39–23042; AD 2025–10–08]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; ATR—GIE Avions de Transport Régional Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain ATR—GIE Avions de Transport Régional Model ATR42–500 and ATR72–212A airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report of potential use of improper material during the production of vertical tail plane (VTP) fittings. This AD requires, for certain airplanes, an inspection for the material of affected fuselage-to-VTP fittings, an inspection report, and corrective actions, and, for certain other airplanes, part replacement, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective July 2, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of July 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0203; 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 final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu.*
- 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. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darren Gassetto, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516–228–7323; email: *9-AVS-AIR-BACO-COS@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain ATR—GIE Avions de Transport Régional Model ATR42–500 and ATR72–212A airplanes. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 2025 (90 FR 9698). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024–0120, dated June 27, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0120) (also referred to as the MCAI), issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union. The MCAI states that there was a report of potential use of improper material during the production of fuselage-to-VTP fittings. After this supplier production quality escape was found, further review identified the affected parts population and the airplanes equipped with the affected parts. VTP fittings made of improper material, if not detected and corrected, could reduce the structural integrity of the airplane.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require, for certain airplanes, an inspection for the material of affected fuselage-to-VTP fittings, an inspection report, and corrective actions, and, for certain other airplanes, part replacement, as specified in EASA AD 2024–0120. The FAA is issuing this AD

to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0203.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received comments from the Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) and an anonymous commenter who supported the NPRM without change.

Conclusion

These products have been approved by the civil aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, that authority has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed EASA AD 2024–0120. This material specifies, for certain airplanes, procedures for an inspection using electrical conductivity, hardness, and X-ray fluorescence (XRF) tests for the material of affected fuselage-to-VTP fittings, an inspection report, and corrective actions, and, for certain other airplanes, fuselage-to-VTP fitting replacement. Corrective actions include contacting the manufacturer for repair instructions and compliance times, or replacing the part with a serviceable part, depending on findings. 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.

Interim Action

The FAA considers that this AD is an interim action. The inspection reports that are required by this AD will enable the manufacturer to obtain better insight into the extent of the unsafe condition, and eventually to develop final action to address the unsafe condition. Once final action has been identified, the FAA might consider further rulemaking.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 1 airplane of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Up to 24 work-hours × $85 per hour = Up to $2,040	Unknown *	Up to $2,040	Up to $2,040.

* The FAA has received no definitive data on which to base the cost estimates for the parts specified in this AD.

The FAA has received no definitive data on which to base the cost estimates for the on-condition actions specified in this AD.

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

Paperwork Reduction Act

A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2120–0056. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to take approximately 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are mandatory. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177–1524.

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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

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

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

(3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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:

2025–10–08 ATR—GIE Avions de Transport Régional: Amendment 39–23042; Docket No. FAA–2025–0203; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00360–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 2, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to ATR—GIE Avions de Transport Régional Model ATR42–500 and ATR72–212A airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0120, dated June 27, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0120).

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 55, Stabilizers.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report of potential use of improper material during the production of vertical tail plane (VTP) fittings. The FAA is issuing this AD to address VTP fittings made of improper material. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2024–0120.

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024–0120

(1) Where EASA AD 2024–0120 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) This AD does not adopt the ''Remarks'' section of EASA AD 2024–0120.

(3) Paragraph (5) of EASA AD 2024–0120 specifies to report inspection results to ATR—GIE Avions de Transport Régional within a certain compliance time. For this AD, report inspection results at the applicable time specified in paragraph (h)(3)(i) or (ii) of this AD.

(i) If the inspection was done on or after the effective date of this AD: Submit the report within 30 days after the inspection.

(ii) If the inspection was done before the effective date of this AD: Submit the report within 30 days after the effective date of this AD.

(i) 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 (j) 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 EASA; or ATR—GIE Avions de Transport Régional's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Darren Gassetto, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516–228–7323; email: *9-AVS-AIR-BACO-COS@faa.gov.*

(k) 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) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0120, dated June 27, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu.*

(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 May 13, 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–2024–2718; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00319–T; Amendment 39–23046; AD 2025–10–12]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus SAS Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320 series airplanes; Model A321–211, –212, –213, –231, –232, –251N, –251NX, –252N, –252NX, –253N, –253NX, –253NY, –271N, –271NX, –272N, and –272NX airplanes; Airbus SAS Model A330–200 series airplanes; Model A330–300 series airplanes; Model A330–800 series airplanes; Model A330–900 series airplanes; Model A350–941 and –1041 airplanes; and Model A380–800 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report of corrosion and cracks on the broadband antenna adapter plate during an inspection. This AD requires repetitive general visual inspections of the broadband antenna adapter plate, skirt, vents, and attachment fittings, and applicable corrective actions, and limits the installation of affected parts under certain conditions. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective July 2, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of July 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2718; 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 final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and

other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu;* website *easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu.*
- 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. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2718.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thusa Dinh, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 562–627–5839; email: *Thusa.T.Dinh@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus SAS Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320 series airplanes; Model A321–211, –212, –213, –231, –232, –251N, –251NX, –252N, –252NX, –253N, –253NX, –253NY, –271N, –271NX, –272N, and –272NX airplanes; Airbus SAS Model A330–200 series airplanes; Model A330–300 series airplanes; Model A330–800 series airplanes; Model A330–900 series airplanes; Model A350–941 and –1041 airplanes; and Model A380–800 series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2024 (89 FR 107063). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024–0199, dated October 18, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0199) (also referred to as the MCAI), issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union. The MCAI states that corrosion and cracks were found on the broadband antenna adapter plate during an inspection. Further investigation determined that the broadband antenna adapter plate and skirt assembly-adapter are made of material susceptible to corrosion cracking, and that the recommended maintenance programs do not ensure timely detection of cracks and damage in this area.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require repetitive general visual inspections of the broadband antenna adapter plate, skirt, vents, and attachment fittings and applicable corrective actions, and limit the installation of affected parts under certain conditions, as specified in EASA AD 2024–0199. The NPRM also proposed to require reporting of the inspection results after each inspection, as specified in EASA AD 2024–0199. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the corrosion and cracks on the broadband antenna adapter plate and skirt assembly-adapter. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could lead to in-flight detachment of the radome, antenna, and affected parts (*e.g.,* the broadband antenna adapter plate, skirt, vents and attachment fittings), which could impact the tail section of the airplane, possibly resulting in damage and reduced control of the airplane.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2718.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received a comment from an individual who supported the NPRM without change.

Clarification of Paragraph (h)(4) of the Proposed AD

The FAA revised paragraph (h)(4) of this AD to clarify the conditions that require corrective actions.

Conclusion

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, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comment received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, and any other changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2024–0199 specifies procedures for repetitive general visual inspections for cracks and corrosion of the broadband antenna adapter plate, skirt, vents, and attachment fittings, and, depending on findings, corrective actions including repair or replacement of the affected parts. EASA AD 2024–0199 also limits the installation of affected parts under certain conditions and requires reporting of both positive and negative inspection results after the initial inspection and thereafter reporting the positive inspection results after each subsequent inspection. 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.

Interim Action

The FAA considers that this AD is an interim action. The FAA anticipates that further AD action will follow.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 4 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Up to 61 work-hours × $85 per hour = $5,185	$0	Up to $5,185	Up to $20,740.

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any on-condition action that would be required based on the results of any required actions. The FAA has no way of determining the number of aircraft that might need this on-condition action:

ESTIMATED COSTS OF ON-CONDITION ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
50 work-hours × $85 per hour = $4,250	$10,000	$14,250

The FAA has received no definitive data on which to base the cost estimates for the repairs specified in this AD.

Paperwork Reduction Act

A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2120–0056. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to take approximately 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are mandatory. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177–1524.

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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

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

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

(3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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:

2025–10–12 Airbus SAS: Amendment 39–23046; Docket No. FAA–2024–2718; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00319–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 2, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Airbus SAS airplanes specified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (6) of this AD, certificated in any category.

(1) Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes.

(2) Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, –233, –251N, –252N, –253N, –271N, –272N, and –273N airplanes.

(3) Model A321–211, –212, –213, –231, –232, –251N, –251NX, –252N, –252NX, –253N, –253NX, –253NY, –271N, –271NX, –272N, and –272NX airplanes.

(4) Model A330–201, –202, –203, –223, –243, –301, –302, –303, –321, –322, –323, –341, –342, –343, –841, and –941 airplanes.

(5) Model A350–941 and –1041 airplanes.

(6) Model A380–841, –842, and –861 airplanes.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 53, Fuselage.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report that found corrosion and cracks on the broadband antenna adapter plate during an inspection. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the corrosion and cracks on the broadband antenna adapter plate and skirt assembly-adapter. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could lead to in-flight detachment of the radome, antenna, and affected parts, which could impact the tail section of the airplane, possibly resulting in damage and reduced control of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0199, dated October 18, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0199).

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024–0199

(1) Where Appendix A in ''the applicable SB'' identified in EASA AD 2024–0199 specifies a compliance time ''from SB publication date,'' this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where EASA AD 2024–0199 specifies ''14 June 2024 [the effective date of EASA AD 2024–0106],'' this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(3) This AD does not adopt the ''Remarks'' section of EASA AD 2024–0199.

(4) Where paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2024–0199 specifies ''any crack and/or corrosion are detected on an affected part'', this AD requires replacing that text with ''any crack or corrosion is detected on an affected part''.

(5) Paragraph (4) of EASA AD 2024–0199 specifies to report inspection results to Airbus within a certain compliance time. For this AD, report inspection results at the applicable time specified in paragraph (h)(5)(i) or (ii) of this AD.

(i) If the inspection was done on or after the effective date of this AD: Submit the report within 30 days after the inspection.

(ii) If the inspection was done before the effective date of this AD: Submit the report within 30 days after the effective date of this AD.

(i) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* 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 AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) 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, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS's EASA DOA. If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Required for Compliance (RC):* Except as required by paragraph (i)(2) of this AD, if any material contains procedures or tests that are identified as RC, those procedures and tests must be done to comply with this AD; any procedures or tests that are not identified as RC are recommended. Those procedures and tests that are not identified as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator's maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the procedures and tests identified as RC can be done and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition. Any substitutions or changes to procedures or tests identified as RC require approval of an AMOC.

(j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Thusa Dinh, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: 562–627–5839; email: *Thusa.T.Dinh@faa.gov.*

(k) 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) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0199, dated October 18, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs@easa.europa.eu;* website *easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu.*

(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 May 15, 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 71

[Docket No. FAA–2025–0091; Airspace Docket No. 24–AAL–125]

RIN 2120–AA66

Revocation of Jet Route J–606 and Establishment of United States Area Navigation Route Q–182 in Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action revokes Jet Route J–606 and establishes United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q–182 in Alaska. The FAA is taking this action due to the pending decommissioning of the Chinook, AK, Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB).

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. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's website at *www.federalregister.gov.*

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: Steven Roff, Rules and Regulations Group, Policy Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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 the Air Traffic Service (ATS) route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System.

History

The FAA published an NPRM for Docket No. FAA–2025–0091 in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 8003; January 23, 2025), to revoke Jet Route J–606 and establish RNAV Route Q–182 in Alaska. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Incorporation by Reference

Jet Routes are published in paragraph 2004 and United States RNAV Routes are published in paragraph 2006 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

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 to revoke J–606 and establish RNAV Route Q–182 in Alaska. The FAA is taking this action due to the pending decommissioning of the Chinook, AK, NDB.

J–606: Prior to this rule, J–606 extended between the St. Paul Island, AK, NDB/distance measuring equipment (DME) and the Chinook, AK, NDB. The FAA is revoking J–606 in its entirety.

Q–182: The FAA is establishing Q–182 as a replacement for J–606. Q–182 extends between the St. Paul Island, AK, NDB/DME and the King Salmon, AK, Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC).

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, when promulgated, 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 of revoking Jet Route J–606 and establishing RNAV Route Q–182 in Alaska qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, ''Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,'' paragraph 5–6.5.a which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points); and paragraph 5–6.5k, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review the publication of existing air traffic control procedures that do not essentially change existing tracks, create new tracks, change altitude, or change concentration of aircraft on these tracks. As such, this action is not expected to result in any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5–2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, the FAA has reviewed this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. The FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact study.

Lists 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 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 2004 Jet Routes.

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J–606 [Removed]

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Paragraph 2006 United States Area Navigation Routes.

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Q–182 St. Paul Island, AK (SPY) to King Salmon, AK (AKN) [New]

St. Paul Island, AK (SPY)	NDB/DME	(Lat. 57°09′25.20″ N, long. 170°13′58.77″ W)
GARRS, AK	FIX	(Lat. 58°19′05.80″ N, long. 161°20′31.74″ W)
King Salmon, AK (AKN)	VORTAC	(Lat. 58°43′28.97″ N, long. 156°45′08.45″ W)

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Issued in Washington, DC, on May 20, 2025.

Brian Eric Konie,

Manager (A), Rules and Regulations Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2025–0408]

Security Zone; Potomac River and Anacostia River, and Adjacent Waters; Washington, DC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a security zone along the Potomac River and Anacostia River, and adjacent waters at Washington, DC, for activities associated with the Army's 250th Anniversary celebration. This action is necessary to protect government officials, mitigate potential terrorist acts and incidents, and enhance public and maritime safety and security immediately before, during, and after this activity. During the enforcement period, entry into or remaining within the zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his designated representative.

DATES: The regulations for Security Zone 6, in 33 CFR 165.508, will be enforced from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. on June 14, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email LCDR Kate

Newkirk, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (Waterways Management Division); telephone 410–576–2519, email *MDNCRWaterways@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce regulations in 33 CFR 165.508, for Security Zone 6, 4 p.m. on June 14, 2025, until 10 p.m. on June 14, 2025. This action is being taken to protect government officials, mitigate potential terrorist acts and incidents, and enhance public and maritime safety and security immediately before, during, and after this event. Our regulation for the Security Zone; Potomac River and Anacostia River, and adjacent waters; Washington, DC, § 165.508(a)(6), specifies the location for this security zone as an area that includes all navigable waters described in paragraphs (a)(1) through (3), which includes Zones 1, 2, and 3.

- Security Zone 1, paragraph (a)(1); all navigable waters of the Potomac River, from shoreline to shoreline, bounded to the north by the Francis Scott Key (US–29) Bridge, at mile 113, and bounded to the south by a line drawn from the Virginia shoreline at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, at 38°51′21.3″ N, 077°02′00.0″ W, eastward across the Potomac River to the District of Columbia shoreline at Hains Point at position 38°51′24.3″ N, 077°01′19.8″ W, including the waters of the Boundary Channel, Pentagon Lagoon, Georgetown Channel Tidal Basin, and Roaches Run.
- Security Zone 2, paragraph (a)(2); all navigable waters of the Anacostia River, from shoreline to shoreline, bounded to the north by the John Philip Sousa (Pennsylvania Avenue) Bridge, at mile 2.9, and bounded to the south by a line drawn from the District of Columbia shoreline at Hains Point at position 38°51′24.3″ N, 077°01′19.8″ W, southward across the Anacostia River to the District of Columbia shoreline at Giesboro Point at position 38°50′52.4″ N, 077°01′10.9″ W, including the waters of the Washington Channel.
- Security Zone 3 paragraph (a)(3); all navigable waters of the Potomac River, from shoreline to shoreline, bounded to the north by a line drawn from the Virginia shoreline at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, at 38°51′21.3″ N, 077°02′00.0″ W, eastward across the Potomac River to the District of Columbia shoreline at Hains Point at position 38°51′24.3″ N, 077°01′19.8″ W, thence southward across the Anacostia River to the District of Columbia shoreline at Giesboro Point at position 38°50′52.4″ N, 077°01′10.9″ W, and bounded to the south by the Woodrow Wilson Memorial (I–95/I–495) Bridge, at mile 103.8.

During the enforcement period, as specified in § 165.508(b), entry into or remaining in these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region. Public vessels and vessels already at berth at the time the security zone is implemented do not have to depart the security zone. All vessels underway within the security zone at the time it is implemented are to depart the zone at the time the security zone is implemented. To seek permission to transit the zone, the Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region can be contacted at telephone number (410) 576–2693 or on Marine Band Radio, VHF–FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). Coast Guard vessels enforcing this zone can be contacted on Marine Band Radio, VHF–FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, state or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation. If the Captain of the Port or his designated on-scene patrol personnel determines the security zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice, a Broadcast Notice to Mariners may be used to suspend enforcement and grant general permission to enter the security zone.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners, and marine information broadcasts.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Patrick C. Burkett,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region.

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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 141

[Docket No.: FAA–2024–2531]

Notice of Public Meetings and Request for Comment on the Modernization of Pilot Schools

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings for proposed rulemaking; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces public meetings to solicit input on the modernization of pilot school regulations.

DATES: The FAA will hold virtual public meetings on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, and Wednesday, July 9, 2025, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public must register to attend the virtual public meetings. See website for registration information link: *https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afx/afs/afs800/afs810/modernization_of_part-141_initiative.*

Comments: Written comments are requested no later than July 1, 2025.

Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2024–2531 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *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 (DOT), 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, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

Privacy: DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov,* as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at *https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-01-17/pdf/E8-785.pdf.*

Docket: Comments received may be read at *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, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning this action, contact Lyndsay Carlson with the Part 141 Modernization Initiative Team, Office of Safety Standards, General Aviation and Commercial Division, Training and Certification Group (AFS–810): Email: *9-AFS-Modernization-Part141-Comments@faa.gov.* Phone: 202–267–1100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 141 pilot schools prescribe the requirements for issuing pilot school air agency certificates, provisional pilot school air agency certificates, and associated ratings, and the general operating rules applicable to a holder of a certificate or rating issued under part 141. Through a part 141 pilot school, a student may obtain equivalent levels of aeronautical experience in fewer hours than required by 14 CFR part 61. Part 141 schools are required to have FAA certification and supplementary oversight. Specifically, part 141 includes curricula standards for training and procedures to ensure a training course used by a school is adequate, appropriate, and administered by qualified personnel.

The process of licensing or certification of pilot schools in the United States is approaching 100 years of existence. Although the FAA has revised certain regulatory requirements pertaining to pilot schools during this time, part 141 still has many foundational ties to Civil Air Regulations (CAR) part 50, which was implemented in the 1940s. Regulations for pilot schools are typically promulgated to improve safety, reduce aircraft accidents, and embrace changes such as advances in technology and the need for data collection and analysis. Modernizing part 141 is essential for addressing challenges pertaining to certification, certification management, examining authority, and evolving technology and learning methods. The objective of modernizing part 141 is to increase safety and create a foundation for a more structured and robust training environment to aid in the reduction of general aviation fatal accidents.

Therefore, part 141 must be analyzed to determine how it can evolve with the changing aviation industry. Over the course of the project, the FAA is seeking engagement from the flight training industry through participation in public meetings. Collaboration is encouraged to stimulate the innovation of a modern part 141 that will serve the needs of current and future pilot schools, as well as provide a robust and safe training environment that instills the necessary knowledge, skills, critical thinking, and aeronautical decision making in its pilots to create a safer national airspace system.

Public Meetings

Information concerning the public meetings, including topics and meeting times will be posted at the following website: *https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afx/afs/afs800/afs810/modernization_of_part-141_initiative.*

DOT is committed to providing equal access to these meetings for all participants. If you require an alternative version of files provided or alternative accommodations, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the Part 141 Modernization Initiative Team, at *9-AFS-Modernization-Part141-Comments@faa.gov* no later than June 24, 2025.

Comments Encouraged

The FAA encourages the public to submit comments to *www.regulations.gov,* Docket No. FAA–2024–2531. Comments that the FAA would find helpful include validated data and reports, unique discussion

topics or scenarios, and/or feedback specific to modernizing part 141. The public is encouraged to provide feedback regarding innovative ideas; methods; solutions; products; and/or services that have, or could have, a significant impact on pilot school training. We encourage you to submit comments during these public meetings or electronically to Docket No. FAA–2024–2531. If you submit your comments electronically, it is not necessary to also submit a hard copy.

The submission of public comments is encouraged but not required for meeting participation. The FAA will consider public feedback to determine the need for future considerations to the CFR. The FAA will review comments that are post-marked, or submitted electronically, on or before the comment closing date of July 1, 2025. Comments made after the closing date may be reviewed as time and resources permit.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 22, 2025.

Everette C. Rochon, Jr.,

Manager, Training and Certification Group, General Aviation and Commercial Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards 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 COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–195]

Active Anode Material From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of active anode material from the People's Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable May 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin Nathan or Gorden Struck, 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) 482–3834 or (202) 482–8151, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 703(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on January 15, 2025.[1] On February 19, 2025, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until May 19, 2025.[2]

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.[3] A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included in Appendix II 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 Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is active anode material from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations,[4] in the *Initiation Notice* Commerce set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.,* scope).[5] Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice.* Commerce intends to issue its preliminary decision regarding comments concerning the scope of the LTFV and CVD investigations on or before the preliminary determination of the companion AD investigation.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 701 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.[6] For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Commerce notes that, in making these findings, it relied, in part, on facts available, and, because it finds that one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to Commerce's requests for information, it drew an adverse inference where appropriate in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.[7] For further information, *see* the ''Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences'' section in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Alignment

In accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), Commerce is aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the concurrent LTFV investigation of active anode material from China based on a request made by American Active Anode Material Producers (*i.e.,* the petitioner).[8] Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final determination in the LTFV investigation, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than September 29, 2025, unless postponed.

All-Others Rate

Sections 703(d) and 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for companies not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated subsidy rates established for those companies individually examined, excluding any zero and *de*

[1] *See Active Anode Material from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation,* 90 FR 3788 (January 15, 2025) (*Initiation Notice*).

[2] *See Active Anode Material from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation,* 90 FR 9888 (February 19, 2025).

[3] *See* Memorandum, ''Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Active Anode Material from the People's Republic of China,'' dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

[4] *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule,* 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

[5] *See Initiation Notice,* 90 FR 3789.

[6] *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.

[7] *See* sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

[8] *See* Petitioner's Letter, ''Request to Align Final Countervailing Duty Determination with the Companion Antidumping Duty Final Determination,'' dated May 13, 2025.

minimis rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, Commerce preliminarily assigned a rate based entirely on facts available to Shanghai Shaosheng Knitted Sweat (Shaosheng). Therefore, the only rate that is not zero, *de minimis,* or based entirely on facts otherwise available is the rate calculated for Panasonic Global Procurement China Co., Ltd. and Panasonic Corporation of China (collectively, Panasonic). Accordingly, we are assigning the rate calculated for Panasonic to all other producers and exporters, pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act. On that basis, we are assigning 6.55 percent as the *ad valorem* all others rate.

Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent *ad valorem*)
Panasonic Global Procurement China Co., Ltd.; Panasonic Corporation of China [9]	6.55
Shanghai Shaosheng Knitted Sweat	*721.03
Huzhou Kaijin New Energy Technology Corp., Ltd.[10]	*721.03
All Others	6.55

*Rate is based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the rates indicated above.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.224(e), Commerce will analyze and, if appropriate, correct any timely-filed allegations of significant ministerial errors by amending the preliminary determination. However, consistent with 19 CFR 351.224(d), Commerce will not consider incomplete allegations that do not address the significance standard under 19 CFR 351.224(g) following the preliminary determination. Instead, Commerce will address such allegations in the final determination together with issues raised in the case briefs or other written comments.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

All interested parties will have the opportunity to submit scope case and rebuttal briefs on the preliminary decision regarding the scope of the LTFV and CVD investigations. The deadlines to submit scope case and rebuttal briefs will be provided in the preliminary scope decision memorandum accompanying the preliminary determination of the LTFV investigation. For all scope case and rebuttal briefs, parties must file identical documents simultaneously on the records of the ongoing LTFV and CVD investigations. No new factual information or business proprietary information may be included in either scope case or rebuttal briefs.

Case briefs or other written comments on non-scope issues may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation. 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.[11] 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.[12]

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 investigation, 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 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 determination in this investigation. 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, limited to issues raised in the

[9] Panasonic is a trading company that sold subject merchandise produced by an unaffiliated supplier BTR New Material Group Co., Ltd., BTR (Jiangsu) New Energy Material Co., Ltd., and BTR New Material Group Sales Co., Ltd., (collectively, BTR) and BTR's affiliates. We are preliminarily cumulating the benefits received by BTR and BTR's affiliates with the benefits received by Panasonic into one rate for Panasonic. For further explanation, *see* Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 2–4 and 28–29.

[10] Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.304(c)(2), the bracketing of business proprietary information in the original business proprietary document or, if a corrected version is timely filed, the corrected business proprietary document will become final. Once bracketing has become final, Commerce will not accept any further corrections to the bracketing of information in a submission, and the Secretary will treat non-bracketed information as public information. As the name of Huzhou Kaijin New Energy Technology Corp., Ltd. was unbracketed in the public version of Panasonic's supplemental questionnaire response, Commerce is treating this name as public information. *See* Panasonic's Letter, ''1st Supplemental Section III Questionnaire Response,'' dated May 1, 2025, at Exhibit S–4a (*i.e.,* ACCESS barcode 4754928–01); *see also* Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 8–9.

[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* 19 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

[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.*

case and rebuttal briefs, 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 whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of active anode material from China are materially injuring, or threaten material injury, to the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: May 19, 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

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is active anode material, which is an anode grade graphite material with a graphite minimum purity content of 90 percent carbon by weight, whether containing synthetic graphite, natural graphite, or a blend of synthetic and natural graphite; with or without coating. Subject merchandise may be in the form of powder, dry, liquid, or block form and is covered irrespective of the form in which it enters. Subject merchandise typically has a maximum size of 80 microns when in powder form. Subject merchandise has an energy density of 330 milliamp hours per gram or greater and a degree of graphitization of 80 percent or greater, where graphitization refers to the extent of the graphite crystal structure.

Subject merchandise is covered regardless of whether it is mixed with silicon based active materials, *e.g.,* silicon-oxide (SiOx), silicon-carbon (SiC), or silicon, or additives such as carbon black or carbon nanotubes. Subject merchandise is covered regardless of the combination of compounds that comprise the graphite material. Subject merchandise is covered regardless of whether it is imported independently, as part of a compound, in a battery, as a component of an anode slurry, or in a subassembly of a battery such as an electrode. Only the anode grade graphite material is covered when entered as part of a mixture with silicon based active materials, as part of a compound, in a battery, as a component of an anode slurry, or in a subassembly of a battery such as an electrode.

Active anode material subject to the investigation may be classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 2504.10.5000 and 3801.10.5000. Subject merchandise may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 2504.10.1000 and 3801.90.0000. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

I. Summary
II. Background
III. Alignment
IV. Injury Test
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VI. Diversification of China's Economy
VII. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–557–815, A–549–830, A–552–816]

Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe From Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on welded stainless steel pressure pipe (WSSPP) from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of these AD orders.

DATES: Applicable May 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ana Reed or Emily Gershon, Trade Agreements Policy and Negotiations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5367, or (202) 482–2907, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 21, 2014, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD orders on WSSPP from Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam.[1] On November 1, 2024, the ITC instituted,[2] and on November 4, 2024, Commerce initiated,[3] the second sunset review of the *Orders,* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its reviews, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, and therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail should the *Orders* be revoked.[4]

On May 21, 2025, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.[5]

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these *Orders* are circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe not greater than 14 inches in outside diameter. For purposes of these *Orders,* references to size are in nominal inches and include all products within tolerances allowed by pipe specifications. This merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A–312 or ASTM A–778 specifications, or comparable

[1] *See Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Antidumping Duty Orders,* 79 FR 42289 (July 21, 2014) (*Orders*).

[2] *See Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe from China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam; Institution of Five-Year Reviews,* 89 FR 87416 (November 1, 2024).

[3] *See Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews,* 89 FR 87543 (November 4, 2024).

[4] *See Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe Orders from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Orders,* 90 FR 11718 (March 11, 2025), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM).

[5] *See Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe from China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam,* 90 FR 21790 (May 21, 2025) (*ITC Final Determination*).

domestic or foreign specifications. ASTM A–358 products are only included when they are produced to meet ASTM A–312 or ASTM A–778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

Excluded from the scope are: (1) Welded stainless mechanical tubing, meeting ASTM A–554 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; (2) boiler, heat exchanger, superheater, refining furnace, feedwater heater, and condenser tubing, meeting ASTM A–249, ASTM A–688 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; and (3) specialized tubing, meeting ASTM A269, ASTM A–270 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

The subject imports are normally classified in subheadings 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, and 7306.40.5085 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7306.40.1010, 7306.40.1015, 7306.40.5042, 7306.40.5044, 7306.40.5080, and 7306.40.5090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of these *Orders* is dispositive.

Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders.* U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Order*s will be May 21, 2025.[6] Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the ITC.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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[6] *See ITC Final Determination.*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–930, C–570–931]

Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order and Countervailing Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order and countervailing duty (CVD) order on circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe (WSPP) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of these AD and CVD orders.

DATES: Applicable May 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Branson, Trade Agreements Policy and Negotiations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 460–4453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 17, 2009 and March 19, 2009, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD order and CVD order, respectively, on WSPP from China.[1] On November 1, 2024, the ITC instituted,[2] and on November 4, 2024, respectively, Commerce initiated,[3] the third sunset review of the *Orders,* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its reviews, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and countervailable subsidies, and therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping and subsidy rates likely to prevail should the *Orders* be revoked.[4]

On May 21, 2025, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.[5]

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by the *Orders* is circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe not greater than 14 inches in outside diameter. This merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A–312 or ASTM A–778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications. ASTM A–358 products are only included when they are produced to meet ASTM A–312 or ASTM A–778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications. Excluded from the scope are: (1) welded stainless mechanical tubing, meeting ASTM A–554 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; (2) boiler, heat exchanger, superheater, refining furnace, feedwater heater, and condenser tubing, meeting ASTM A–

[1] *See Antidumping Duty Order: Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China,* 74 FR 11351 (March 17, 2009); *see also Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order,* 74 FR 11712 (March 19, 2009) (collectively, *Orders*).

[2] *See Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe from China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam; Institution of Five-Year Reviews,* 89 FR 87416 (November 1, 2024).

[3] *See Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews,* 89 FR 87543 (November 4, 2024).

[4] *See Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Third Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order,* 90 FR 11507 (March 7, 2025), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM); *see also Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Third Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order,* 90 FR 11506 (March 7, 2025), and accompanying IDM.

[5] *See Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe from China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam,* 90 FR 21790 (May 21, 2025) (*ITC Final Determination*).

249, ASTM A–688 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; and (3) specialized tubing, meeting ASTM A–269, ASTM A–270 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

The subject imports are normally classified in subheadings 7306.40.5005; 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, and 7306.40.5085 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7306.40.1010; 7306.40.1015; 7306.40.5042, 7306.40.5044, 7306.40.5080, and 7306.40.5090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only, the written description of the scope of the *Orders* is dispositive.

Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders.* U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD and CVD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Orders* will be May 21, 2025.[6] Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the ITC.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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[6] *See ITC Final Determination.*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–092]

Mattresses From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on mattresses from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of these AD orders.

DATES: Applicable May 20, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Al-Saadawi, Industry Monitoring and Analysis Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 16, 2019, Commerce published the AD order on mattresses from China in the **Federal Register**.[1] On November 1, 2024 and November 4, 2024, the ITC instituted,[2] and Commerce initiated,[3] respectively, the first sunset review of the *Order,* pursuant to 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping rates likely to prevail should the *Order* be revoked.[4]

On May 20, 2025, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.[5]

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this *Order* are all types of youth and adult mattresses. The term ''mattress'' denotes an assembly of materials that at a minimum includes a ''core,'' which provides the main support system of the mattress, and may consist of innersprings, foam, other resilient filling, or a combination of these materials. Mattresses may also contain (1) ''upholstery,'' the material between the core and the top panel of the ticking on a single-sided mattress, or between the core and the top and bottom panel of the ticking on a double-sided mattress; and/or (2) ''ticking,'' the outermost layer of fabric or other material (*e.g.,* vinyl) that encloses the core and any upholstery, also known as a cover.

The scope of this *Order* is restricted to only ''adult mattresses'' and ''youth mattresses.'' ''Adult mattresses'' have a width exceeding 35 inches, a length exceeding 72 inches, and a depth exceeding 3 inches on a nominal basis. Such mattresses are frequently described as ''twin,'' ''extra-long twin,'' ''full,'' ''queen,'' ''king,'' or ''California king'' mattresses. ''Youth mattresses'' have a width exceeding 27 inches, a length exceeding 51 inches, and a depth exceeding 1 inch (crib mattresses have a depth of 6 inches or less from edge to edge) on a nominal basis. Such mattresses are typically described as ''crib,'' ''toddler,'' or ''youth'' mattresses. All adult and youth mattresses are included regardless of actual size description.

The scope encompasses all types of ''innerspring mattresses,'' ''non-innerspring mattresses,'' and ''hybrid mattresses.'' ''Innerspring mattresses'' contain innersprings, a series of metal springs joined together in sizes that correspond to the dimensions of mattresses. Mattresses that contain innersprings are referred to as ''innerspring mattresses'' or ''hybrid mattresses.'' ''Hybrid mattresses''

[1] *See Mattresses from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order,* 84 FR 68395 (December 16, 2019) (*Order*).

[2] *See Mattresses from China; Institution of a Five-Year Review,* 89 FR 87404 (November 1, 2024).

[3] *See Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews,* 89 FR 87543 (November 4, 2024).

[4] *See Mattresses from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order,* 90 FR 9074 (February 6, 2025).

[5] *See Mattresses from China,* 90 FR 21508 (May 20, 2025) (*ITC Final Determination*).

contain two or more support systems as the core, such as layers of both memory foam and innerspring units.

''Non-innerspring mattresses'' are those that do not contain any innerspring units. They are generally produced from foams (*e.g.,* polyurethane, memory (viscoelastic), latex foam, gel-infused viscoelastic (gel foam), thermobonded polyester, polyethylene) or other resilient filling.

Mattresses covered by the scope of this *Order* may be imported independently, as part of furniture or furniture mechanisms (*e.g.,* convertible sofa bed mattresses, sofa bed mattresses imported with sofa bed mechanisms, corner group mattresses, day-bed mattresses, roll-away bed mattresses, high risers, trundle bed mattresses, crib mattresses), or as part of a set in combination with a ''mattress foundation.'' ''Mattress foundations'' are any base or support for a mattress. Mattress foundations are commonly referred to as ''foundations,'' ''boxsprings,'' ''platforms,'' and/or ''bases.'' Bases can be static, foldable, or adjustable. Only the mattress is covered by the scope if imported as part of furniture, with furniture mechanisms, or as part of a set in combination with a mattress foundation.

Excluded from the scope of this *Order* are ''futon'' mattresses. A ''futon'' is a bi-fold frame made of wood, metal, or plastic material, or any combination thereof, that functions as both seating furniture (such as a couch, love seat, or sofa) and a bed. A ''futon mattress'' is a tufted mattress, where the top covering is secured to the bottom with thread that goes completely through the mattress from the top through to the bottom, and it does not contain innersprings or foam. A futon mattress is both the bed and seating surface for the futon.

Also excluded from the scope are airbeds (including inflatable mattresses) and waterbeds, which consist of air- or liquid-filled bladders as the core or main support system of the mattress.

Also excluded is certain multifunctional furniture that is convertible from seating to sleeping, regardless of filler material or components, where that filler material or components are integrated into the design and construction of, and inseparable from, the furniture framing. Such furniture may, and without limitation, be commonly referred to as ''convertible sofas,'' ''sofa beds,'' ''sofa chaise sleepers,'' ''futons,'' ''ottoman sleepers'' or a like description.

Further, also excluded from the scope of this *Order* are any products covered by the existing antidumping duty order on uncovered innerspring units. *See Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order,* 74 FR 7661 (February 19, 2009).

The products subject to this *Order* are currently properly classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule for the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 9404.21.0010, 9404.21.0013, 9404.29.1005, 9404.29.1013, 9404.29.9085, and 9404.29.9087. Products subject to this *Order* may also enter under HTSUS subheadings: 9404.21.0095, 9404.29.1095, 9404.29.9095, 9401.40.0000, and 9401.90.5081. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to this *Order* is dispositive.

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Order.* U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Order* will be May 20, 2025.[6] Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the *Order* not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the ITC.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as the final reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This five-year (sunset) review and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

[6] *See ITC Final Determination.*

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE938]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Committee via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: *https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/vOuzQ3h7RLaK4QQ4YjwSGQ.*

ADDRESSES:

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Groundfish Committee will meet to receive recommendations from the Recreational Advisory Panel, Groundfish Advisory Panel, and Groundfish Plan Development Team. The Committee will receive a report on Framework Adjustment 72/Specifications and Management Measures (to be in initiated) an action that may include status determination criteria, FY2026 specifications for Georges Bank (GB) cod and GB haddock, FY2026–FY2028 specifications for 12 stocks, FY2026–FY2027 U.S./Canada total allowable catches, and measures to address recreational management as part of Phase 1 of Atlantic cod management transition. The Committee will discuss the Redfish Sector Exemption Program

Review and receive an update on the development of the review. They will also discuss Amendment 23 Monitoring Review Metrics and receive an update on development of monitoring review metrics and indicators, including refining the list of possible metrics and indicators. The Committee will make recommendations to the Council, as appropriate; and discuss other business, as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 22, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

[FR Doc. 2025–09562 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE912]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Webinar registration URL information: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/iSgcZpHKQd-oHpjNLCtDvQ.

ADDRESSES: *Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Scallop Committee will meet to review the outcomes of the Scallop Research Track Assessment and discuss implications for setting FY2026 scallop fishery specifications. They also plan to discuss the development of the Long-Term Scallop Strategic Plan. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: May 22, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE939]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Groundfish Advisory and Recreational Advisory Panels via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: *https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/KPM7Y-JpQ1meUQBT5YCFOQ.*

ADDRESSES:

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Groundfish and Recreational Advisory Panels will meet to discuss Industry Updates with an open discussion to share perspectives on fishery performance the past year and considerations for the current fishing year; overview of Quota Change Model performance for fishing years (FY) 2020–2024 and discussion on drivers that influence accuracy of prediction. They will discuss Essential Fish Habitat Framework and review and provide feedback on draft updated essential fish habitat maps and text for Atlantic cod. The panels will also discuss Framework Adjustment 72/Specifications and Management Measures (to be initiated) and receive a report on action that may include status determination criteria, FY2026 specifications for Georges Bank (GB) cod and GB haddock, FY2026–FY2028 specifications for 12 stocks, FY2026–FY2027 U.S./Canada total allowable catches, and measures to address recreational management as part of Phase 1 of Atlantic cod management transition. They will discuss the Redfish

Sector Exemption Program Review and receive an update on the development of the review. The panels will also discuss Amendment 23 Monitoring Review Metrics and receive an update on development of monitoring review metrics and indicators, including refining the list of possible metrics and indicators. They will also make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee, as appropriate; and discuss other business, as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: May 22, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

[FR Doc. 2025–09568 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE931]

Fisheries of the Gulf of America and South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 94 Pre-Data Workshop Webinar for Florida Hogfish.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 94 assessment process of Florida hogfish will consist of a Data Workshop, and a series of assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 94 Pre-Data workshop webinar will be held June 18, 2025, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (See Contact Information Below) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366. Email: *Julie.neer@safmc.net*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and State and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Pre-Data workshop webinar are as follows:

Participants will discuss what data may be available for use in the assessment and make recommendations for data analysis for the Data Workshop in July 2025.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least (5) five business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: May 22, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

[FR Doc. 2025–09566 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Withdrawal of National Environmental Policy Act Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of interim guidance.

SUMMARY: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is withdrawing its interim guidance titled ''National Environmental Policy Act Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change,'' for which notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 9, 2023.

DATES: This withdrawal is effective May 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jomar Maldonado, Director for the

National Environmental Policy Act, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503, *jomar.maldonadovazquez@ceq.eop.gov* or (202) 395–5750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 9, 2023, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued interim guidance to assist Federal agencies in their consideration of the effects of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate change when conducting environmental reviews pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).[1] CEQ sought public comments but issued its recommendations as temporary guidance so that agencies could immediately make use of them. CEQ further advised that it may revise the guidance in response to public comments or finalize the interim guidance at a later date. CEQ did not take any further action on the Interim Guidance.

Executive Order 14154, *Unleashing American Energy,* establishes and advances the President's policies to, among other things, ''protect the United States' economic and national security and military preparedness by ensuring that an abundant supply of reliable energy is readily accessible in every State and territory of the Nation;'' ''ensure that all regulatory requirements related to energy are grounded in clearly applicable law;'' and ''ensure that the global effects of a rule, regulation, or action shall, whenever evaluated, be reported separately from its domestic costs and benefits, in order to promote sound regulatory decision making and prioritize the interests of the American people.'' [2] CEQ has concluded that the January 9, 2023, Interim Guidance is inconsistent with these policy objectives. Therefore, CEQ is withdrawing the Interim Guidance for further consideration.

Further support for CEQ's decision to withdraw the Interim Guidance is found in section 6(c) of E.O. 14154, which states that ''[t]he calculation of the 'social cost of carbon' is marked by logical deficiencies, a poor basis in empirical science, politicization, and the absence of a foundation in legislation. Its abuse arbitrarily slows regulatory decisions and, by rendering the United States economy internationally uncompetitive, encourages a greater human impact on the environment by affording less efficient foreign energy producers a greater share of the global energy and natural resource market.'' Contrary to the policies expressed in E.O. 14154, the Interim Guidance recommended that agencies quantify and monetize GHG emissions using social cost of carbon estimates,[3] citing several social cost of carbon tools and analyses that E.O. 14154 withdrew. *See* E.O. 14154, section 6(b). The Interim Guidance also relied extensively on the environmental justice and climate policies expressed in E.O.s 12898, 13990, and 14008, to justify its recommendations. For example, the Interim Guidance encouraged agencies to bolster and emphasize environmental justice policies in a manner inconsistent with federal law and the interests of United States. *See* E.O. 14173, *Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity,* 90 FR 8633 (Jan. 31, 2025).

President Trump rescinded E.O.s 12898, 13990, and 14008 and the misguided policies they espouse. *See* E.O. 14154 and 14173. Accordingly, CEQ is withdrawing the Interim Guidance implementing those policies and will consider issuing new or revised GHG guidance. CEQ will address in a separate notice any new or revised guidance that may be appropriate.

In addition, pursuant to section 6 of E.O. 14154, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) issued guidance on May 5, 2025, advising agencies to ''limit their analysis and consideration of [GHG] emissions only to that plainly required in their governing statutes subject to an exception'' involving consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice. See *Guidance Implementing Section 6 of E.O. 14154, Entitled ''Unleashing American Energy*'' M–25–27 (May 5, 2025). Consistent with applicable law, agencies should consider OIRA's guidance when conducting environmental reviews pursuant to NEPA.

As CEQ explained in the Interim Guidance, that guidance was not a rule or regulation; may not have applied to particular situations based upon the individual facts and circumstances; did not change or substitute for any law, regulation, or other legally binding requirement; and was not legally enforceable. The withdrawal of the Interim Guidance likewise does not change any law, regulation, or other legally binding requirement.

Jomar Maldonado,

Director for the National Environmental Policy Act.

[FR Doc. 2025–09569 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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[1] National Environmental Policy Act Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change, 88 FR 1196 (Jan. 9, 2023) (Interim Guidance).

[2] 90 FR 8353 (Jan. 29, 2025).

[3] 88 FR 1202–03.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF–2024–HQ–0012]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection 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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reginald Lucas, (571) 372–7574, *whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Isolated Personnel Report and Personnel Recovery Mission Software Web Application; DD Form 1833; OMB Control Number 0701–0166.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 2,892.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2,892.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 723.

Needs and Uses: Information collected using the DD Form 1833 is necessary to positively identify, authenticate, support and recover isolated or missing DoD persons of interest. The Isolated Personnel Report (ISOPREP) collects controlled unclassified information in the form of full name and associates the name with sensitive personal identifiable

information including date of birth, Social Security number, DoD Identification number, pictures and fingerprints. The ISOPREP also collects confidential information in the form of personal authentication statements and codes known only to the individual who completes the ISOPREP. All personnel completing an initial ISOPREP are required to utilize the Personnel Recovery Mission Software (PRMS) web application. In rare instances where personnel do not have access to PRMS, a hardcopy DD Form 1833 can be completed. In the interest of protecting the force and returning personnel who support the DoD to their units, families and country, the information collected for the ISOPREP is a force requirement for DoD military and civilians serving overseas, as well as DoD Contractors authorized to accompany the force and Coalition military members supporting DoD operations within specified foreign countries.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

[FR Doc. 2025–09512 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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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: EG25–334–000.

Applicants: RWE Clean Energy, LLC, Crowned Heron, LLC.

Description: Crowned Heron, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 5/20/25.

Accession Number: 20250520–5160.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/10/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25–335–000.

Applicants: RWE Clean Energy, LLC, Crowned Heron 2, LLC.

Description: Crowned Heron 2, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 5/20/25.

Accession Number: 20250520–5161.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/10/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25–336–000.

Applicants: Choctaw Fields Solar Project, LLC.

Description: Choctaw Fields Solar Project, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5040.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25–337–000.

Applicants: Magnolia Power LLC.

Description: Magnolia Power LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5082.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25–338–000.

Applicants: Arche Energy Project Tenant, LLC.

Description: Arche Energy Project Tenant, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5083.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10–2374–016; ER10–2374–018; ER17–2059–011; EL24–133–000; EL24–134–000.

Applicants: Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Description: Response to 04/16/2025, Deficiency Letter of Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

Filed Date: 5/16/25.

Accession Number: 20250516–5227.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/6/25.

Docket Numbers: ER22–2162–002.

Applicants: Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc.

Description: Compliance Filing to 09/21/2023 Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc. tariff filing.

Filed Date: 1/10/25.

Accession Number: 20250110–5449.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2270–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 4390 WAPA/City of Brookings, SD Interconnection Agreement to be effective 5/20/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5012.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2271–000.

Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: Notice of Cancellation of Wires to Wires Interconnection and Operating Agreement of Arizona Public Service Company.

Filed Date: 5/15/25.

Accession Number: 20250515–5202.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/5/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2272–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 3026R1 Steele Flats GIA to be effective 4/28/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5023.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2274–000.

Applicants: Ohio Power Company, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Ohio Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii: AEP submits a FA with Village of Greenwich—SA No. 1423 to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5029.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2275–000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–05–21 PSC—PAC—LTF—Pt-to-Pt—873—0.0.0 to be effective 7/20/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5041.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2276–000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–05–21 PSC—PAC—LTF—Pt-to-Pt—871—0.0.0 to be effective 7/20/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5081.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2277–000.

Applicants: West Camp Wind Farm, LLC.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: West Camp Wind Farm, LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 5/22/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5096.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2278–000.

Applicants: NSTAR Electric Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Fe Taft LLC—Related Facilities Agreement to be effective 5/22/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5097.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2279–000.

Applicants: Tucson Electric Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Cancellation of Service Agreement No. 492 to be effective 5/7/2025.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5100.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2280–000.

Applicants: Tucson Electric Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Cancellation of Service Agreement No. 364 to be effective 8/31/2024.

Filed Date: 5/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250521–5135.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/11/25.

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: May 21, 2025,

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2025–09548 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP25–902–000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 5.20.25 Negotiated Rates—ConocoPhillips Company, R–3015–05 to be effective 6/1/2025.

Filed Date: 5/20/25.

Accession Number: 20250520–5110.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 6/2/25.

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.

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Dated: May 21, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7189–015]

Green Lake Water Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a subsequent license to continue to operate and maintain the Green Lake Hydroelectric Project (Green Lake Project, or project). The project is located on Reeds Brook in Hancock County, Maine. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (*https://www.ferc.gov/*), using the ''eLibrary'' link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

You may also register online at *https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx* to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 7, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at *https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.* Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at *https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp.* For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–7189–015.

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.*

For further information, contact Amanda Gill at (202) 502–6773 or by email at *amanda.gill@ferc.gov.*

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OAR–2007–1196; FRL–12696–01–OAR]

Recent Postings of Broadly Applicable Alternative Test Methods

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made under and in support of New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: An electronic copy of each alternative test method approval document is available at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods.* For questions about this notice, contact Mr. Steffan Johnson, Air Quality Assessment Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (E143–02), Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: (919) 541–4790; email address: *johnson.steffan@epa.gov.* For technical questions about individual alternative test method decisions, refer to the contact person identified in the individual approval document(s).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this notice apply to me?

This notice will be of interest to entities regulated under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 59, 60, 61, 63 and 65; State, local, and Tribal agencies; and the EPA Regional offices responsible for implementation and enforcement of regulations under 40 CFR parts 59, 60, 61, 63, and 65.

B. How can I get copies of this information?

You may access copies of the broadly applicable alternative test method approval documents at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods.*

II. Background

This notice identifies broadly applicable alternative test methods that the EPA approved in 2024 under the NSPS, 40 CFR part 60 and the NESHAP, and 40 CFR part 63 programs. See table 1 of this notice for the summary of these test methods. Source owners and operators may voluntarily use these broadly applicable alternative test methods in lieu of otherwise required test methods or related testing procedures. Use of these broadly applicable alternative test methods are not intended to and should not change the applicable emission standards.

The Administrator has the authority to approve the use of alternative test methods for compliance with requirements under 40 CFR parts 59, 60, 61, 63, and 65. This authority is found in 40 CFR 60.8(b)(3), 61.13(h)(1)(ii), and 63.7(e)(2)(ii). Additional and similar authority can be found in 40 CFR 59.104(f) and 65.158(a)(2). The criteria for approval and procedures for submission and review of broadly applicable alternative test methods are explained in a previous **Federal Register** notice published at 72 FR 4257 (January 30, 2007) and located at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods.* As explained in this notice, we will announce approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods* as they are issued and publish an annual notice that summarizes approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods during the preceding year.

As also explained in the January 30, 2007 notice, our approval decisions involve thorough technical reviews of numerous source-specific requests for alternatives and modifications to test methods and procedures. Based on these reviews, we have often found that these modifications or alternatives would be equally valid and appropriate to apply to other sources within a particular class, category, or subcategory. Consequently, we have concluded that where either a method modification or an alternative method is clearly broadly applicable to a class, category, or subcategory of sources, it is both equitable and efficient to simultaneously approve its use for all appropriate sources and situations.

Use of approved alternative test methods is not mandatory but rather permissive. Sources are not required to employ such a method but may choose to do so in appropriate circumstances. As specified in 40 CFR 63.7(f)(5), however, a source owner or operator electing to use an alternative method for 40 CFR part 63 standards must continue to use the alternative method until otherwise authorized. Source owners or operators should, therefore, review the specific broadly applicable alternative method approval decision at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods* before electing to employ any alternative method. Source owners or operators choosing to use a broadly applicable alternative should also notify their regulatory agency prior to using the alternative.

III. Approved Alternative Test Methods and Modifications to Test Methods

This notice specifies three broadly applicable alternative test methods that the EPA approved between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. The alternative method decision letter/memo designation numbers, test methods affected, sources allowed to use this alternative, and method modifications or alternative methods allowed are summarized in table 1 of this notice. A summary of approval documents was previously made available on our Technology Transfer Network between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. For more detailed information, please refer to the complete copies of these approval documents available at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods.*

As also explained in our January 30, 2007 notice, we will revisit approvals of alternative test methods in response to written requests or objections indicating that a particular approved alternative test method either should not be broadly applicable or that its use is not appropriate or should be limited in some way. Any objection to a broadly applicable alternative test method, as well as the resolution of that objection, will be announced at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods* and in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. If we decide to retract a broadly applicable

test method, we will likely consider the need for an appropriate transition period for users either to request case-by-case approval or to transition to an approved method.

Karen Wesson,

Director, Air Quality Assessment Division.

TABLE 1—APPROVED ALTERNATIVE TEST METHODS AND MODIFICATIONS TO TEST METHODS REFERENCED IN OR PUBLISHED UNDER APPENDICES IN 40 CFR PARTS 60 AND 63 POSTED BETWEEN JANUARY 2024 AND DECEMBER 2024 [a]

Alternative method decision letter/memo No.	As an alternative or modification to . . .	For . . .	You may . . .
ALT–156	Methods prescribed in § 60.5417b(d)(8), which specifies the use of a calorimeter, gas chromatograph (GC), mass spectrometer (MS), or grab samples at an 8-hour sampling interval.	Measuring the Combustion Zone Net Heating Value (NHVcz) of industrial steam-assisted flares and Net Heating Value Dilution Parameter (NHVdil) of air assisted flares at a standoff distance as an alternative to the methods prescribed in § 60.5417b(d)(8), which specifies the use of a calorimeter, gas chromatograph (GC), mass spectrometer (MS), or grab samples at an 8-hour sampling interval.	Measure the Combustion Zone Net Heating Value (NHVcz) of industrial steam-assisted flares and Net Heating Value Dilution Parameter (NHVdil) of air assisted flares at a standoff distance as an alternative to the methods prescribed in § 60.5417b(d)(8).
ALT–157	Determination of Net Heating Value (NHV) from gas sent to an enclosed combustion device or flare subject to 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOOb.	The JP3 VeraCal optical system, a near-infrared (NIR) optical spectrometer, sample collection system, and a reference cell for ongoing calibration verification.	Use the VeraCAL instrument for determining NHV in Btu/scf from gas being sent enclosed combustion device or flare subject to 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOOb.
ALT–161	Procedures and instructions for establishing the Maximum Burn Rate (Category 4) in EPA Method 28 and Method 28R.	Determination of maximum burn rate in Method 28 or Method 28R where an appliance cannot burn fuel at a rate greater than 1.9 kg/hr.	Use the procedures enumerated (1–4) on page 2 of the Alternate Test Method letter for determination of maximum burn rate for an appliance incapable of burning wood fuel at a rate in excess of 1.9 kg/hr.

[a] Source owners or operators should review the specific broadly applicable alternative method approval letter at *https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods* before electing to employ any alternative test method.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0986; FR ID 294031]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.'' The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent 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. Your comment must be submitted into *www.reginfo.gov* per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in *www.reginfo.gov* also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov.* Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,* (2) look for the section of the web page called ''Currently Under Review,'' (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the ''Select Agency'' box below the ''Currently Under Review'' heading, (4) select ''Federal Communications Commission'' from the list of agencies presented in the ''Select Agency'' box, (5) click the ''Submit'' button to the right of the ''Select Agency'' box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal

Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

OMB Control Number: 3060–0986.

Title: High-Cost Universal Service Support.

Form Number: FCC Form 481 and FCC Form 525.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 2,229 respondents; 14,172 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.1–15 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, quarterly and annual reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirement and third-party disclosure requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151–154, 155, 201–206, 214, 218–220, 251, 252, 254, 256, 303(r), 332, 403, 405, 410, and 1302.

Total Annual Burden: 51,573 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: The Commission is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for this revised information collection. On November 18, 2011, the Commission adopted an order reforming its high-cost universal service support mechanisms. Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establish Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund, WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 07–135, 05–337, 03–109; GN Docket No. 09–51; CC Docket Nos. 01–92, 96–45; WT Docket No. 10–208, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) (USF/ICC Transformation Order). The Commission and Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB or the Bureau) have since adopted a number of orders that implement the USF/ICC Transformation Order; see also Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Third Order on Reconsideration, 27 FCC Rcd 5622 (2012); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Order, 27 FCC Rcd 605 (WCB 2012); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Fifth Order on Reconsideration, 27 FCC Rcd 14549 (2012); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Order, 28 FCC Rcd 2051 (WCB 2013); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Order, 28 FCC Rcd 7227 (WCB 2013); Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10–90, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 7766 (WCB 2013); Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10–90, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 7211 (WCB 2013); Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10–90, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 10488 (WCB 2013); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 8769 (2014); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087 (2016); Connect America Fund, et al., WC Docket No. 10–90, et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 5949 (2016); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 16–271; WT Docket No. 10–208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 10139 (2016); Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 14–58, Order, 32 FCC Rcd 968 (2017); Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order on Reconsideration, 33 FCC Rcd 11893 (2018); Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 14–58, Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 5944 (2017).

In 2019, the Commission adopted an order establishing the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund (PR Fund) and the Connect USVI Fund, a separate, parallel high-cost program for the U.S. territories suffering extensive infrastructure damage due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund, et al., WC Docket No. 18–143, et al., Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 34 FCC Rcd 9109 (2019) (Puerto Rico and USVI Stage 2 Order). Also, in the 2019 Supply Chain Order, the Commission adopted a rule prohibiting the use of Universal Service Fund (USF) support, including high-cost universal service support, to purchase or obtain any equipment or services produced or provided by a covered company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, WC Docket No. 18–89, Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order, 34 FCC Rcd 11423, 11433, para. 26 (WCB 2019). See also 47 CFR 54.9.

On January 30, 2020, the Commission adopted an order establishing the framework for the RDOF, building on the successful CAF Phase II auction. Rural Digital Opportunity Fund; Connect America Fund, WC Docket Nos. 19–126 and 10–90, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 686 (2020) (RDOF Order). Later that year, the Commission adopted two additional supply chain rules associated with newly required certifications. Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, WC Docket No. 18–89, Second Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14284 (2020) (2020 Supply Chain Order).

Through several orders, the Commission has reconfigured and extended certain high-cost programs, adding obligations applicable to these particular programs, and has changed, modified, and eliminated certain other obligations for high-cost support. These changes are outlined below:

In 2018, the Bureau announced that, as of March 1, 2018, and continuing with annual reports due March 1 in subsequent years, recipients of Rural Broadband Experiments (RBE) support would no longer submit location information and associated evidence with their annual FCC Form 481, as previously required, but would instead submit this information using the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC or the Administrator)'s High-Cost Universal Broadband (HUBB) portal. See Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance to Carriers Receiving Connect America Fund Support Regarding their Broadband

Location Reporting Obligations, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 12900, 12908 (WCB 2016). OMB approved the collection of this location information through the HUBB in OMB Control No. 3060–1228, Connect America Fund—High Cost Portal Filing. This collection now reflects that this obligation is being collected under OMB Control No. 3060–1228.

On July 23, 2023, the Commission established the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A–CAM) program, the next iteration of the A–CAM programs. See Connect America Fund: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 23–60 (rel. July 24, 2023) (Enhanced A–CAM Order). Under the Enhanced A–CAM program, carriers electing to receive Enhanced A–CAM support will receive such support for a term ending in 2038, for broadband deployment with speeds of at least 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload, and will be subject to reporting and certification obligations associated with Enhanced A–CAM support. See Enhanced A–CAM Order at 24–27, paras. 52–59. On October 30, 2023, the Bureau announced that 368 carriers electing Enhanced A–CAM will receive $18.28 billion in total over the 15-year term. See Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes 368 Companies in 44 States to Receive Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support to Expand Rural Broadband, WC Docket No. 10–90, Public Notice, DA 23–1025 (WCB 2023).

On October 20, 2023, the Commission adopted an order, that among other things, modified and clarified certain requirements associated with FCC Form 481 and similar filings. See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Report and Order, FCC 23–87 (rel. Oct. 20, 2023) (Administrative Order). The Administrative Order updated the rules to properly state that duplicate copies of the annual high-cost reports and certifications, *i.e.,* the FCC Form 481, as described in §§ 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules, need not be filed with more than one entity; carriers must now only file the FCC Form 481 with USAC. See Administrative Order at 60–62, paras. 133–34; 47 CFR 54.313–14. See also Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 14–58, Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 5944, 5948, para. 15 (2017) (ETC Reporting Streamlining Order) (''[C]ontingent upon USAC's completion of the rollout of an online portal for recipients of high cost services, we will no longer require ETCs to file duplicate copies of Form 481 with the FCC and with states, U.S. Territories, and/or Tribal governments beginning in 2018.''). The Administrative Order also made explicit that the required certification of compliance with voice and broadband benchmarks in FCC Form 481 covers the calendar year preceding the date that the FCC Form 481 is due, and is based on benchmarks released by the Commission before that calendar year (two years before the year that the FCC Form 481 is due to be submitted). See Administrative Order at 67, para. 150.

The Commission therefore proposes to revise this information collection, as well as the Form 481 and its accompanying instructions, to reflect these new and modified requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–1271; FR ID 293902]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.'' The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent 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. Your comment must be submitted into *www.reginfo.gov* per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in *www.reginfo.gov* also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov.* Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain*, (2) look for the section of the web page called ''Currently Under Review,'' (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the ''Select Agency'' box below the ''Currently Under Review'' heading, (4) select ''Federal Communications Commission'' from the list of agencies presented in the ''Select Agency'' box, (5) click the ''Submit'' button to the right of the ''Select Agency'' box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

OMB Control Number: 3060–1271.

Title: Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers, COVID–19 Telehealth Program.

Form Numbers: FCC Forms 460, 461, 462, and 463.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, Local, or Tribal governments.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 7,210 respondents; 34,553 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.30–25 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time, annual, and on occasion reporting requirements; recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in sections 1–4, 201–205, 214, 254, 303(r), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151–154, 201–205, 214, 254, 303(r), and 403, and DIVISION B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law No 116–136, 134 Stat. 281.

Total Annual Burden: 197,787 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: On March 31, 2020, the Commission adopted a Report and Order entitled *Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers; COVID–19 Telehealth Program,* WC Docket No. 18–213, WC Docket No. 20–89 (FCC 20–44), establishing two programs designed to assist health care providers in providing connected care services to consumers—the COVID–19 Telehealth Program and the Connected Care Pilot Program (collectively, Programs). June 2021, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order, WC Docket No. 18–213 (FCC 21–74), that provided guidance on eligible services, competitive bidding, invoicing, and data reporting for Pilot Program participants. The information collected herein is necessary to meet the specific requirements for information that must be submitted as part of the annual and final reports to the Commission as outlined in the *Second Connected Care Report and Order,* and for the Commission to receive and evaluate data for the selected projects and ensure compliance with the Commission's rules and procedures applicable to the Connected Care Pilot Program. This submission extends the requirements for the Connected Care Pilot Program and the COVID–19 Telehealth Program.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–1087; FR ID 295925]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–1087.

Title: Section 15.615, General Administrative Requirements (Broadband Over Power Line (BPL).

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 100 respondents; 100 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 157(a), 301, 302, 303(e), 303(f),303(g), 303(r), 307(e), 332, 622, and 0.31(g), 0.31(i), and 0.31(j).

Total Annual Burden: 2,600 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $60,000.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this expiring information collection after this 60 day comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to obtain the full three year clearance. Section 15.615 requires entities operating Access BPL systems shall supply to an industry-recognized entity, information on all existing Access BPL systems and all proposed Access BPL systems for inclusion into a publicly available database, within 30 days prior to installation of service. Such information should include the name of the Access BPL provider; the frequencies of the Access BPL operation; the postal ZIP codes served by the specific Access BPL operation; the manufacturer and type of Access BPL equipment and its associated FCC ID number, contact information; and proposed/or actual date of operation.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0599, OMB 3060–0718; FR ID 295306]

Information Collections Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent 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. Your comment must be submitted into *www.reginfo.gov* per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in *www.reginfo.gov* also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.* Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,* (2) look for the section of the web page called ''Currently Under Review,'' (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the ''Select Agency'' box below the ''Currently Under Review'' heading, (4) select ''Federal Communications Commission'' from the list of agencies presented in the ''Select Agency'' box, (5) click the ''Submit'' button to the right of the ''Select Agency'' box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

OMB Control No.: 3060–0599.

Title: Section 90.187, Trunking in the Bands Between 150–512 MHz; and Sections 90.425 and 90.647, Station Identification.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 24,271 respondents and 24,271 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.25–3 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 309(j) and 332, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 38,616 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: No cost.

Needs and Uses: The information contained in this collection sets forth frequency coordination requirements under § 90.187, and station identification requirements under §§ 90.647 and 90.425. The information requested in this collection is used by the Commission staff to enable the FCC to evaluate the accuracy of frequency coordination pursuant to its rule under 47 CFR 90.187, 90.425 and 90.647.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0718.

Title: Part 101 Rule Sections Governing the Terrestrial Microwave Fixed Radio Service.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 9,000 respondents; 33,979 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.25–2.85 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and every 10 year reporting requirements, third party disclosure requirement, and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 301, 303(f), 303(g), 303(r), 307, 308, 309, 310, and 316.

Total Annual Burden: 37,901 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $1,526,663.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget for a three-year extension of OMB Control Number 3060–0718. Part 101 rule sections require respondents to report or disclose information to the Commission or third parties, respectively, and to maintain records. These requirements are necessary for the Commission staff to carry out its duties to determine technical, legal and other qualifications of applicants to operate and remain licensed to operate a station(s) in the common carrier and/or private fixed microwave services. In addition, the information is used to determine whether the public interest, convenience, and necessity are being served as required by 47 U.S.C. 309 and to ensure that applicants and licenses comply with ownership and transfer restrictions imposed by 47 U.S.C. 310. Without this information, the Commission would not be able to carry out its statutory responsibilities.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0936; FR ID 294495]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060–0936.

Title: Sections 95.2593, 95.2595 and 95.2509, Medical Device Radiocommunications Service (MedRadio).

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 627 respondents; 627 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1–3 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151 and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 1,851 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: The Federal Communications Commission is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve for a period of three years an extension for the information collection requirements contained in this collection.

The information collection requirements that are approved under this information collection are contained in 95.2593, 95.2595 and 95.2509 which relate to the Medical Device Radiocommunication Service (MedRadio). The former rule sections for this collection were 95.1215, 95.1217, 95.1223 and 95.1225.

The information is necessary to allow the coordinator and parties using the database to contact other users to verify information and resolve potential conflicts. Each user is responsible for determining in advance whether new devices are likely to cause or be susceptible to interference from devices already registered in the coordination database.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID: 294179]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (''Privacy Act''), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (''FCC'' or ''Commission'' or ''Agency'') and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Arizona Department of Economic Security. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before June 27, 2025. This computer matching program will commence on June 27, 2025, and will conclude after 18 months.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Elliot S. Tarloff, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to *Privacy@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot S. Tarloff at 202–418–0886 or *Privacy@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific Federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260, 134 Stat. 1182, 2129–36 (2020), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided $3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52), Congress modified and

extended EBBP, provided an additional $14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC's Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (''National Verifier''), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants' eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive SNAP and Tribal TANF benefits administered by the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Participating Agencies

Arizona Department of Economic Security (source agency); Federal Communications Commission (recipient agency) and Universal Service Administrative Company.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's ACP is 47 U.S.C. 1752(a)–(b). The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254(a)–(c), (j).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this new matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant's/subscriber's participation in SNAP and Tribal TANF in Arizona. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security Number, date of birth, first and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Arizona Department of Economic Security which will respond either ''yes'' or ''no'' that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: SNAP and Tribal TANF administered by the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

System(s) of Records

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 28777 (Apr. 19, 2024).

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the ACP system of records, FCC/WCB–3, Affordable Connectivity Program, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 28780 (Apr. 19, 2024).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0398; FR ID 294690]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *nicole.ongele@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0398.

Title: Sections 15.117(g)(2), 15.201(a), 15.201(d), 15.211, 15.213 and 15.221(c)—Equipment Authorization Measurement Standards.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 250 respondents; 250 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 18 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, and one time reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 4(i), 302, 303(c), 303(f), 303(g) and 303(r), and 309(a).

Total Annual Burden: 3,850 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $50,000.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection after this 60-day comment period to obtain the full three year clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). There is no change in the Commission's estimated respondents/responses and/or total annual burden hours. To ensure that technical standards are applied uniformly, the Commission requires respondents to follow appropriate equipment authorization procedures specified in subpart J of part 2 of the Commission's rules. These requirements require manufacturers to comply with certain information collection requirements common to all equipment.[1] In addition to these general requirements, the responsible parties for certain types of equipment must maintain special records as specified by the requirements for those devices.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0331; FR ID 294579]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0331.

Title: Aeronautical Frequency Notification, FCC Form 321.

Form Number: FCC Form 321.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,886 respondents, 1,886 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.67 hours.

Frequency of Response: One time and on occasion reporting requirements.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in Sections 154(i), 301, 303, 308 and 309 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 1,264 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $188,600.

Needs and Uses: Multichannel Video Programming Distributors (MVPDs) provide their programming over a closed system and, thus, may use all frequencies to do so. They must, however, prevent leakage of those signals from the system and guard against and minimize any harm to aeronautical communications should leak occur. Part of the regime for protecting aeronautical frequencies from interference and resolving interference is notification of the Commission of use of those frequencies and that proper frequency offsets and other precautions are taken. Form 321 is used for this purpose.

The Commission seeks an extension of this currently approved collection. Under 47 CFR 76.1804, an MVPD shall notify the Commission before transmitting any digital signal with average power exceeding 10^{-5} watts across a 30 kHz bandwidth in a 2.5 millisecond time period, or for other signal types, any carrier of other signal component with an average power level across a 25 kHz bandwidth in any 160 microsecond time period equal to or greater than 10^{-4} watts at any point in the cable distribution system on any new frequency or frequencies in the aeronautical radio frequency bands (108–137 MHz, 225–400 MHz).

The notification shall be made on FCC Form 321, which must be filed electronically via the Commission's COALS database at *https://www.fcc.gov/coals.*

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0192; FR ID 294999]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before June 27, 2025.

[1] See OMB Information Collection 3060–0057, 3060–0329 and 3060–0636.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent 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. Your comment must be submitted into *www.reginfo.gov* per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in *www.reginfo.gov* also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.* Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,* (2) look for the section of the web page called ''Currently Under Review,'' (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the ''Select Agency'' box below the ''Currently Under Review'' heading, (4) select ''Federal Communications Commission'' from the list of agencies presented in the ''Select Agency'' box, (5) click the ''Submit'' button to the right of the ''Select Agency'' box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

OMB Control No.: 3060–0192.

Title: Section 87.103, Posting Station License.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and State, local and Tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 33,622 respondents, 33,622 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .25 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 303.

Total Annual Burden: 8,406 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: No cost.

Needs and Uses: Section 87.103 states the following: (a) Stations at fixed locations. The license or a photocopy must be posted or retained in the station's permanent records. (b) Aircraft radio stations. The license must be either posted in the aircraft or kept with the aircraft registration certificate. If a single authorization covers a fleet of aircraft, a copy of the license must be either posted in each aircraft or kept with each aircraft registration certificate. (c) Aeronautical mobile stations. The license must be retained as a permanent part of the station records. The recordkeeping requirement contained in Section 87.103 is necessary to demonstrate that all transmitters in the Aviation Service are properly licensed in accordance with the requirements of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 301, No. 2020 of the International Radio Regulation, and Article 30 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0262; FR ID 293256]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060–0262.

Title: Section 90.179, Shared Use of Radio Stations.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, non-for-profit institutions, and State, local and Tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 34,000 respondents, 34,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .25 up to .75 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement and on occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 161, 303(g), 303(r) and 332(c)(7).

Total Annual Burden: 34,000 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: No cost.

Needs and Uses: The Commission was directed by the United States Congress, in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, to dedicate 2.4 MHz of electromagnetic spectrum in the 746–806 MHz band for public safety services. Section 90.179 requires that Part 90 licensees that share use of their private land mobile radio facility on non-profit, cost-sharing basis to prepare and keep a written sharing agreement as part of the station records. Regardless of the method of sharing, an up-to-date list of persons who are sharing the station and the basis of their eligibility under Part 90 must be maintained. The requirement is necessary to identify users of the system should interference problems develop. This information is used by the Commission to investigate interference complaints and resolve interference and operational complaints that may arise among the users.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0649; FR ID 294578]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0649.

Title: Section 76.1601, Deletion or Repositioning of Broadcast Signals; Section 76.1617, Initial Must-Carry Notice; Section 76.1607, Principal Headend.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not for profit institutions.

Number of Respondents/Responses: 3,300 respondents; 3,950 responses.

Estimated Hours per Response: 0.5 hours–1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, Third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 2,050 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirements listed below are covered under this information collection: Regulations at 47 CFR 76.1600 require that after July 31, 2020, the written notices mandated by 47 CFR 76.1601, 76,1607, and 76.1617 must be delivered to broadcast stations electronically.

Regulations at 47 CFR 76.1601 require that a cable operator shall provide written notice to any broadcast television station at least 30 days prior to either deleting from carriage or repositioning that station. Such notification shall also be provided to subscribers of the cable system.

Regulations at 47 CFR 76.1607 state that a cable operator shall provide written notice by certified mail to all stations carried on its system pursuant to the must-carry rules at least 60 days prior to any change in the designation of its principal headend.

Regulations at 47 CFR 76.1617(a) state within 60 days of activation of a cable system, a cable operator must notify all qualified Non-Commercial Education (NCE) stations of its designated principal headend by certified mail.

Regulations at 47 CFR 76.1617(b) state within 60 days of activation of a cable system, a cable operator must notify all local commercial and Non-Commercial Education (NCE) stations that may not be entitled to carriage because they either fail to meet the standards for delivery of a good quality signal to the cable system's principal headend, or may cause an increased copyright liability to the cable system.

Regulations at 47 CFR 76.1617(c) state within 60 days of activation of a cable system, a cable operator must send by certified mail a copy of a list of all broadcast television stations carried by its system and their channel positions to all local commercial and noncommercial television stations, including those not designated as must-carry stations and those not carried on the system.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0057; FR ID 294965]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0057.

Title: Application for Equipment Authorization, FCC Form 731.

Form Number: FCC Form 731.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 11,305 respondents; 24,893 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 40 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and ongoing reporting requirements and third party disclosure requirements.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1, 4, 4(i), 301, 302a, 303, 307, 309(j), 310, 312, and 316 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 154(i), 301, 302a, 303, 307, 309(j), 310, 312, 316, and the Secure Equipment Act of 2021, Public Law 117–55, 135 Stat. 423.

Total Annual Burden: 207,068 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $50,215,140.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this revised information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60 day comment period in order to obtain OMB's full three year clearance.

On August 29, 2024, the Commission released a Report and Order, WT Docket No. 22–323, *Spectrum Rules and Policies for the Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems,* FCC 24–91 (90 FR 1380, January 8, 2025). Among the adopted rules intended to enable uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) operators to access dedicated, reliable spectrum in the 5030–5091 MHz band to support safety-of-flight, control-related communications, while also allowing flexibility for the industry to further develop, the Commission added new rules in 47 CFR part 88 and revised Form 731, the Application for Equipment Authority. These new rules provide a critical first step to promote access by UAS operators to dedicated spectrum, while also allowing a consensus to emerge on key issues for this industry.

These new rules resulting in revisions to the information collection are as follows:

§ 88.111 Certification Required

Each transmitter utilized for operation under this part and each transmitter marketed as set forth in § 2.803 of this chapter must be certified by the Commission for use in part 88 services following the procedures set forth in part 2, subpart J of this chapter.

§ 88.113 Authorization of Equipment

An applicant for certification of equipment intended for transmission in the 5030–5091 MHz band must notify the FAA of the filing of a certification application. The letter of notification must be mailed to: FAA, Spectrum Engineering Service Group, AJW–1900, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591 prior to the filing of the application with the Commission.

(a) The notification letter must describe the equipment, and give the manufacturer's identification, antenna characteristics, rated output power, emission type and characteristics, the frequency or frequencies of operation, and essential receiver characteristics if protection is required.

(b) The certification application must include a copy of the notification letter to the FAA. The Commission will not act until it receives the FAA's determination regarding whether it objects to the application for equipment authorization. The FAA should mail its determination to: Office of Engineering and Technology Laboratory Division, Equipment Authorization and Compliance Branch, 7435 Oakland Mills Rd., Columbia, MD 21046. The Commission will consider the FAA determination before taking final action on the application.

§ 88.115 RF Safety

Licensees and manufacturers are subject to the radio frequency radiation exposure requirements specified in §§ 1.1307(b), 1.1310, 2.1091, and 2.1093 of this chapter, as appropriate. Applications for equipment authorization of mobile or portable devices operating under this section must contain a statement confirming compliance with these requirements for both fundamental emissions and unwanted emissions and technical information showing the basis for this statement must be submitted to the Commission upon request.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–1087; FR ID 295622]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Section 15.615, General Administrative Requirements (Broadband Over Power Line (BPL).

OMB Control Number: 3060–1087.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 100 respondents; 100 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 157(a), 301, 302, 303(e), 303(f),303(g), 303(r), 307(e), 332, 622, and 0.31(g), 0.31(i), and 0.31(j).

Total Annual Burden: 2,600 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $60,000.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this expiring information collection after this 60 day comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to obtain the full three year clearance. Section 15.615 requires entities operating Access BPL systems shall supply to an industry-recognized entity, information on all existing Access BPL systems and all proposed Access BPL systems for inclusion into a publicly available database, within 30 days prior to installation of service. Such information should include the name of the Access BPL provider; the frequencies of the Access BPL operation; the postal ZIP codes served by the specific Access BPL operation; the manufacturer and type of Access BPL equipment and its associated FCC ID number, contact information; and proposed/or actual date of operation.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–0262; FR ID 293257]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent 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. Your comment must be submitted into *www.reginfo.gov* per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in *www.reginfo.gov* also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.* Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,* (2) look for the section of the web page called ''Currently Under Review,'' (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the ''Select Agency'' box below the ''Currently Under Review'' heading, (4) select ''Federal Communications Commission'' from the list of agencies presented in the ''Select Agency'' box, (5) click the ''Submit'' button to the right of the ''Select Agency'' box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might ''further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.''

OMB Control No.: 3060–0678.

Title: Part 25 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules Governing the Licensing of, and Spectrum Usage by, Commercial Earth Stations and Space Stations.

Form Nos.: FCC Form 312, FCC Form 312–EZ, FCC Form 312–R and Schedules A, B and S.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 3,539 respondents; 3,591 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5–80 hours per response.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, one time, and annual reporting requirements; third-party disclosure requirements; recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation To Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The Commission has statutory authority for the information collection requirements under 47 U.S.C. 154, 301, 302, 303, 307, 309, 310, 319, 332, 605, and 721.

Total Annual Burden: 27,748 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: $4,154,267.

Needs and Uses: On April 21, 2023, the Commission released a Report and Order, FCC 23–29, IB Docket No. 21–456, titled ''Revising Spectrum Sharing Rules for Non-Geostationary Orbit, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems.'' In this Report and Order, the Commission revised its rules governing spectrum sharing among a new generation of broadband satellite constellations to promote market entry, regulatory certainty, and spectrum efficiency through good-faith coordination. As relevant to this information collection, the Commission adopted rules clarifying protection obligations between non-geostationary satellite orbit, fixed-satellite service (NGSO FSS) systems authorized through different processing rounds by using a degraded throughput methodology. Specifically, the Commission required that, prior to commencing operations, an NGSO FSS licensee or market access recipient must either certify that it has completed a coordination agreement with any operational NGSO FSS system licensed or granted U.S. market access in an earlier processing round, or submit for Commission approval a compatibility showing which demonstrates by use of a degraded throughput methodology that it will not cause harmful interference to any such system with which coordination has not been completed. If an earlier-round system becomes operational after a later-round system has commenced operations, the later-round licensee or market access recipient must submit a certification of coordination or a compatibility showing with respect to the earlier-round system no later than 60 days after the earlier-round system commences operations.

Further, on November 15, 2024, the Commission released a Second Report and Order in the same rulemaking proceeding, FCC 24–117, IB Docket No. 21–456, titled ''Revising Spectrum Sharing Rules for Non-Geostationary Orbit, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems.'' In this Second Report and Order, the Commission revised the NGSO FSS sharing rules to clarify certain details of the degraded throughput methodology that, in the absence of a coordination agreement, must be used in compatibility analyses by NGSO FSS system grantees authorized through later processing rounds to show they can operate compatibly with, and protect, NGSO FSS systems authorized through earlier processing rounds. The Commission adopted a 3% time-weighted average throughput degradation as a long-term interference protection criterion and a 0.4% absolute increase in link unavailability as a short-term interference protection criterion.

The relevant rule for purposes of this revised information collection is 47 CFR 25.261(d).

The new information collection requirements in this collection are needed to determine the technical qualifications of licensees and market access grantees to operate an NGSO FSS space station and to determine whether operations under an NGSO FSS authorization serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. Without such information, the Commission could not determine whether to permit respondents to provide communications services in the United States because it could not assure that incumbent NGSO FSS licensees and market access grantees are adequately protected from radiofrequency interference that could be caused by NGSO FSS satellite systems authorized through a later processing round. Therefore, the Commission would not be able to fulfill its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the obligations imposed on parties to the World Trade Organization Basic Telecom Agreement.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. OP–1865]

Announcement of Financial Sector Liabilities

The Board's Regulation XX prohibits a merger or acquisition that would result in a financial company that controls more than 10 percent of the aggregate consolidated liabilities of all financial companies (''aggregate financial sector liabilities'').[1] Specifically, an insured depository institution, a bank holding company, a savings and loan holding company, a foreign banking organization, any other company that controls an insured depository institution, and a nonbank financial company designated by the Financial Stability Oversight Council (each, a ''financial company'') is prohibited from merging or consolidating with, acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of, or acquiring control of, another company if the resulting company's consolidated liabilities would exceed 10 percent of the aggregate financial sector liabilities.[2]

Under Regulation XX, the Federal Reserve will publish the aggregate financial sector liabilities by July 1 of each year. Aggregate financial sector liabilities are equal to the average of the year-end financial sector liabilities figure (as of December 31) of each of the preceding two calendar years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lesley Chao, Lead Financial Institution Policy Analyst, (202) 974–7063; Shooka Saket, Financial Institution Policy

[1] Regulation XX implements section 622 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. *See* 12 U.S.C. 1852.

[2] 12 U.S.C. 1852(a)(2), (b); 12 CFR 251.3.

Analyst, (202) 452–3869; Matthew Suntag, Senior Counsel, (202) 452–3694; Laura Bain, Senior Counsel, (202) 736–5546; for users of telephone systems via text telephone (TTY) or any TTY-based Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), please call 711 from any telephone, anywhere in the United States; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC 20551.

Aggregate Financial Sector Liabilities

''Aggregate financial sector liabilities'' is equal to $23,223,259,570,000.[3] This measure is in effect from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Calculation Methodology

The aggregate financial sector liabilities measure equals the average of the year-end financial sector liabilities figure (as of December 31) of each of the preceding two calendar years. The year-end financial sector liabilities figure equals the sum of the total consolidated liabilities of all top-tier U.S. financial companies and the U.S. liabilities of all top-tier foreign financial companies, calculated using the applicable methodology for each financial company, as set forth in Regulation XX and summarized below.

Consolidated liabilities of a U.S. financial company that was subject to consolidated risk-based capital rules as of December 31 of the year being measured, equal the difference between the U.S. financial company's risk-weighted assets (as adjusted upward to reflect amounts that are deducted from regulatory capital elements pursuant to the Federal banking agencies' risk-based capital rules) and total regulatory capital, as calculated under the applicable risk-based capital rules. Companies in this category include (with certain exceptions listed below) bank holding companies, savings and loan holding companies, and insured depository institutions. The Federal Reserve used information collected on the Consolidated Financial Statements for Holding Companies (''FR Y–9C'') and the Bank Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (''Call Report'') to calculate liabilities of these institutions.

Consolidated liabilities of a U.S. financial company not subject to consolidated risk-based capital rules as of December 31 of the year being measured, equal liabilities calculated in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Companies in this category include nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board, bank holding companies and savings and loan holding companies subject to the Federal Reserve's Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement, savings and loan holding companies substantially engaged in insurance underwriting or commercial activities, and U.S. companies that control insured depository institutions but are not bank holding companies or savings and loan holding companies. ''Applicable accounting standards'' is defined as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (''GAAP''), or such other accounting standard or method of estimation that the Board determines is appropriate.[4] The Federal Reserve used information collected on the FR Y–9C, the Parent Company Only Financial Statements for Small Holding Companies (''FR Y–9SP''), and the Financial Company Report of Consolidated Liabilities (''FR XX–1'') to calculate liabilities of these institutions.

Under Regulation XX, liabilities of a foreign banking organization's U.S. operations are calculated using the risk-weighted asset methodology for subsidiaries subject to the risk-based capital rule, plus the assets of all branches, agencies, and nonbank subsidiaries, calculated in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Liabilities attributable to the U.S. operations of a foreign financial company that is not a foreign banking organization are calculated in a similar manner to the method described for foreign banking organizations, and liabilities of a U.S. subsidiary not subject to the risk-based capital rule are calculated based on the U.S. subsidiary's liabilities under applicable accounting standards. The Federal Reserve used information collected on the Capital and Asset Report for Foreign Banking Organizations (''FR Y–7Q''), the FR Y–9C, and the FR XX–1 to calculate liabilities of these institutions.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Director of Supervision and Regulation under delegated authority.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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[3] This number reflects the average of the financial sector liabilities figure for the years ending December 31, 2023 ($23,355,716,578,000) and December 31, 2024 ($23,090,802,562,000).

[4] A financial company may request to use an accounting standard or method of estimation other than GAAP if it does not calculate its total consolidated assets or liabilities under GAAP for any regulatory purpose (including compliance with applicable securities laws). 12 CFR 251.3(e). In previous years, the Board received and approved requests from eleven financial companies to use an accounting standard or method of estimation other than GAAP to calculate liabilities. Ten of the companies were insurance companies that reported financial information under Statutory Accounting Principles (''SAP''), and one was a foreign company that controlled a U.S. industrial loan company that reported financial information under International Financial Reporting Standards (''IFRS''). For the insurance companies, the Board approved a method of estimation that was based on line items from SAP-based reports, with adjustments to reflect certain differences in accounting treatment between GAAP and SAP. For the foreign company, the Board approved the use of IFRS. Such companies that continue to be subject to Regulation XX continue to use the previously approved methods. The Board did not receive any new requests this year.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10798, CMS–R–235, CMS–359/CMS–360, and CMS–10069]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection 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 30-day Review—Open

for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: *https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term ''collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with change to a previously approved information collection; *Title:* Application for Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage (Part B–ID); *Use:* Sections 226A, 1836(b) and 1837(n) of the Act provide the statutory authority for this new, limited Medicare entitlement program. It is stated in § 407.1(a)(6) that, sections 1836(b) and 1837(n) of the Act provide for coverage of immunosuppressive drugs as described in section 1861(s)(2)(J) of the Act under Part B beginning on or after January 1, 2023, for eligible individuals whose benefits under Medicare Part A and eligibility to enroll in Part B on the basis of ESRD would otherwise end with the 36th month after the month in which the individual receives a kidney transplant by reason of section 226A(b)(2) of the Act.

CMS–10798 provides the necessary information to determine eligibility and to process the beneficiary's request for enrollment for in Part B–ID coverage. This form is only used for enrollment by beneficiaries whose Medicare entitlement based on ESRD would otherwise end after a successful kidney transplant to continue enrollment under Medicare Part B only for the coverage of immunosuppressive drugs who already have Part A, but not Part B.

Form CMS–10798 is completed by the individual or is completed by an SSA representative using information provided by the Medicare enrollee during a telephone interview. The form is owned by CMS but not completed by CMS staff. SSA processes Medicare enrollments on behalf of CMS. *Form Number:* CMS–10798 (OMB control number: 0938–1428); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Individuals and Households, State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 1,019; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,019; *Total Annual Hours:* 173. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Tyrissa Woods at 410–786–0286 or *Tyrissa.woods@cms.hhs.gov.*)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Data Use Agreement (DUA) Limited Data Set (LDS) Forms Research Identifiable Files (FIF) Forms; *Use:* The Privacy Act of 1974, section 552a requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to track all disclosures of the agency's Personally Identifiable Information (PII). CMS is also required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002 to properly protect all Protected Health Information (PHI) data maintained by the agency and account for the disclosure of PHI. When entities, such as academic, Federal or State agency researchers or CMS contractors request CMS PII/PHI data, they enter into a Data Use Agreement (DUA) with CMS. The DUA stipulates that the recipient of CMS data must properly protect the data according to all applicable data security standards and provide for its appropriate destruction at the completion of the project/study or the expiration date of the DUA.

CMS is permitted to disclose data files for approved research purposes in compliance with 45 CFR 164.512(I). Researchers requesting limited data set files (LDS) must, as part of the request process, complete a research request packet that provides CMS with information pertaining to the research study, including describing how the research results/findings will be disseminated, as well as the data files being requested. Should CMS approve the research request, the data requestor enters into a Data Use Agreement (DUA). This data collection is necessary to ensure that disclosures of data for research purposes comply with Federal laws and regulations as well as CMS policy. *Form Number:* CMS–R–235 (OMB control number 0938–0734); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector—State, Local, or Tribal Governments; and Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profits institutions and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 7,805; *Total Annual Responses:* 7,805; *Total Annual Hours:* 4,234. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Rebecca Dorman at 410–786–2095 or *rebecca.dorman@cms.hhs.gov.*)

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Certification and Survey Forms; *Use:* This information collection is for the reinstatement of the CMS–359 and CMS–360 forms. The purpose of these forms is described below. The form CMS–359 is an application for health care providers that seek to participate in the Medicare program as a Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF). The form initiates the process for facilities to become certified as a CORF and it provides the CMS Location and State Survey Agency (SA) staff identifying information regarding the applicant that is stored in the Automated Survey Processing Environment (ASPEN) system.

The form CMS–360 is a survey tool used by the SAs to record information in order to determine a provider's compliance with the CORF Conditions of Participation (COPs) and to report this information to the Federal Government. The form includes basic information on the COP requirements, check boxes to indicate the level of compliance, and a section for recording notes. CMS has the responsibility and authority for certification decisions which are based on provider compliance with the COPs and this form supports this process. *Form Number:* CMS–359/360 (OMB control number: 0938–0267); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profits); *Number of Respondents:* 179; *Number of Responses:* 31; *Total Annual Hours:* 241. (For questions regarding this collection contact Caroline Gallaher (410) 786–8705.)

4. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection; *Title of*

Information Collection: Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program Application; *Use:* CMS is requesting the information collection request previously approved under OMB control number 0938–0880, the Medicare Waiver Demonstration/Model Application, be reinstated. The approval lapsed due to an administrative oversight.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has operated the statutory Rural Community Hospital (RCH) Demonstration since 2004. The authorizing statute instructed CMS to test cost-based payment for Medicare inpatient services for rural hospitals with fewer than 51 beds that are not eligible to be Critical Access Hospitals (CAH).

The RCH Demonstration Program was initially authorized by section 410A of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003. Following the initial 5-year authorization, the demonstration has been extended 3 times, each time for an additional 5 years—first, by Sections 3123 and 10313 of the Affordable Care Act; then by section 15003 of the 21st Century Cures Act; and by section 128 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Currently, the demonstration has 20 participants out of a maximum of 30 hospitals, and it is scheduled to end in 2028.

For previous authorizations, CMS has issued a Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit applications for the demonstration program. For the last solicitation, in 2017, CMS received 51 applications for 13 open spaces. CMS is planning on a new RFA to fill the ten spaces that are currently open.

Per the RFA, applications are requested in identical format, regardless of the specific goals and projects of the individual applicants. The standardized application format is not controversial, and it will reduce burden on applicants and reviewers. Responses are strictly voluntary. The standard format will enable CMS to select proposals that meet CMS objectives and show the best potential for success.

The RFA will ask interested hospitals to provide a problem statement, strategies for ongoing financial viability, goals for participation in the demonstration, and plans for collaboration with other providers in the area. Applications will be submitted in the user-friendly format outlined in the Medicare Waiver Demonstration/Model Application.

A panel of evaluators will be assembled and utilize a standardized rubric to score the submitted proposals and identify hospitals with the highest scores. Results will be used to guide the future of the Medicare and Medicaid programs and to inform reform initiatives. *Form Number:* CMS–10069 (OMB control number: 0938–0880); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 30; *Total Annual Responses:* 30; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,400. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Alexis Lilly at 410–786–3501).

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Division of Information Collections and Regulatory Impacts, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS–10755]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for ''Comment or Submission'' or ''More Search Options'' to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. By *regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: ____, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: *https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS–10755 Medicare Part D Electronic Prescribing Tools (42 CFR 423.128(d)(4)–(5) and 423.160(b)(1))

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term ''collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Part D Electronic Prescribing Tools (42 CFR 423.128(d)(4)–(5) and 423.160(b)(1)); *Use:* The NCPDP SCRIPT standard is utilized to electronically transmit prescriptions for Part D drugs for Part D eligible individuals, as required at 42 CFR 423.160(b)(1). This standard also includes a series of transactions which enable ePA to take place when the electronically prescribed drug requires PA. The ePA transactions within the NCPDP SCRIPT standard enable the secure exchange of information relevant to ePA between the prescriber's electronic health record (EHR) and the insurer, specifically providing standardized information fields that are relevant for medication use, mandatory questions, transaction messaging, and standardized ePA data elements exchanging the PA questions and answers between prescribers and payers.

Beneficiaries can access the real-time benefit tools (RTBTs) online or by phone from the plan's call center. Although a goal of requiring a beneficiary RTBT is to ensure beneficiaries can readily access their formulary and benefit information, we retained a requirement for Part D sponsors to provide the same information by phone for beneficiaries who are less comfortable with computer or mobile access to their plan information.; *Form Number:* CMS–10755 (OMB control number: 0938–1396); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private and Businesses or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 1,001; *Total Annual Responses:* 700,865; *Total Annual Hours:* 11,880. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Craig Miner at 410–786–7937 or *craig.miner@cms.hhs.gov*.)

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Division of Information Collections and Regulatory Impacts, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) Automated Function Checklist and Data Quality Plan (Office of Management and Budget #0970–0463)

AGENCY: Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a three-year extension of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) information collection (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970–0463, expiration 6/30/2025). The CCWIS information collection includes the Automated Function List and the Data Quality Plan. There are no required instruments associated with the data collection and no changes to the data collection.

DATES: *Comments due* June 27, 2025. OMB must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection 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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov*. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The CCWIS information collection includes two components:

- The Automated Function List update required pursuant to § 1355.52(i)(2);
- The Data Quality Plan update required pursuant to § 1355.52(d)(5).

The CCWIS regulations require updates of this information to confirm that the project meets CCWIS requirements and that project costs are appropriately allocated to benefiting programs.

Respondents: Title IV–E agencies under the Social Security Act.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Automated Function List § 1355.52(i)(2)	55	1	10	550
Data Quality Plan § 1355.52(d)(5)	55	1	40	2,200
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				2,750

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 621 *et seq.,* 42 U.S.C. 670 *et seq.,* 42 U.S.C. 1301 and 1302.

Mary C. Jones,

ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program Specific Form, OMB No. 0906–0073—Revision

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than July 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14NWH04, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443–3983.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information collection request title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program Specific Form, OMB No. 0906–0073—Revision.

Abstract: HRSA seeks to collect data on the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) Program Specific Form, which will assist the agency in making funding decisions for SDS program awards. The SDS Program Specific Form and another form, the Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) Program Specific Data Form, are currently approved under OMB No. 0906–0073 with an expiration date of November 30, 2025. This clearance is for the approval of one form, the SDS Program Specific Form, and removal of the BHW Program Specific Data Form. For programmatic efficiency, HRSA will move the BHW Program Specific Data Form to another ICR that reports data outcomes post grant award. The information collection request has been renamed to the ''Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program Specific Form'' in accordance with these updates.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The SDS Program Specific Form seeks to assist HRSA in assessing applicants for the SDS Program, which is to make grant awards to eligible schools to provide scholarships to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in health professions programs. To qualify for participation in the SDS program, a school must carry out a program in accordance with section 737(d)(1)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293a(d)(1)(B)). To meet this requirement, a school must provide data via the SDS Program Specific Form that at least 20 percent of the school's full-time enrolled students and graduates are from a disadvantaged background. Additionally, to successfully make awards, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall give priority to eligible entities based on proportions of students/graduates in accordance with section 737(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293a(c)). This form will be used to collect 3 years of student and participant data from SDS program applicants and does not include substantive changes.

Likely Respondents: Institutions that apply for SDS program awards.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
SDS Program Specific Form	340	1	340	14	4,760
Total	340		340		4,760

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Maria G. Button,

Director, Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program Eligible Resident or Fellow Full-Time Equivalent Chart, OMB No. 0915–0367—Extension

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than July 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or mail them to HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14NWH04, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443–3983.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program Eligible Resident or Fellow Full-Time Equivalent Chart, OMB No. 0915–0367—Extension

Abstract: The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program, section 340H of the Public Health Service Act, was established by section 5508 of Public Law 111–148. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116–260) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117–2) provided continued funding for the THCGME Program. The THCGME Program awards payment for both direct and indirect expenses to support training for primary care residents in community-based ambulatory patient care settings. The THCGME Program Eligible Resident or Fellow full-time equivalent (FTE) Chart, published in the THCGME Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), is a means for determining the number of eligible resident or fellow FTEs in an applicant's primary care residency program. The FTE Chart revisions will continue to collect the number of resident or fellow FTEs from previous academic years and will continue to capture the number of resident or fellow FTEs requested within the NOFO application.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The THCGME Program Eligible Resident or Fellow FTE Chart requires applicants to provide (a) data related to the size and/or growth of the residency program over previous academic years, (b) the number of residents enrolled in the program during the baseline academic year, and (c) a projection of the program's proposed expansion over the next 5 academic years. It is imperative that applicants complete this chart to quantify the total supported residents. THCGME funding is used to support expanded numbers of residents in existing residency programs, to establish new residency training programs, or to maintain filled positions at existing residency training programs. Utilization of a chart to gather this important information has decreased the number of errors in the eligibility review process resulting in a more accurate review and funding process. This ICR comports with the regulatory requirement imposed by 45 CFR 75.206(a), ''[s]tandard application requirements, including forms for applying for HHS financial assistance, and state plans.''

Likely Respondents: Teaching Health Centers applying for THCGME funding through a THCGME NOFO process, which may include new applicants and existing awardees.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
THCGME Program Eligible Resident or Fellow FTE Chart	90	1	90	1.25	112.50
Total	90		90		112.50

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques

or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Maria G. Button,

Director, Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Initial and Reconciliation Application Forms To Report Graduate Medical Education Data and Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Residents Trained by Hospitals Participating in the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program; and FTE Resident Assessment Forms To Report FTE Residents Trained by Organizations Participating in the CHGME Payment Program and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program, OMB No. 0915–0247—Revision

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than July 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14NWH04, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443–3983.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Initial and Reconciliation Application Forms to Report Graduate Medical Education Data and FTE Residents Trained by Hospitals Participating in the CHGME Payment Program; and FTE Resident Assessment Forms to Report FTE Residents Trained by Organizations Participating in the CHGME Payment Program and the THCGME Program, OMB No. 0915–0247—Revision.

Abstract: The Healthcare Research and Quality Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106–129) established the CHGME Payment Program, Section 340E of the Public Health Service Act, most recently amended by the Dr. Benjy Frances Brooks Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (GME) Support Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–241). In 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148) established the THCGME Program, Section 340H of the Public Health Service Act. The CHGME Payment Program and the THCGME Program provide federal funding to support GME programs that train medical and dental residents and fellows. Specifically, the CHGME Payment Program supports residency programs at freestanding children's hospitals that train residents in pediatric, pediatric subspecialty, and non-pediatric care. The THCGME Program supports training for primary care residents/fellows (in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine-pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, and geriatrics) in community-based ambulatory patient care settings.

Children's hospitals and teaching health centers funded by HRSA's CHGME and THCGME programs, respectively, are required to report the number of FTE residents trained during the federal fiscal year. HRSA contracts fiscal intermediaries to assess FTE resident counts reflected in participating children's hospitals and teaching health centers' applications to determine any changes to the resident FTE counts initially reported. Fiscal intermediaries audit the data reported by the children's hospitals and the teaching health centers and report the verified FTE resident counts to HRSA. Evaluating the data from children's hospital and teaching health center ensures compliance with Medicare regulations and HRSA program requirements when determining the number of FTE residents eligible for funding.

HRSA plans to submit an ICR because the current OMB clearance for the CHGME Payment Program application and the FTE resident assessment forms and exhibits used by both the CHGME Payment Program and the THCGME Program expired on January 31, 2025. All CHGME Payment Program application and the FTE resident assessment forms and exhibits used by both the CHGME Payment Program and THCGME Program are the same as currently approved.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Information collected will be used during the CHGME Payment Program initial application process and the reconciliation process for both the CHGME Payment Program and the THCGME Program to calculate the amount of graduate medical education payments that should be distributed to participating children's hospitals and teaching health centers. The CHGME Payment Program application forms and the FTE resident assessment forms for both the CHGME Payment Program and THCGME Program will also be used to confirm the eligibility of the applicant children's hospitals, determine the number of FTE residents trained by participants in the CHGME Payment Program and THCGME Program, and determine their compliance with the programs' requirements.

Likely Respondents: CHGME Payment Program applicants, CHGME Payment Program participants, and fiscal intermediaries auditing data submitted by the participating children's hospitals and teaching health centers.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems to collect, validate, and verify information; process and maintain information, and disclose and provide information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

CHGME participating children's hospitals report their FTE residents using forms and exhibits approved by OMB (#0915–0247). THCGME participating teaching health centers report their FTE residents using forms, tools, and exhibits approved by OMB

(#0915–0342 and #0915–0367). The FTE resident assessment forms and exhibits currently approved for use by the CHGME Payment Program under OMB clearance #0915–0247 will be reviewed or completed by the fiscal intermediaries during the audit of the FTE residents reported by the teaching health centers participating in the THCGME Program. The FTE resident assessment forms and exhibits are submitted to HRSA for approval. The fiscal intermediaries currently reviewing or completing the forms and exhibits during the audit of children's hospitals will use the same forms and exhibits during the audit of teaching health centers.

Total estimated annualized burden hours: form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Application Cover Letter (CHGME Initial and Reconciliation)	60	2	120	0.33	39.6
HRSA 99 Form (CHGME Initial and Reconciliation)	60	2	120	0.33	39.6
HRSA 99–1 Form (CHGME Initial)	60	1	60	26.50	1,590.0
HRSA 99–1 Form (CHGME Reconciliation)	60	1	60	6.50	390.0
HRSA 99–1 (Supplemental) (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	3.67	220.2
HRSA 99–2 Form (CHGME Initial)	60	1	60	11.33	679.8
HRSA 99–2 Form (CHGME Reconciliation)	60	1	60	3.67	220.2
HRSA 99–4 Form (CHGME Reconciliation)	60	1	60	12.50	750.0
HRSA 99–5 Form (Initial and Reconciliation)	60	2	120	0.33	39.6
CFO Form Letter (CHGME Initial and Reconciliation)	60	2	120	0.33	39.6
Exhibit 2 (CHGME Initial and Reconciliation)	60	2	120	0.33	39.6
Exhibit 3 (CHGME Initial and Reconciliation)	60	2	120	0.33	39.6
Exhibit 4 (CHGME Initial and Reconciliation)	60	2	120	0.33	39.6
Conversation Record (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	3.67	220.2
Exhibit C (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit E (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit F (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit N (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit O(1) (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit O(2) (HRSA 99–1) (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	26.5	1590.0
Exhibit P (Reconciliation Tool) (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit P(2) (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit S (CHGME and THCGME FTE Resident Assessment)	30	4	120	3.67	440.4
Exhibit T (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	3.67	220.2
Exhibit T(1) (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	3.67	220.2
Exhibit 1 (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	0.33	19.8
Exhibit 2 (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	0.33	19.8
Exhibit 3 (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	0.33	19.8
Exhibit 4 (CHGME FTE Resident Assessment Only)	30	2	60	0.33	19.8
Total	* 90		** 180		9,980.4

* The total respondents are 90 because children's hospitals (60) and fiscal intermediaries (30) are completing the forms.
** The total responses are 180 because children's hospitals (60), fiscal intermediaries for the CHGME audits (60), and the THCGME audits (60) are completing the forms.

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Maria G. Button,

Director, Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under

OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276–0361.

Project: Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program Monitoring

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) will monitor program performance of its Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) programs. The TTAs disseminate current behavioral health services research from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute of Justice, and other sources, as well as other SAMHSA programs. To accomplish this, the TTA programs develop and update state-of-the-art, research-based curricula and professional development training.

The TTA programs hold a variety of events: technical assistance, meetings, trainings, and presentations. A TTA technical assistance event is defined as a jointly planned consultation generally involving a series of contacts between the TTA and an outside organization/institution during which the TTA provides expertise and gives direction toward resolving a problem or improving conditions. Technical assistance events can be categorized into universal, targeted, and intensive. Other TTA events such as meetings, training, presentations, strategic planning and learning collaboratives are utilized to support technical assistance. These events are TTA-sponsored or co-sponsored events in which a group of people representing one or more agencies other than the TTAs work cooperatively on a project, problem, and/or policy. SAMHSA intends to use three (3) instruments for program monitoring of TTA events as well as ongoing quality improvement, which are described below.

1. *TTA Event Description Form (EDF):* The EDF collects event information. The form includes 10 questions of TTA faculty/staff relating to the event focus and format. It allows the TTAs and SAMHSA to track the number of events held (See Attachment 1).

2. *TTA Post Event Form:* The Post Event Form will be administered immediately following the event. The form includes 16 questions of each individual that participated in the event (Attachment 2). The instrument asks the participants to report on general demographic information, principal employment setting, employment zip code, satisfaction with the event, if they expect the event to benefit them professionally, if they expect the event to change their practice and if they would recommend the event to a colleague.

3. *TTA Follow-up Form:* The Follow-up Form will be administered 60-days after all events that last a minimum of three (3) hours. The form will be administered to a minimum of 25% of participants who consent to participate in the follow-up process. The includes 13 questions (Attachment 3). The instrument asks the participants to report if the information provided in at the event benefited their professional development, will change their practice, if they will use the information in their future work, if information will be shared with colleagues, how the event supported their work responsibilities, how the TTA can improve the events, what other topics participants would like to see TTAs address and in what format.

The information collected on the three TTA forms will assist SAMHSA in documenting the numbers and types of participants in TTA events, describing the extent to which participants report improvement in their professional development, and which method is most effective in disseminating knowledge to various audiences. This type of information is crucial to support SAMHSA in complying with GPRA reporting requirements and will inform future development of knowledge dissemination activities.

The chart below summarizes the annualized burden for this project.

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total annual burden hours	Hourly wage cost	Total hour cost
TTA Faculty/Staff							
TTA Event Description Form ...	113	48	5,424	.16	867.84	$28.89	$25,071.90
Meeting and Presentations Respondents							
TTA Post-Event Form	300,057	1	300,057	.16	48,009.00	28.89	1,386,983.48
TTA Follow-up Form	13,566	1	13,566	.16	2,170.56	28.89	62,707.48
Total	313,736	.....	319,047	.....	51,047.40	.....	1,474,762.86

SUMMARY TABLE

Instruments	Number of respondents	Responses per respondents	Annual burden hours
TTA Event Description Form	113	48	867.84
TTA Post Event Form	300,057	1	48,009.00
TTA Follow up Form	13,566	1	2,170.56
Total	313,736	.....	51,047.40

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by June 27, 2025 to the SAMHSA Desk Officer at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To ensure timely receipt of comments, and to avoid potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, commenters are encouraged to submit

their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.* Although commenters are encouraged to send their comments via email, commenters may also fax their comments to: 202–395–7285. Commenters may also mail them to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503.

Alicia Broadus,

Public Health Advisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer at (240) 276–0361.

Project: Regulations To Implement SAMHSA's Charitable Choice Statutory Provisions—42 CFR Parts 54 and 54a (OMB No. 0930–0242)—Revision

Section 1955 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–65), as amended by the Children's Health Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–310) and Sections 581–584 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290kk *et seq.,* as added by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106–554)), set forth various provisions which aim to ensure that religious organizations are able to compete on an equal footing for federal funds to provide substance use services. These provisions allow religious organizations to offer substance use services to individuals without impairing the religious character of the organizations or the religious freedom of the individuals who receive the services. The provisions apply to the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG), to the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) formula grant program, and to certain SAMHSA discretionary grant programs (programs that pay for substance use treatment and prevention services, not for certain infrastructure and technical assistance activities). Every effort has been made to assure that the reporting, recordkeeping, and disclosure requirements of the proposed regulations allow maximum flexibility in implementation and impose minimum burden.

No changes are being made to the regulations or the information collection provisions. A minor change reflecting current state reporting has been made to the annual burden estimates in 54.8(c)(4) resulting in total burden costs reported decreasing.

Information on how states comply with the requirements of 42 CFR part 54 was approved by OMB as part of the Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant FY 2019–2021 annual application and reporting requirements approved under OMB control number 0930–0168.

42 CFR citation and purpose	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Part 54—States Receiving SUBG and/or Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness					
Reporting:					
96.122(f)(5) Annual report of activities the state undertook to comply with 42 CFR Part 54.	60	1	60	1	60
54.8(c)(4) Total number of referrals to alternative service providers reported by program participants to States (respondents).					
SUBG	7	7 (avg.)	47	1	47
PATH	10	5	50	1	50
54.8(e) Annual report by PATH grantees on activities undertaken to comply with 42 CFR Part 54.	56	1	56	1	56
Disclosure:					
54.8(b) Program participant notice to program beneficiaries of rights to referral to an alternative service provider.					
SUBG	60	1	60	.05	3
PATH	56	1	56	.05	3
Recordkeeping:					
54.6(b) Documentation must be maintained to demonstrate significant burden for program participants under 42 U.S.C. 300x–57 or 42 U.S.C. 290cc–33(a)(2).	60	1	60	1	60
Part 54—Subtotal	116		389		279
Part 54a—States, local governments and religious organizations receiving funding under Title V of the PHS Act for substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services					
Reporting:					
54a.8(c)(1)(iv) Program participant notification to state or local government of a referral to an alternative provider.	25	4	100	.083	8
54a(8)(d) Program participant notification to SAMHSA of referrals. (*Note:* This notification will occur during the course of the regular reports that may be required under the terms of the funding award)..	20	2	40	.25	10
Disclosure:					
54a.8(b) Program participant notice to program beneficiaries of rights to referral to an alternative service provider.	1,460	1	1,460	1	1,460

42 CFR citation and purpose	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Part 54a—Subtotal	1,505		1,600		1,478
Total	1,621		1,989	1	1,757

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection 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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

Alicia Broadus,

Public Health Advisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Bayamón, PR) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

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

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., (Bayamón, PR) as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc. (Bayamón, PR), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of May 9, 2023.

DATES: Intertek USA, Inc. (Bayamón, PR) was accredited and approved, as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of May 9, 2023. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eugene Bondoc, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, 15th Floor, Suite 1501A, Washington, DC 20229–1110, tel. 202–344–1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that Intertek USA, Inc., Carr. #28, KM 20, Industrial Park Luchetti, Bayamón, PR 00960, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13.

Intertek USA, Inc., (Bayamón, PR) is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
3	Tank Gauging.
7	Temperature Determination.
8	Sampling.
12	Calculations.
17	Maritime Measurement.

Intertek USA, Inc., (Bayamón, PR) is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27–01	D287	Standard Test Method for API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products (Hydrometer Method).
27–02	D1298	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method.
27–08	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure.
27–11	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity).
27–48	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
N/A	D2163	Standard Test Method for Determination of Hydrocarbons in Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases and Propane/Propene Mixtures by Gas Chromatography.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to *CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov.* Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. *https://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories.*

Lina M. Acosta,

Acting Laboratory Director, Houston, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

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

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA), as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of January 9, 2024.

DATES: AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of January 9, 2024. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for January 2027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eugene Bondoc, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1501–A North, Washington, DC 20004, tel. 202–344–1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that AmSpec LLC, 1350 Slater Road, Suite 9, Ferndale, WA 98248, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13.

AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA) is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
3	Tank Gauging.
7	Temperature Determination.
8	Sampling.
11	Physical Properties Data.
12	Calculation of Petroleum Quantities.
17	Marine Measurement.

AmSpec LLC (Ferndale, WA) is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27–05	D4928	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration.
27–06	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method.
27–07	D4807	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oil by Membrane Filtration.
27–13	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27–46	D5002	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Crude Oils by Digital Density Analyzer.
27–48	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to *CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov.* Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. *https://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories.*

Lina M. Acosta,

Acting Laboratory Director, Houston, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec LLC (Concord, CA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

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

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of AmSpec LLC (Concord, CA), as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that AmSpec LLC (Concord, CA), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of February 16, 2024.

DATES: AmSpec LLC (Concord, CA) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of February 16, 2024. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for February 2027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eugene Bondoc, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1501–A North, Washington, DC 20004, tel. 202–344–1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that AmSpec LLC, 4075 Sprig Drive, Suite A, Concord, CA 94520, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13.

AmSpec LLC (Concord, CA) is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
1	Vocabulary.
3	Tank Gauging.
7	Temperature Determination.
8	Sampling.
11	Physical Properties Data.
12	Calculation of Petroleum Quantities.
17	Marine Measurement.

AmSpec LLC (Concord, CA) is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27–01	D287	Standard Test Method for API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products (Hydrometer Method).
27–02	D1298	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method.
27–03	D4006	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oil by Distillation.
27–04	D95	Standard Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation.
27–05	D4928	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration.
27–06	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method.
27–08	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure.
27–11	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity).
27–13	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27–46	D5002	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Crude Oils by Digital Density Analyzer.
27–48	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
27–50	D93	Standard Test Methods for Flash Point by Pensky-Martens Closed Cup Tester.
27–53	D2709	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Middle Distillate Fuels by Centrifuge.
27–54	D1796	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method (Laboratory Procedure).
27–58	D5191	Standard Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products and Liquid Fuels (Mini Method).

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to *CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov.* Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. *https://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories.*

Lina M. Acosta,

Acting Laboratory Director, Houston, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation of Intertek USA, Inc. (Yabucoa, PR) as a Commercial Laboratory

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

ACTION: Notice of accreditation of Intertek USA, Inc. (Yabucoa, PR) as a commercial laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc. (Yabucoa, PR), has been accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of May 11, 2023.

DATES: Intertek USA, Inc. (Yabucoa, PR) was accredited as a commercial laboratory as of May 11, 2023. The next inspection date will be scheduled for May 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eugene Bondoc, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1501–A North, Washington, DC 20004, tel. 202–344–1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12, that Intertek USA, Inc., Carr. 901, Km 2.7, Bo. Camino Nuevo, Yabucoa, PR 00767, has been accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12.

Intertek USA, Inc. (Yabucoa, PR) is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27–08	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure.
27–11	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity).
27–13	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27–48	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
N/A	D2163	Standard Test Method for Determination of Hydrocarbons in Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases and Propane/Propene Mixtures by Gas Chromatography.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test this entity is accredited to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to *CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov.* Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. *https://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories.*

Lina M. Acosta,

Acting Laboratory Director, Houston, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

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

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA) as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of March 22, 2023.

DATES: Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA) was approved and accredited as a commercial gauger and laboratory as of March 22, 2023. The next inspection date will be scheduled for March 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eugene Bondoc, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1501–A North, Washington, DC 20004, tel. 202–344–1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that Intertek USA, Inc., 1071 Coach Williams Dr., Sulphur, LA 70663, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13.

Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA) is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
3	Tank Gauging.
7	Temperature Determination.
8	Sampling.
11	Physical Properties Data.
12	Calculation of Petroleum Quantities.
17	Marine Measurement.

Intertek USA, Inc. (Sulphur, LA) is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27–03	D4006	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oil by Distillation.
27–05	D4928	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration.
27–06	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method.
27–07	D4807	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oil by Membrane Filtration.
27–08	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure.
27–13	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27–46	D5002	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Crude Oils by Digital Density Analyzer.
27–48	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
27–54	D1796	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method (Laboratory Procedure).

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to *CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov.* Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. *https://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories.*

Lina M. Acosta,

Acting Laboratory Director, Houston, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[OMB Control Number 1651–0141]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension With Change; Global Business Identifier

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

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than July 28, 2025) to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651–0141 in the subject line and the agency name. Please submit written comments and/or suggestions in English. Please use the following method to submit comments:

Email. Submit comments to: *CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229–1177, Telephone number 202–325–0056 or via email *CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov.* Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877–227–5511, (TTY) 1–800–877–8339, or CBP website at *https://www.cbp.gov/.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions 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, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Overview of This Information Collection

Title: Global Business Identifier.

OMB Number: 1651–0141.

Form Number: CBP Form N/A.

Current Actions: Extension with change.

Type of Review: Extension (with change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Abstract: In December 2022, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) launched a Global Business Identifier (GBI) Evaluative Proof of Concept (EPoC), now referred to as the GBI Test, which aims to determine a solution involving one or more identification numbers (identifiers) maintained by 3rd party organizations that will uniquely discern main legal entity and ownership; specific business and global locations; and supply chain roles and functions. While all GBI Test information is completely voluntary and optional, entry filers must signal their intent to participate in the GBI Test, by email as discussed in the **Federal Register** notice announcing the test and must obtain and submit (or indicate that they are in the process of obtaining) one or more of the GBI identifiers for parties including their shippers, manufacturers, sellers, exporter, distributor, or packager as part of their email. The identifiers provide additional information about trade entities and supply chain locations associated with U.S. imports and are provided to CBP for enrollment into the GBI Test and during the Entry process. CBP is actively working to expand the list of choices and identifiers over the duration of the GBI Test, while this approval will specify the currently available identifiers, CBP will submit non-substantive change requests to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as new identifiers are added to the test so that the information collection request record can be an accurate reflection of available options.

An entry filer interested in becoming a GBI Test participant may provide the following applicant information via email to the GBI Inbox (*gbi@cbp.dhs.gov*): company/entity legal name, legal entity headquarters and/or manufacturing site address, business phone number (associated with provided address), company website, Manufacture/Shipper Identification Code (MID), Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) identification number, and information about supply chain entities for which they intend to transmit GBIs.

Once programming has been updated as per items listed in the proposed changes below, Automated Broker Interface (ABI) filers (including brokers and self-filers), participating in the test, will be required to complete a GBI enrollment process, via ABI, prior to submitting the identifiers on an electronic entry (ACE Cargo Release). Filers are responsible for any associated costs to obtain one or more of the identifiers and can submit identifiers for the following supply chain parties:

- Manufacturer/Producer Shipper Seller
- Exporter Distributer Packager
- [New data element] Intermediary [New data element] Source

In addition, a new optional data element consisting of a free text field will be made available for each of the optional parties; it will allow filers to input additional descriptions and information about the specific party type or the underlying entity.

By testing the identifiers, CBP will take its first step in determining whether to amend regulations to mandate the GBI solution. Furthermore, CBP will understand the utility of collecting and/or combining the identifiers' data and will be able to make an informed decision on whether to mandate the use of the GBI solution as an alternative for the Manufacturer/Shipper Identification Code (MID).

Proposed Changes

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Trade (OT) is submitting this PRA update for changes proposed to enhance supply chain traceability and visibility in response to the growing complexity of global trade. Programming updates are also needed to reflect changes announced via **Federal Register** (89 FR 9859), published in February 2024, that clarify the purpose and scope of the test which would include exploring opportunities to enhance supply chain traceability and visibility more broadly. That update also mentioned that the GBI Test would examine how CBP, Partner Government Agencies (PGAs), and the trade industry might leverage GBIs to comply with growing supply chain traceability requirements.

1. The first programming change involves a modification within the Global Business Identifiers (GBI) Enrollment database by allowing the trade to submit one or more of the unique GBI's and Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)) for a supply chain entity, as opposed to all three as previously approved and announced via the July 21, 2023, **Federal Register** (88 FR 47154). Originally, the system was programmed to only accept an enrollment when all three global identifiers (LEI, GLN and DUNS) were provided as announced in the December 2022 **Federal Register** (87 FR 74157). Without this programming change, if all three global identifiers are not provided at enrollment for a specific party, the system will continue to reject the enrollment transaction. This programming change will take place upon approval of this information collection.

2. After GBI Enrollment is modified to accept one or more identifiers instead of requiring them all, a related programming update will enable trade participants the ability to modify or change a previous enrollment, including updating or adding additional GBI numbers, which may include a variety of global identifier types (LEI, GLN, DUNS). Different GBI identifiers may also be used for different parts of the supply chain. This programming change would provide more flexibility and utility to GBI participants by enabling GBI numbers to be provided voluntarily when they are known and encourages participants to obtain other GBI numbers as well as keep supply chain information current because they can easily add, delete, and modify GBI numbers associated to an enrollment.

3. The GBI Test is also expanding the available GBI supply chain entity party

types from the original six optional parties (Manufacturer, Shipper, Seller, Exporter, Distributor, Packager), to include two new parties: ''Intermediary'' and ''Source,'' along with optional free text fields for all the parties that will allow filers to voluntarily input additional descriptions and information about the specific party type or the underlying entity. These party types and the free text fields would be made available in the GBI Enrollment database as well as in ACE Cargo Release. Collectively, the updates aim to enhance upstream supply chain traceability and visibility while addressing the increasing complexity of global trade supply chains. All participation and data is voluntary.

4. As a demonstration of CBP's intent to expand the choices of identifiers available to filers over the duration of the Test, CBP is also working to add new voluntary GBI identifiers, beginning with the Altana ID (ALTA) maintained by Altana Technologies USG Inc. (Altana). At no cost to the government to access the underlying entity and product specific supply chain data associated with an ALTA, this identifier offers comprehensive insights across a product's supply chain, thereby enhancing traceability for CBP which may translate to facilitation benefits and reduced industry costs. CBP has initiated programming requests to create an ALTA GBI field in ACE and increase the current character limit in ACE allowed for GBI identifiers. The addition of the ALTA identifier alongside the current GBI identifiers will widen participants' choices and allow CBP to continue to evaluate the breadth and veracity of entity and supply chain information embedded within different types of identifier solutions already being leveraged by trade industry traceability stewards. It will also contribute to CBP's ongoing exploration of how traced supply chain information may be ingested and operationalized for risk management and facilitation purposes. CBP proposes, and has provided guidance for, adding more identity management companies as the test continues, and with approval from OMB, will add these to the collection through a non-substantive change to the collection. CBP requests comment on additional GBI identifiers that should be considered.

Section 484 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S. Code 1484) and Part 141, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 19 (19 CFR part 141), pertain to the entry of merchandise and authorize CBP to require information that is necessary for CBP to determine whether merchandise may be released from CBP custody. Provisions of the U.S. Code and CBP regulations, in various parts and related to various types of merchandise, specify information that is required for entry. For reference, Part 163, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 19 (19 CFR part 163 Appendix A) refers to a wide variety of regulatory provisions for certain information that may be required by CBP.

Type of Information Collection: Global Business Identifier.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17.

Dated: May 22, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket Number—2025–0020]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts, 700–24, 700–25

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; extension without change of a currently approved collection, 1600–0005.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until July 28, 2025. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number Docket # 2020–0048, at:

○ *Federal rulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov.* Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number Docket #2020–0048. All comments received will be posted without change to *https://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *https://www.regulations.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) collects information, when necessary, when inviting firms to submit bids, proposals, and offers for public contracts for supplies and service. Using solicitation methods such as Requests for Proposals (RFP), Requests for Information (RFI), and Broad Agency Announcements (BAA), the Government requests information from prospective offerors such as pricing information, delivery schedule compliance, and evidence that the offeror has the resources (both human and financial) to accomplish requirements. The information collection is necessary for compliance with the Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR), 48 CFR Chapter 30, and the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs, 15 U.S.C. 628.

The prior information collection request for OMB No. 1600–0005 was approved through November 30, 2021, and includes the following:

- 3052.209–70 Prohibition on Contracts with Corporate Expatriates *(Required in all solicitations and contracts)* The offeror must disclose whether it is a foreign incorporated entity that should be treated as an inverted domestic corporation.
- 3052.209–71 Reserve Officer Training Corps and Military Recruiting on Campus *(Required in all solicitations and contracts with institutions of higher education)* Requires that the Contractor represent that it does not now have, and agrees that during performance of the contract that it will not adopt, any policy or practice described in paragraph (b) of the clause.
- 3052.209–72 Organizational Conflict of Interest, paragraphs (c), (d) and (e), *(Required in all solicitations and contracts where a potential organizational conflict of interest exists and mitigation may be possible)* The offeror must disclose whether it is aware of any facts which create any actual or potential organizational conflicts of interest; and, provide information as required by the Government and a mitigation plan relating to the conflict, if applicable.
- 3052.209–74 Limitations on Contractors Acting as Lead System Integrators *(Required in solicitations for*

the acquisition of a major system when the acquisition strategy envisions the use of a lead system integrator) The offeror must disclose whether it proposes to perform this contract as a lead system integrator with system responsibility, and whether it has a direct financial interest in the system that is the subject of the solicitation; and, provide evidence, as needed.

• 3052.209–76 Prohibition on Federal Protective Service (FPS) Guard Services Contracts with Business Concerns Owned, Controlled, or Operated by an Individual Convicted of a *Felony, paragraphs (a) through (g), (Required in in all solicitations and contracts for FPS guard services)* The offeror must disclose whether it is owned, operated or controlled by an individual convicted of any felony. A business concern owned, operated or controlled by an individual convicted of any felony may submit an award request to the Government. The request must include information that is considered personally identifiable information, and any additional information the Government deems necessary.

• 3052.215–70 Key Personnel and Facilities *(Required in solicitations and contracts when the selection for award is substantially based on the offeror's possession of special capabilities regarding personnel or facilities)* Before removing or replacing any of the specified individuals or facilities, the offeror must notify the Government, in writing, before the change becomes effective.

• 3052.219–72 Evaluation of Prime Contractor Participation in the DHS Mentor-Protégé Program *(Required in all solicitations containing (HSAR) 48 CFR 3052.219–71, DHS Mentor-Protégé Program and (FAR) 48 CFR 52.219–9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan)* The offeror must provide a signed letter of mentor-protégé agreement, if it wishes to receive credit under the source selection factor.

• 3052.247–70 F.o.b. Origin Information *(Required in solicitations as appropriate)* The offeror must provide information related to the offeror's shipping point.

The DHS Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate issues BAAs soliciting when white papers and proposals from the public. DHS S&T evaluates white papers and proposals received in response to a DHS S&T BAA using the evaluation criteria specified in the BAA through a peer or scientific review process in accordance with FAR 35.016(d). Unclassified white papers and proposals are typically collected via the DHS S&T BAA secure website, while classified white papers and proposals must be submitted via proper classified courier or proper classified mailing procedures as described in the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NSPOM).

Federal agencies with an annual extramural research and development (R&D) budget exceeding $100 million are required to participate in the SBIR Program. Similarly, Federal agencies with an extramural R&D budget exceeding $1 billion are required to participate in the STTR Program. Federal agencies who participate in the SBIR and STTR programs must collect information from the public to meet:

(1) Applicable reporting requirements under 15 U.S.C. 638 (b)(7), (g)(8), (i), (j)(1)(E), (j)(3)(C), (l), (o)(10), and (v);

(2) The requirement to maintain both a publicly accessible database of SBIR/STTR award information and a government database of SBIR/STTR award information for SBIR and STTR program evaluation under 15 U.S.C. 638 g(10, (k), (o) (9), and (o)(15); and

(3) Requirements for public outreach under 15 U.S.C. 638 (j)(2)(F), (o)(14), and (s).

DHS is seeking to renew this collection, and revise it to add, for purposes of entering into other transaction agreements pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 391, 6 U.S.C. 596(1), and 49 U.S.C. 106(l)(6), Form 700–24, Other Transaction Agreement Solicitation, and Form 700–25, Other Transaction Agreement Solicitation Amendment. On the forms, respondents submit an Employer Identification Number, as well as the business' name, address and title. Respondents must also identify the authorized business representative's personal name and must include a signature.

The information being collected is used by the Government's contracting officers and other acquisition personnel, including technical and legal staff to determine the adequacy of technical and management approach, experience, responsibility, responsiveness, and expertise of the firms submitting offers; the identification of members of the public (*i.e.,* small businesses) who qualify for and are interested in participating in the DHS SBIR Program; and, provide the DHS SBIR Program Office necessary and sufficient information to determine whether proposals submitted by the public to the DHS SBIR Program meet the criteria for consideration under the program.

Failure to collect this information would adversely affect the quality of products and services DHS receives from contractors. Potentially, contracts would be awarded to firms without sufficient experience and expertise, thereby placing the Department's operations in jeopardy. Defective and inadequate contractor deliverables would adversely affect DHS's fulfillment of the mission requirements in all areas. Additionally, the Department would be unsuccessful in identifying small businesses with research and development (R&D) capabilities, which would adversely affect the mission requirements in this area.

Many sources of the requested information use automated word processing systems, databases, and web portals to facilitate preparation of material to be submitted and to post and collect information. It is commonplace within many of DHS's Components for submissions to be electronic as a result of implementation of e-Government initiatives.

Information technology (*i.e.,* electronic web portal) is used in the collection of information to reduce the data gathering and records management burden. DHS uses a secure website the public can use to propose SBIR research topics and submit proposals in response to SBIR solicitations. In addition, DHS uses a web portal to review RFIs and register to submit a white paper or proposal in response to a specific BAA. The data collection forms standardize the collection of information that is necessary and sufficient for the DHS SBIR Program Office to meet its requirements under 15 U.S.C. 638.

This information collection required by the HSAR and the SBIR and STTR programs may or may not involve small business contractors, depending on the particular transaction. The burden applied to small businesses has been reduced to the least burdensome commensurate with the DHS need for the information. In certain cases, information collection is done via a secure website which is intended to minimize burden for businesses (including small businesses) and other for-profit entities, and not-for-profit institutions. Small businesses and other small entities will be able to enter identifying information and subsequently update rather than resubmit the information via the internet.

Less frequent incidence of collecting such information as offerors' technical approach, management approach, experience statements, and resumes indicating level of expertise would negatively affect the quality of products and services DHS received from contractors. Potentially, contracts would be awarded to firms without sufficient experience and expertise, thereby

placing the Department's operations in jeopardy.

Additionally, DHS collects information that is both necessary and sufficient to comply with 15 U.S.C. 638 and receive white papers and proposals from the public in response to BAAs. Failure to allow the public to submit information would diminish the ability of the DHS SBIR Program Office to meet its obligation for outreach as required by 15 U.S.C. 638, evaluate white papers and proposals in accordance with the criteria in the BAA and provide the respondents with the results of the evaluation.

DHS/ALL/PIA–006 General Contact Lists dated June 15, 2007 covers the basic contact information that must be collected for DHS. Other information collected will typically pertain to the contract itself, and not individuals. All information for this information collection is submitted voluntarily. However, sensitive information (*e.g.,* felony conviction information) may also be collected through this information collection. Due to this sensitivity, and the sensitivities regarding the procurement process as a whole, a new PIA is required to document and identify any potential risks associated with collecting this information.

There is no assurance of confidentiality provided to the respondents.

The burden estimates are based upon definitive proposals reported by DHS and its Components to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) for FY 2019, and, for the forms, data reported by contracting activities related to single source DHS other transaction awards and modifications issued in FY 2019. No program changes occurred and there have been no changes to the information being collected. However, the burden was adjusted to reflect an agency adjustment increase of 13,206 in the number of respondents within DHS for FY 2019, to include the number of respondents added as a result of the new forms, as well as an increase in the average hourly wage rate.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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 submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Title: Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts.

OMB Number: 1600–0005.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Private Sector.

Number of Respondents: 130,418.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.8.

Total Burden Hours: 1,358,512.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[OMB No. 1600–0003]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Post-Contract Award Information

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; OMB No. 1600–0003.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security will submit the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. DHS previously published this information collection request (ICR) in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2024, for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by DHS. The purpose of this notice is to allow additional 30-days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until June 27, 2025. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection 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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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 submissions of responses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) collects information, when necessary, in administering public contracts for supplies and services. The information is used to determine compliance with contract terms placed in the contract as authorized by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act (41 U.S.C. 251 *et seq.*), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (48 CFR chapter 1), and the Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) (48 CFR chapter 30). Respondents submit information based on the terms of the contract; the instructions in the contract deliverables mandatory reporting requirements; and correspondence from acquisition personnel requesting post-award contract information. The least active contracts and the simplest contracts will have little to no data to report. The most active and complex contracts, however, will contain more reporting requirements. DHS believes that some of this information is already readily available as part of a company's business processes and that the largest businesses use computers to compile the data. However, a significant amount of time is spent correlating information to specific contract actions and gathering information for more complex contract actions.

The prior information collection request for Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) Control No. 1600–0003 was approved through May 31, 2025, by OMB, and it includes the following:

3052.204–70 Security requirements for unclassified information technology resources. *(Required in all solicitations and contracts that require submission of an IT Security Plan.)* This clause applies to all contractor systems connected to a DHS network and those contracts where the Contractor must have physical or electronic access to sensitive information contained in DHS unclassified systems. The contractor is asked to prepare, provide and maintain an IT Security Plan.

3052.204–71 Contractor employee access. *(Required when contractor employees require recurring access to Government facilities or access to sensitive info.)* Contractors may be subject to background investigations and will have to provide information as required by the DHS Security Office. The information requested is in addition to the information requested through Standard Form (SF) 86.

3052.205–70 Advertisements, Publicizing Awards, and Releases. *(Required for all contracts exceeding Simplified Acquisition Threshold.)* Contractors may have to provide copies of information related to advertisements and release statements to receive approval for publication.

3052.209–72 Organizational Conflict of Interest, paragraphs (f) and (g) *(Included in solicitations and contracts where a potential organizational conflict of interest exists and mitigation may be possible.)* Contractors will have to provide information related to actual or potential conflicts of interest and a mitigation plan.

3052.209–75 Prohibited Financial Interests for Lead System Integrators. (Required in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of a major system when the acquisition strategy envisions the use of a lead system integrator or when the contractor will be the lead system integrator.) Contractors will have to provide information related to changes in financial interests.

3052.209–76 Prohibition on Federal Protective Service Guard Services Contracts with Business Concerns Owned, Controlled, or Operated by an Individual Convicted of a Felony, paragraph (h). *(Section 2 of the Federal Protective Service Guard Contracting Reform Act of 2008, Pub. Law 110–356, generally prohibits DHS from entering into a contract for guard services under the Federal Protective Service (FPS) guard services program with any business concern owned, controlled, or operated by an individual convicted of a serious felony.)* The notification required by paragraph (h) applies to any contractual instrument that may result in the issuance of task orders. Contractors will have to provide information on any felony conviction of personnel who own, control or operate a business during the performance a contract.

3052.215–70 Key personnel or facilities. *(Required in solicitations and contracts when the selection for award is substantially based on the offeror's possession of special capabilities regarding personnel or facilities.)* Contractors will have to provide notice of and documentation related to changes in key personnel for evaluation, including, resumes; description of the duties the replacement will assume; description of any change in duties and confirmation that such change will not negatively impact contract performance.

3052.216–71 Determination of Award Fee. *(Required in solicitations and contracts that include an award fee.)* Contractor may submit a performance self-evaluation for each evaluation period.

3052.217–91 Performance (USCG). *(Required in sealed bid fixed-price solicitations and contracts for vessel repair, alteration, or conversion which are to be performed within the United States, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Also required in negotiated solicitations and contracts to be performed outside the United States.)* Contractor must request prior approval to conduct dock and sea trials.

3052.217–92 Inspection and Manner of Doing Work (USCG). *(Required in sealed bid fixed-price solicitations and contracts for vessel repair, alteration, or conversion which are to be performed within the United States, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Also required in negotiated solicitations and contracts to be performed outside the United States.)* Contractor must maintain complete records of all inspection work and shall make them available to the Government during performance of the contract and for 90 days after the completion of all work required.

3052.217–95 Liability and Insurance (USCG). *(Required in sealed bid fixed-price solicitations and contracts for vessel repair, alteration, or conversion which are to be performed within the United States, its possessions, or Puerto Rico. Also required in negotiated solicitations and contracts to be performed outside the United States.)* Contractor shall provide evidence of the insurance and give the Contracting Officer written notice after the occurrence of a loss or damage for which the Government has assumed the risk. If any loss or damage will result in a claim against the Government, the contractor shall provide notice.

3052.219–70 Small Business subcontracting plan reporting. *(Generally included in solicitations and contracts that offer subcontracting possibilities and are expected to exceed $700,000)* Contractors must use Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) to submit subcontracting reporting data.

3052.219–71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program. (*Included in solicitations where subcontracting plans are anticipated*) The amount of credit given to a contractor mentor firm for protégé developmental assistance costs must be calculated on a dollar-for-dollar basis and reported in the Summary Subcontract Report via the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) at *www.esrs.gov.*

3052.222–70 Strikes or Picketing Affecting Timely Completion of the Contract Work. *(Generally included in solicitations and contracts)* Contractor must take all reasonable and appropriate action to end a strike or picketing. Delay caused by a strike or by picketing which constitutes an unfair labor practice is not excusable unless the Contractor takes all reasonable and appropriate action to end such a strike or picketing, such as the filing of a charge with the National Labor Relations Board, the use of other available Government procedures, and the use of private boards or organizations for the settlement of disputes. The contractor may be required to submit information to the contracting officer.

3052.222–71 Strikes or Picketing Affecting Access to a DHS Facility. *(Generally included in solicitations and contracts)* Contractor is responsible if strike or picketing is directed at the Contractor and impedes access by any person to a DHS facility. Contractor must take all reasonable and appropriate action to end a strike or picketing. The contractor may be required to submit information to the contracting officer.

3052.223–70 Removal or disposal of hazardous substances—applicable licenses and permits. *(Required in solicitations and contracts involving the removal or disposal of hazardous waste material)* Contractors will have to provide evidence of licenses and permits to perform hazardous substance removal.

3052.223–90 Accident and Fire Reporting (USCG). (*Included in solicitations and contracts involving the removal of hazardous waste material*) Contractor must report incidents involving fire or accidents at a worksite. Contractors may provide this

information using a state, private insurance carrier, or Contractor accident report form.

3052.228–91 Loss of or Damage to Leased Aircraft (USCG). (*Included in any contract for the lease of an aircraft*) In the event of loss of or damage to an aircraft, the Government shall be subrogated to all rights of recovery by the Contractor against third parties for such loss or damage and the Contractor must promptly assign such rights in writing to the Government.

3052.228–93 Risk and Indemnities (USCG). (*Included in any contract for the lease of an aircraft*) Requires the contractor to provide the Government with evidence of insurance.

3052.235.70 Dissemination of Information-Educational Institutions. (*Included in contracts with educational institutions for research that are not sensitive or classified*) Contractors must provide advanced electronic copies of articles to the Government covering the results of research it plans to publish.

Form 700–26, Other Transaction Agreement *(Required for the purposes of entering into other transaction agreements pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 391, 6 U.S.C. 596(1), and 49 U.S.C. 106(l)(6))* The offeror submit an Employer Identification Number, as well as the business' name, address and title. Offerors must also identify the authorized business representative's personal name and must include a signature.

Form 700–23, Other Transaction Agreement Modification *(Required for the purposes of modifying other transaction agreements entered into pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 391, 6 U.S.C. 596(1), and 49 U.S.C. 106(l)(6))* The respondent must submit an Employer Identification Number, as well as the business' name, address and title. Respondents must also identify the authorized business representative's personal name and must include a signature.

DHS is seeking to renew this collection, and revise it to:

(1) Remove HSAR Clause 3052.204–70, Security requirements for unclassified information technology resources, from this OMB Control Number. The clause was made obsolete by final rule, Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Safeguarding of Controlled Unclassified Information, issued on June 21, 2023.

(2) Add the provisions and contract clauses under previously approved OMB Control Number 1601–0023, Safeguarding of Controlled Unclassified Information and Notification and Credit Monitoring Requirements for Personally Identifiable Information Incidents, to this OMB Control Number, in order to consolidate the collections. The clauses that will be transferred to this OMB Control Number are as follows:

3052.204–72 Safeguarding of Controlled Unclassified Information. *(Included in solicitations and contracts where contractor and/or subcontractor employees will have access to controlled unclassified information (CUI) or CUI will be collected or maintained on behalf of the agency. The basic clause with its alternate is included in solicitations and contracts when Federal information systems, which include contractor information systems operated on behalf of the agency, are used to collect, process, store, or transmit CUI.)* Under the basic clause, contractors and subcontractors are required to:

Provide adequate security to protect CUI from unauthorized access and disclosure;

Report all known or suspected incidents to the Component Security Operations Center (SOC), or the DHS Enterprise SOC if the Component SOC is not available, in accordance with *4300A Sensitive Systems Handbook Attachment F Incident Response* (*i.e.,* incidents involving personally identifiable information (PII) or sensitive PII (SPII) must be reported within 1 hour of discovery; all other incidents shall be reported within 8 hours of discovery).

Provide full access and cooperation for all activities determined by the Government to be required to ensure an effective incident response, including providing all requested images, log files, and event information to facilitate rapid resolution of incidents;

Certify and confirm the sanitization of Government and Government-Activity related files and information, and submit the certification to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) and Contracting Officer in accordance with the template provided in NIST Special Publication 800–88, *Guidelines for Media Sanitization, Appendix G;* and

Insert this clause in all subcontracts and require subcontractors to include this clause in all lower tier subcontracts when subcontractor employees will have access to CUI; CUI will be collected or maintained on behalf of the agency by a subcontractor; or a subcontractor information system(s) will be used to process, store, or transmit CUI.

Under the alternate, contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from collecting, processing, storing, or transmitting CUI within a Federal information system until an Authority to Operate (ATO) has been accepted and signed by the Component or Headquarters CIO, or designee. Additionally, contractors and subcontractors are required to:

Complete and submit security authorization (SA) documentation in accordance with DHS Policy Directive 4300A Information Technology System Security Program, Sensitive Systems (Version 13.3, February 13, 2023), or any successor publication; and the Security Authorization Process Guide, including templates;

Have an independent third party validate the security and privacy controls in place for the information system;

Renew the ATO every three (3) years unless otherwise specified in the ATO letter;

Support random, periodic reviews by the Department to ensure that the security requirements contained in the contract are being implemented and enforced; and

Comply with Federal reporting and information system continuous monitoring requirements as defined in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 DHS Information Security Performance Plan, or successor publication.

3052.204–73 Notification and Credit Monitoring Requirements for Personally Identifiable Information Incidents. *(Included in solicitations and contracts where contractor and/or subcontractor employees have access to personally identifiable information (PII))* Contractors must have in place procedures and the capability to notify any individual whose PII and/or sensitive PII (SPII) was under the control of the contractor or resided in the contractor information system at the time of the incident not later than 5 business days after being directed to notify individuals, unless otherwise approved by the Contracting Officer. Additionally, contractors are required to provide credit monitoring services to individuals whose PII or SPII was under the control of the contractor or resided in the information system at the time of the incident for a period beginning the date of the incident and extending not less than 18 months from the date the individual is notified.

The information requested is used by the Government's contracting officers and other acquisition personnel, including technical and legal staff, for various reasons such as (1) determining the suitability of contractor personnel accessing DHS facilities; (2) to ensure no organizational conflicts of interest exist during the performance of contracts; (3) to ensure the contractor maintains applicable licenses and permits for the removal and disposal of hazardous

materials; (4) to implement adequate security measures to safeguard CUI and to facilitate improved incident reporting to DHS; (5) to provide DHS with an understanding of the contractor's plan to recruit, train, and develop a diverse, high-performing workforce from underserved communities; and (6) to otherwise ensure firms are performing in the Government's best interest. Failure to collect this information would adversely affect the quality of products and services DHS receives from contractors.

Many sources of the requested information use automated word processing systems, databases, spreadsheets, project management and other commercial software to facilitate preparation of material to be submitted. With Government-wide implementation of e-Government initiatives, it is commonplace within many of DHS's Components for submissions to be electronic.

As the information collection is governed by FAR, HSAR and certain procurement statutes, usability testing is limited to ensuring the use of plain language, no duplicate/superfluous collection and electronic submission. DHS found the following:

Plain language is used in the applicable clauses and the forms. DHS encourages DHS Components to require only the minimum post-award contract information essential to proper protection of the Government's interests and compliance with regulation, *e.g.,* contractor performance evaluation. The information collected from the public under this request complements but does not duplicate vendor information available to the Government-wide acquisition community through Integrated Award Environment (IAE) systems, including the System for Award Management (SAM). The SAM is the official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) and the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). To ensure the information collected under this collection isn't duplicative, DHS Office of the Chief Procurement Officer: (1) monitors the acquisition processes and procedures of the various DHS Components; (2) reviews proposed and published changes to the FAR; and (3) provides one location for the final review and approval of all proposed acquisition regulations for DHS. Respondents may submit requested information electronically, through email or facsimile to the specified Government point of contact. Contractors will utilize their own computers to provide the required information to the Government point of contact.

Information collection may or may not involve small business contractors, depending on the particular transaction. The burden applied to small businesses is the minimum consistent with the objective of ensuring contract compliance and protecting the interest of the Government.

Less frequent incidence of collecting such information as resumes indicating the level of contractor expertise, permits and licenses, and inspection reports will negatively affect the quality of products and services DHS receives from contractors. Potentially, contractors could perform on contracts without sufficient experience and expertise and could perform contracts with outdated licenses and negative inspection reports, placing the Department's operations in jeopardy. Additionally, less frequent collection of information related to organizational conflicts of interest inhibit DHS from determining the existence of true conflicts of interest during the performance of contracts.

Failure to collect this information would adversely affect the quality of products and services DHS receives from contractors. For example, potentially, contractors who are lead system integrators could acquire direct financial interests in major systems the contractors are contracted to procure, which would compromise the integrity of acquisitions for the Department. In addition, contractors who own, control or operate a business providing protective guard services could possess felony convictions during the performance of contracts, putting the Department at risk. Furthermore, contractors could change key personnel during the performance of contracts and use less experienced or less qualified personnel to reduce costs, which would adversely affect DHS's fulfillment of its mission requirements. Additionally, having an HSAR clause to address the safeguarding of CUI will greatly reduce the proliferation of Department, Component, or buying office-level requirements that offerors now respond to in a variety of different and non-standard ways. Failure to collect this information may result in the compromise of CUI hampering the Department's ability to carry out its mission.

Executive Order 13985, titled ''Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government'' requires federal agencies to assess equity throughout their organizations, including equity through procurements. As part of its assessment and action planning, DHS identified that equity in procurements could be enhanced by ensuring that DHS's contractors have in place DEIA Plans which demonstrates the contractor's commitment to fairness regarding DEIA. Failure to collect a DEIA Plan would prohibit DHS from understanding the contractor's plan to recruit, train, and develop a diverse, high-performing workforce from underserved communities.

Disclosure/non-disclosure of information is handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, other disclosure statutes, and Federal and agency acquisition regulations.

The burden estimates provided in response to Item 12 above are based upon definitive contract award data reported by DHS and its Components, as well as DHS FPDS data for FY 2022. No program changes occurred; however, the burden was adjusted to reflect an increase in the number of respondents within DHS for FY 2022 in the amount of 11,075, as well as an increase in the average hourly wage rate. The burden hours also decreased by a total of 14 hours with the removal of HSAR Clause 3052.204–70, ''Security requirements for unclassified information technology resources'', that was made obsolete by the DHS rulemaking, ''Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Safeguarding of Controlled Unclassified Information, issued on June 21, 2023''.

Finally, the burden has increased as a result of consolidating OMB Control Number 1601–0023 under this OMB Control Number, 1600–0003. The average burden per response for the clauses increased by 7.8 hours, from 6.2 hours to 14 hours; thereby increasing the total annual burden hours by 970,549 hours.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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 submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
Title: Post-Contract Award Information.
OMB Number: 1600–0003.
Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: Contractor.
Number of Respondents: 26,726.
Estimated Time per Respondent: 77,196.
Total Burden Hours: 1,061361.

Kalinka Cihlar,

Deputy Executive Director, Business Management Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[PO#4820000251; Order #02412–014–004–047181.0; A2407–014–004–065516; F–21870–17; F–19154–50]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides constructive notice that it will issue an appealable decision approving conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., an Alaska Native regional corporation, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA).

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the time limits set out in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the decision from the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dina L. Torres, Management and Program Analyst, BLM Alaska State Office, 907–271–5699, or *dtorres@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 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: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the BLM will issue an appealable decision to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. The decision approves conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The lands are located in the vicinity of Kobuk and Kiana, Alaska, and are described as:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 19 N., R. 11 E.,
Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;
Secs. 9 to 16, inclusive;
Secs. 23 to 26, inclusive;
Secs. 35 and 36.
Containing 11,171.59 acres.
T. 19 N., R. 9 W.,
Secs. 1 to 18, inclusive;
Secs. 22 to 27, inclusive;
Secs. 34, 35, and 36.
Containing 16,615.73 acres.
Aggregating 27,787.32 acres.

The decision addresses public access easements, if any, to be reserved to the United States pursuant to Sec. 17(b) of ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)), in the lands described above.

The BLM will also publish notice of the decision once a week for four consecutive weeks in the ''Fairbanks Daily-News Miner'' newspaper.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail, which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until June 27, 2025 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted as timely filed.

Dina L. Torres,

Management and Program Analyst, Division of Lands and Cadastral.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[PO #4820000251; Order #02412–014–004–047181.0]

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendments and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Greenlink North Transmission Project in White Pine, Eureka, Lander, Churchill, and Lyon Counties, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (Forest Service) have prepared a proposed resource management plan (RMP) amendment and final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Greenlink North Transmission Project.

DATES: This notice announces a 30-day protest period to the BLM on the proposed RMP amendment beginning with the date following the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) publication of its notice of availability (NOA) of the proposed RMP amendment/final EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays. Protests must be postmarked or electronically submitted on the BLM's ePlanning site during the 30-day protest period. The Forest Service will publish a legal notice in the newspaper of record to initiate the 45-day objection period, anticipated to occur on the same day.

ADDRESSES: The proposed RMP amendment/final EIS and associated documents are available on the BLM ePlanning project website at *https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2017033/510.* Documents pertinent to this proposal may also be examined at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Way, Reno, Nevada 89502; Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

Supervisor's Office, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431; and Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Austin Ranger District, 100 Midas Road, Austin, Nevada 89810.

Instructions for filing a protest with the BLM for the Greenlink North Transmission Project can be found at: *https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest* and at 43 CFR 1610.5–2. Instructions for submitting an objection with the Forest Service can be found at: *https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/htnf/?project=64198.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Buttazoni, Project Manager, telephone (775) 861–6491; address 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502; email *blm_nv_greenlinknorth@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 TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Buttazoni. 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: This notice announces the start of a 30-day BLM protest period of the proposed RMP amendment and the start of a 45-day Forest Service, pre-decisional administrative review process, also known as an objection process, upon a legal notice being published in the Reno-Gazette Journal, the newspaper of record for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B).

This document provides notice that the BLM Nevada State Director has prepared a proposed RMP amendment/final EIS for the Greenlink North Transmission Line Project. The RMP amendment would amend the existing 2001 Consolidated Resource Management Plan in Carson City District, 1986 Shoshone-Eureka Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision in Battle Mountain District, and 2008 Record of Decision/Resource Management Plan in Ely District. The proposed RMP amendment is being considered to allow the BLM to evaluate the establishment of a 198-mile-long utility corridor that is up to 3,500-feet wide within greater sage-grouse habitat management areas and in proximity to lek buffers on BLM-administered lands. The originally proposed utility corridor width (3 miles) and length (235 miles) was reduced after scoping to be consistent with other national utility corridor widths, and to clarify the corridor would apply to BLM-administered lands only.

The planning area is in White Pine, Eureka, Lander, Churchill, and Lyon counties, Nevada and encompasses approximately 83,400 acres of BLM-administered lands.

A NOA for the draft EIS/proposed RMP amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on September 10, 2024 (89 FR 73429), providing the public with a 90-day comment period. The public comment period closed on December 11, 2024. The BLM received 28 public comment emails and letters containing a total of 355 substantive comments. The public comments focused on: biological resources; alternatives development; visual resources; cultural resources; impacts to general and special-status wildlife species and their habitats; social and economic conditions; vegetation/riparian/noxious and invasive weeds/special status plant species; water resources; recreation; socioeconomic concerns; and Native American cultural/sacred sites.

Purpose and Need

The BLM's purpose and need for this Federal action is to respond to the right-of-way (ROW) application submitted by NV Energy under Title V of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1761) on July 20, 2020 to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a proposed system of new 525-kV, 345-kV, 230-kV, and 120-kV electric transmission facilities on BLM-administered lands in White Pine, Eureka, Lander, Churchill, and Lyon counties, in compliance with FLPMA, BLM ROW regulations, NEPA, the BLM NEPA Handbook (BLM 2008), Department of the Interior NEPA regulations, and other applicable Federal laws and policies. In accordance with FLPMA, the BLM is authorized to grant ROWs on public lands for systems of generation, transmission, and distribution of electrical energy (43 U.S.C. 1761(a)(4)). If approved, the ROW for the proposed project would implement support the direction in Executive Orders 14154, *Unleashing American Energy,* and 14156, *Declaring a National Energy Emergency,* and Secretary's Orders 3417, Addressing the *National Energy Emergency,* and 3418, *Unleashing American Energy.*

The Greenlink North Transmission Project as proposed would not conform to the RMPs in the BLM Carson City, Battle Mountain, and Ely District Offices as required by 43 CFR 1610.5–3(a). The BLM would need to amend these RMPs to bring the Greenlink North Transmission Project into conformance. In particular, the Proponent's proposed transmission line does not conform to the management objectives of the planning area for transmission lines greater than 100-kV. The purpose of the RMP amendment is to ensure that development of the Greenlink North Transmission Project conforms to the RMPs' provisions, as provided for in 43 CFR 1610.5–3(c), by providing for the designation of a utility corridor and modifying restrictions in greater sage-grouse habitat management areas and in proximity to leks.

The Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest also received an application from NV Energy for an approximately 10-mile segment of the project. The Forest Service's purpose and need is to respond to NV Energy's application for a Special Use Permit to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the proposed 500-kV transmission line on National Forest System land in Lander County in compliance with FLPMA, the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1601–1614), and the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Service 1986, as amended), which provides standards and guidelines for managing the National Forest.

Alternatives Including the Preferred Alternative

The BLM has analyzed three action alternatives in detail, plus the no action alternative. The State Director and Forest Supervisor have identified NV Energy's proposed action with three modified segments crossing BLM and National Forest System land as the preferred alternative. The first modified segment realigns the proposed action south of the public purpose conveyance parcels that will be transferred to Churchill County resulting from the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023. This alternative segment would be approximately 8 miles long and slightly reduce the disturbance footprint of the 525-kV transmission line on BLM-administered lands. The second modified segment would realign the proposed action further away from the recently established Desatoya Wilderness Area. The third modified segment is the Forest Service preferred northern alternative route from the Lander Substation that would cross approximately 10 miles of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and approximately 9 miles of adjacent BLM-administered lands to the east. The route would parallel an existing 230-kV transmission line within the forest's existing utility corridor until reconnecting with the proposed action

route. The reconnection with the proposed action route 9 miles east of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest provides the most technical feasibility to reduce the cost, line angles, and disturbances from the proposed 525-kV transmission line. The BLM further considered 18 additional transmission alternatives but dismissed these alternatives from detailed analysis as explained in the proposed RMP amendment/final EIS.

The preferred alternative was found to best meet the BLM's and Forest Service's purpose and need while addressing impacts to greater sage-grouse habitats primarily through co-location, which limits new disturbance to areas already impacted by two existing transmission lines, a 230-kV and 345-kV line. The Greenlink North Transmission Project would be co-located for approximately 198 miles of the 235-mile-long transmission line.

Mitigation

The preferred alternative for the portions of the project within and adjacent to greater sage-grouse habitats includes the requirement for NV Energy to install anti-perching/nesting deterrents on transmission poles to minimize potential predation by ravens.

Forest Service Administrative Review Process

The U.S. Forest Service's decision will be subject to the pre-decisional administrative review process at 36 CFR part 218, subparts A and B, also known as the objection process. The objection process provides an opportunity for members of the public who have participated in the planning process for the action to have any unresolved concerns reviewed by the U.S. Forest Service prior to a final decision by the Responsible Official. The legal notice announcing the opportunity to object will be published in the Reno-Gazette Journal, the newspaper of record for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The opportunity to object ends 45-days following the publication of the legal notice in the newspaper of record. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection. Only individuals and organizations who have submitted timely and specific written comments about this proposal during designated opportunities for public comment are eligible to file an objection in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project, unless the issue is based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities. The objection must contain the minimum content requirement specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d).

Protest of the Proposed RMP Amendments

The BLM planning regulations state that any person who participated in the preparation of the RMP amendment and has an interest which will or might be adversely affected by approval of the proposed RMP amendment may protest its approval to the BLM Director. Protest on the proposed RMP amendment constitutes the final opportunity for administrative review of the proposed land use planning decisions prior to the BLM adopting an approved RMP amendment. Instructions for filing a protest regarding the proposed RMP amendment with the BLM Director may be found online at *https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest* and at 43 CFR 1610.5–2. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section earlier or submitted electronically through the BLM ePlanning project website as described previously. Protests submitted electronically by any means other than the ePlanning project website will be invalid unless a protest is also submitted as a hard copy. The BLM Director will render a written decision on each protest. The Director's decision is the final decision of the Department of the Interior. Responses to valid protest issues will be compiled and documented in a protest resolution report made available following the protest resolution online at: *https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports.* Upon resolution of protests, the BLM will issue a record of decision and approved RMP amendment.

Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 46.415(c), 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5)

Kimberly Prill,

State Director (Acting).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS501520; OMB Control Number 1029–0027]

Agency Information Collection Activities; General Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations on Federal Lands

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments. To be considered, your comments must be received on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection request (ICR) should be sent to *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* You may find this particular information collection by selecting ''Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to William Frankel, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room 4547–MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to *wfrankel@osmre.gov.* Please reference OMB Control Number 1029–0027 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Frankel by email at *wfrankel@osmre.gov* or phone at (202) 208–0121. 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 *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 October 30, 2024 (89 FR 86368). 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 might the agency 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 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.

Abstract: Section 523 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) requires that a Federal lands program be established to govern surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands. The information is needed to assist the regulatory authority to determine the eligibility of an applicant to conduct coal mining on Federal lands.

Title of Collection: General Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations on Federal Lands.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0027.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Businesses and State governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 10.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 1 hour to 275 hours, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,143.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: $0.

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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Jeffrey M. Parrillo,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Meeting of the Religious Liberty Commission

AGENCY: Office of the Associate Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (DOJ).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DOJ is publishing this notice to announce the first Federal advisory committee meeting of the Religious Liberty Commission (Commission).

DATES: Open to the public June 16, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the World Stage Theater, Museum of the Bible, 400 4th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024. The meeting will be recorded and broadcast at *justice.gov/live.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Ashleigh Bondoc, Religious Liberty Commission Acting Designated Federal Official, *RLC@usdoj.gov.,* 771–220–9743. Ms. Bondoc can also be contacted to request a reasonable accommodation to attend the meeting.

Registration Information: Registration is required for in-person attendance. In-person attendance is limited to the first 300 people who register. You may register by sending an email to *RLC@usdoj.gov* with your full name, organization or affiliation (if applicable), and email address. Members of the public who attend in-person will be required to present identification and go through security screening.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Religious Liberty Commission is a federal advisory committee established by the President through Executive Order 14291. The Commission is composed of a chair, a vice chair, and 11 members appointed by the President, including representatives from the private sector, employers, educational institutions, religious communities and States. The Commission will advise the Domestic Policy Council and the White House Faith Office on religious liberty policies of the United States, and will produce a comprehensive report to the President on the foundations of religious liberty in America, the impact of religious liberty on American society, current threats to domestic religious liberty, strategies to preserve and enhance religious liberty protections for future generations, and programs to increase awareness of and celebrate America's peaceful religious pluralism.

Agenda: During its first meeting on June 16, 2025, the Commission will discuss the history of religious liberty in America, from the founding to the present day. The meeting will provide historical context of the founders' intent to protect religious liberty in the First Amendment, and how the Supreme Court has interpreted those rights, particularly since the mid-twentieth century. The Commission will also discuss the meaning of separation of church and state.

Public Comment: Written public comments will be provided to Commission members in advance of the meeting if received by 5 p.m. on June 15, 2025. Written comments may be sent by email to *RLC@usdoj.gov* or by mail to U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Associate Attorney General 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 5706, Washington, DC 20530.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 22, 2025.

M. Ashleigh Bondoc,

Acting Designated Federal Official, Religious Liberty Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1105–0096]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Collection; Comments Requested: Sequestered Juror Information Form

AGENCY: U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until July 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Assistant Chief Karl Slazer/Management Support Division, US Marshals Service Headquarters, 1215 S Clark St., Ste. 10017, Arlington, VA 22202–4387, by telephone at 703–740–2316 or by email at *karl.slazer@usdoj.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;

—Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

—Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and

—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 responses.

Abstract: The United States Marshals Service is responsible for ensuring the security of federal courthouses, courtrooms, and federal jurist. This information assists Marshals Service personnel in the planning of, and response to, potential security needs of the court and jurors during the course of proceedings.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Sequestered Juror Information Form.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form USM–523A.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as the obligation to respond:* Individuals or Households.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 14 respondents will utilize the form, and it will take each respondent approximately 4 minutes to complete the form.

6. *An estimate of the total annual burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated annual public burden associated with this collection is 1 hour, which is equal to (14 (total # of annual responses) * 4 minutes = 56 minutes or 1 hour).

7. *An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable:*

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Time per response (min)	Total annual burden (hours)
Ex: Survey (individuals or households).	14	1/annually	14	4	1
Unduplicated Totals	14		14		1

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W–218, Washington, DC.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Darwin Arceo,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1105–0097]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Collection; Comments Requested: Leased/Charter/Contract Personnel Expedited Clearance Request

AGENCY: U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until July 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Assistant Chief Karl Slazer/Management

Support Division, US Marshals Service Headquarters, 1215 S Clark St., Ste. 10017, Arlington, VA 22202–4387, by telephone at 703–740–2316 or by email at *karl.slazer@usdoj.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;

—Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

—Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and

—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 responses.

Abstract: This form is required for acquiring and utilizing contract flight personnel (pilots, cabin crew, mechanics, etc.) for leased/charter aircraft needed to complete short-notice JPATS (Justice Prisoner & Alien Transportation) air mission schedules. It requests information necessary to complete expedited background checks on flight personnel who will be transporting USMS and Bureau of Prisons prisoners.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Leased/Charter/Contract Personnel Expedited Clearance Request.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form USM–271.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as the obligation to respond:* Individuals or Households.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 180 respondents will utilize the form, and it will take each respondent approximately 5 minutes to complete the form.

6. *An estimate of the total annual burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 15 hours. It is estimated that applicants will take 5 minutes to complete a Form USM–271. In order to calculate the public burden for Form USM–271, USMS multiplied 5 by 180 and divided by 60 (the number of minutes in an hour), which equals 15 total annual burden hours.

7. *An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable:*

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Time per response (min)	Total annual burden (hours)
Ex: Survey (individuals or households).	180	1/annually	180	5	15
Unduplicated Totals	180		180		15

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W–218, Washington, DC.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Darwin Arceo,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Access to Multiemployer Plan Information

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection 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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Howell by telephone at 202–693–6782, or by email at *DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(k)(1) of ERISA requires multiemployer plan administrators to furnish certain documents to any plan participant, beneficiary, employee representative, or any employer that has an obligation to contribute to the plan upon written request. The Department issued a final rule that implements the disclosure requirements of ERISA section 101(k) on March 2, 2010 (75 FR 9334). The documents that may be requested are: (1) A copy of any periodic actuarial report (including sensitivity testing) received by the plan for any plan year which has been in the plan's possession for at least 30 days; (2) a copy of any quarterly, semi-annual, or annual financial report prepared for the plan by any plan investment manager or advisor or other fiduciary that has been in the plan's possession for at least 30 days; and (3) a copy of any application filed with the Secretary of the Treasury

requesting an extension under section 304 of ERISA (or section 431(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and the determination of such Secretary pursuant to such application.

The information collection provisions of this final regulation are found in 29 CFR 2520.101–6(a), which requires multiemployer defined benefit and defined contribution pension plan administrators to furnish copies of certain actuarial and financial documents to plan participants, beneficiaries, employee representatives, and contributing employers upon request.

This information constitutes a third-party disclosure from the administrator to participants, beneficiaries, employee representatives, and contributing employers for purposes of the PRA. Pursuant to § 2520.101–6(d)(5), the documents required to be disclosed shall not contain any information that the plan administrator reasonably determines to be either: (i) Individually identifiable information regarding any plan participant, beneficiary, employee, fiduciary, or contributing employer, except that such limitation shall not apply to an investment manager or adviser, or with respect to any other person (other than an employee of the plan) preparing a financial report described in paragraph § 2520.101–6(c)(2); or (ii) proprietary information regarding the plan, any contributing employer, or entity providing services to the plan. The plan administrator must inform the requester if any such information is withheld. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2025 (90 FR 671).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates 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.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.

Title of Collection: Access to Multiemployer Plan Information.

OMB Control Number: 1210–0131.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,405.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 27,071.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 20,875 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $82,593.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

Michael Howell,

Senior Paperwork Reduction Act Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Alternative Reporting Methods for Apprenticeship and Training Plans and Top Hat Plans

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection 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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Howell by telephone at 202–693–6782, or by email at *DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2520.104–22 provides an exemption to the reporting and provision of part 1 of title I of ERISA for employee welfare benefit plans that provide exclusively apprenticeship and training benefits if the plan administrator meets the following requirements: (1) Files a notice with the Secretary that provides the name of the plan, the plan sponsor's Employer Identification Number, the plan administrator's name, and the name and location of an office or person from whom interested individuals can obtain certain info about courses offered by the plan; and (2) takes steps reasonably designed to ensure that the information required to be contained in the notice is disclosed to employees of employers contribution to the plan who may be eligible to enroll in any course of study sponsored or establish by the plan; (3) and makes the notice available to employees upon request.

Under 2520.14–23, the Department provides an alternative method of compliance with the reporting and disclosure of Title I of ERISA for unfunded or insured plan established for a select group of management of highly compensated employees (*i.e.,* top hat plans). In order to satisfy the alternative method of compliance, the plan administrator must file a statement with the Secretary of Labor that includes the name and address of the employer, the employer EIN, a declaration that the employer maintains a plan or plans primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, and a statement of the number of such plans and the employees covered by each. Plan documents must be made available to the Secretary upon request, and only one statement needs to be filed for each employer maintaining one or more of the plans. The 2019 final rule requires electronic filing with the Secretary through EBSA's website in accordance with instructions published by the Department. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 2025 (90 FR 671).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will

have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates 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.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.

Title of Collection: Alternative Reporting Methods for Apprenticeship and Training Plans and Top Hat Plans.

OMB Control Number: 1210–0153.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 86.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 86.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 14 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

Michael Howell,

Senior Paperwork Reduction Act Analyst.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., June 4, 2025.

PLACE: Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must submit a written request at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to receive dial-in information. All requests must be sent to *SecretarytotheBoard@rrb.gov.*

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Legislation and Appropriations Update—Office of Legislative Affairs.

DOGE Detail—Board Members.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Stephanie Hillyard, Secretary to the Board, (312) 751–4920.

(Authority 5 U.S.C. 552b)

Dated: May 22, 2025.

Stephanie Hillyard,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35603; 812–15756]

Vista Credit BDC Management, L.P., and Vista Credit Strategic Lending Corp.

May 21, 2025.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'' or ''SEC'').

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Act'') for an exemption from Sections 18(a)(2), 18(c), 18(i), and 61(a) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end investment companies that have elected to be regulated as business development companies to issue multiple classes of shares with varying sales loads and asset-based distribution and/or service fees.

APPLICANTS: Vista Credit BDC Management, L.P., and Visa Credit Strategic Lending Corp.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on April 15, 2025.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov* and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 17, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.* Applicants: Nicole M. Runyan, P.C and Monica Shilling, P.C., *nicole.runyan@kirkland.com,* and *monica.shilling@kirkland.com.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Loko, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' application, dated April 15, 2025, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at *https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/legacy/companysearch.html.* You may also call the SEC's Public Reference Room at (202) 551–8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–103098; File No. SR–CboeBZX–2025–068]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fee Schedule To Modify Components of Certain Add Volume Tiers, Step-Up Tiers, and Single MPID Investor Tiers

May 21, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on May 9, 2025, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the ''Exchange'' or ''BZX'') filed with the

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''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

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the ''Exchange'' or ''BZX'') proposes to amend its Fee Schedule by: (i) updating the shares component of certain Add Volume Tiers; (ii) revising the criteria and rebate of Add Volume Tier 8; (iii) updating the shares component of Single MPID Investor Tier 1; (iv) removing Step-Up Tier 3; and (v) creating a Cross Asset Tier. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

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 Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule applicable to its equities trading platform (''BZX Equities'') by: (i) updating the shares component of certain Add Volume Tiers; (ii) revising the criteria and rebate of Add Volume Tier 8; (iii) updating the shares component of Single MPID Investor Tier 1; (iv) removing Step-Up Tier 3; and (v) creating a Cross Asset Tier. The Exchange proposes to implement these changes effective May 1, 2025.[3]

The Exchange first notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or incentives to be insufficient. More specifically, the Exchange is only one of 16 registered equities exchanges, as well as a number of alternative trading systems and other off-exchange venues that do not have similar self-regulatory responsibilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Act''), to which market participants may direct their order flow. Based on publicly available information,[4] no single registered equities exchange has more than 15% of the market share. Thus, in such a low-concentrated and highly competitive market, no single equities exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. The Exchange in particular operates a ''Maker-Taker'' model whereby it pays rebates to members that add liquidity and assesses fees to those that remove liquidity. The Exchange's Fee Schedule sets forth the standard rebates and rates applied per share for orders that provide and remove liquidity, respectively. Currently, for orders in securities priced at or above $1.00, the Exchange provides a standard rebate of $0.00160 per share for orders that add liquidity and assesses a fee of $0.0030 per share for orders that remove liquidity.[5] For orders in securities priced below $1.00, the Exchange does not provide a rebate for orders that add liquidity and assesses a fee of 0.30% of the total dollar value for orders that remove liquidity.[6] Additionally, in response to the competitive environment, the Exchange also offers tiered pricing which provides Members opportunities to qualify for higher rebates or reduced fees where certain volume criteria and thresholds are met. Tiered pricing provides an incremental incentive for Members to strive for higher tier levels, which provides increasingly higher benefits or discounts for satisfying increasingly more stringent criteria.

Add/Remove Volume Tiers

Under footnote 1 of the Fee Schedule, the Exchange offers various Add/Remove Volume Tiers. In particular, the Exchange offers nine Add Volume Tiers that provide enhanced rebates for orders yielding fee codes B,[7] V[8] and Y[9] where a Member reaches certain add volume-based criteria. The Exchange now proposes to modify the criteria of Add Volume Tiers 1–3 and Add Volume Tiers 5–7 by revising the share amount in the second prong of criteria. The current criteria for Add Volume Tiers 1–3 and Add Volume Tiers 5–7 is as follows:

- Add Volume Tier 1 provides a rebate of $0.0020 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV[10] as a percentage of TCV[11] ≥0.05% or Member has an ADAV ≥6,000,000.
- Add Volume Tier 2 provides a rebate of $0.0023 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.20% or Member has an ADAV ≥23,000,000.
- Add Volume Tier 3 provides a rebate of $0.0027 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.30% or Member has an ADAV ≥30,000,000.
- Add Volume Tier 5 provides a rebate of $0.0029 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.35% or Member has an ADAV ≥35,000,000.
- Add Volume Tier 6 provides a rebate of $0.0030 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.60% or Member has an ADAV ≥70,000,000.
- Add Volume Tier 7 provides a rebate of $0.0031 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥1.00% or Member has an ADAV ≥115,000,000.

The proposed criteria for Add Volume Tiers 1–3 and Add Volume Tiers 5–7 is as follows:

[3] The Exchange initially filed the proposed fee changes on May 1, 2025 (SR–CboeBZX–2025–062). On May 9, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this proposal.

[4] *See* Cboe Global Markets, U.S. Equities Market Volume Summary, Month-to-Date (April 23, 2025), available at *https://www.cboe.com/us/equities/market_statistics/.*

[5] *See* BZX Equities Fee Schedule, Standard Rates.

[6] *Id.*

[7] Fee code B is appended to displayed orders that add liquidity to BZX in Tape B securities.

[8] Fee code V is appended to displayed orders that add liquidity to BZX in Tape A securities.

[9] Fee code Y is appended to displayed orders that add liquidity to BZX in Tape C securities.

[10] ''ADAV' means average daily added volume calculated as the number of shares added per day. ADAV is calculated on a monthly basis.

[11] ''TCV'' means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume reported by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply.

• Add Volume Tier 1 provides a rebate of $0.0020 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.05% or Member has an ADAV ≥10,000,000.

• Add Volume Tier 2 provides a rebate of $0.0023 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.20% or Member has an ADAV ≥40,000,000.

• Add Volume Tier 3 provides a rebate of $0.0027 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.30% or Member has an ADAV ≥50,000,000.

• Add Volume Tier 5 provides a rebate of $0.0029 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.35% or Member has an ADAV ≥60,000,000.

• Add Volume Tier 6 provides a rebate of $0.0030 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.60% or Member has an ADAV ≥120,000,000.

• Add Volume Tier 7 provides a rebate of $0.0031 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥1.00% or Member has an ADAV ≥200,000,000.

The proposed modifications to Add Volume Tiers 1–3 and Add Volume Tiers 5–7 represents a modest increase in difficulty of one prong of criteria to achieve the applicable tier threshold in response to higher market volumes while maintaining an existing prong of criteria and the existing rebates. The Exchange believes that the proposed criteria continues to be commensurate with the rebate received for each tier and will encourage Members to grow their volume on the Exchange. Increased volume on the Exchange contributes to a deeper and more liquid market, which benefits all market participants and provides greater execution opportunities on the Exchange.

In addition to the proposed modifications to Add Volume Tiers 1–3 and Add Volume Tiers 5–7, the Exchange now proposes to amend the criteria and rebate associated with Add Volume Tier 8. The current criteria of Add Volume Tier 8 is as follows:

• Add Volume Tier 8 provides a rebate of $0.0031 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member (1) has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.40%; and (2) Member has a Tape C ADV [12] ≥1.20% of the Tape C TCV; and (3) Member has a Remove ADV ≥0.40% of the TCV.

The proposed rebate and criteria for Add Volume Tier 8 is as follows:

• Add Volume Tier 8 provides a rebate of $0.0032 per share in securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where a Member (1) has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.40%; and (2) Member has a Tape C ADV ≥0.50% of the Tape C TCV; and (3) Member has an ADAV ≥0.10% of the TCV as Non-Displayed orders that yield fee codes HB,[13] HI,[14] HV [15] or HY.[16]

The proposed modifications to the criteria and rebate of Add Volume Tier 8 represent an effort by the Exchange to slightly increase the enhanced rebate available to Members in exchange for satisfying criteria amended to increase the amount of non-displayed liquidity available on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed criteria is commensurate with the rebate received and will encourage Members to grow both their displayed and non-displayed volume on the Exchange. Increased volume on the Exchange contributes to a deeper and more liquid market, which benefits all market participants and provides greater execution opportunities on the Exchange.

Step-Up Tiers

Under footnote 2 of the Fee Schedule the Exchange offers two Step-Up Tiers that provide Members an opportunity to receive an enhanced rebate from the standard rebate for liquidity adding orders that yield fee codes B, V, and Y where the Member increases its relative liquidity each month over a predetermined baseline. The Exchange now proposes to remove Step-Up Tier 3 as the Exchange no longer wishes to, nor is required to, maintain such tier. More specifically, the proposed change removes this tier as the Exchange would rather redirect future resources and funding into other programs and tiers intended to incentivize increased order flow.

Single MPID Investor Tiers

Under footnote 4 of the Fee Schedule the Exchange offers Single MPID Investor Tiers. In particular, the Exchange offers two Single MPID Investor Tiers that provide enhanced rebates for orders yielding fee codes B, V and Y where an MPID reaches certain add volume-based criteria. The Exchange now proposes to revise the share amount in the first prong of criteria of Single MPID Investor Tier 1 as well as remove a semicolon from the second prong of criteria, which was included in error. The current criteria is as follows:

• Single MPID Investor Tier 1 provides an enhanced rebate of $0.0032 per share in Tape B securities priced at or above $1.00 and an enhanced rebate of $0.0033 per share in Tapes A and C securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where: (1) MPID has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.45%; or MPID has an ADAV ≥45,000,000; and (2) MPID has an ADAV ≥0.05%; of the TCV as Non-Displayed orders that yield fee codes HB, HI, HV or HY.

The proposed criteria is as follows:

• Single MPID Investor Tier 1 provides an enhanced rebate of $0.0032 per share in Tape B securities priced at or above $1.00 and an enhanced rebate of $0.0033 per share in Tapes A and C securities priced at or above $1.00 to qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where: (1) MPID has an ADAV as a percentage of TCV ≥0.45%; or MPID has an ADAV ≥55,000,000; and (2) MPID has an ADAV ≥0.05% of the TCV as Non-Displayed orders that yield fee codes HB, HI, HV or HY.

The proposed modification to Single MPID Tier 1 represents a modest increase in difficulty of one prong of criteria to achieve the applicable tier threshold in response to higher market volumes while maintaining the remaining criteria and the existing rebates. The Exchange believes that the proposed criteria continues to be commensurate with the rebate received for this tier and will encourage MPIDs to grow their volume on the Exchange. Increased volume on the Exchange contributes to a deeper and more liquid market, which benefits all market participants and provides greater execution opportunities on the Exchange.

[12] ADV means average daily volume calculated as the number of shares added or removed, combined, per day. ADV is calculated on a monthly basis.

[13] Fee code HB is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to BZX in Tape B securities.

[14] Fee code HI is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to BZX and receive price improvement.

[15] Fee code HV is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to BZX in Tape A securities.

[16] Fee code HY is appended to non-displayed orders that add liquidity to BZX in Tape C securities.

Cross Asset Tier

The Exchange proposes to introduce a new Cross Asset Tier under footnote 1, which is designed to incentivize Members to achieve certain levels of participation on both the Exchange's equities and options platform (''BZX Options''). The proposed criteria is as follows:

• The Cross Asset Tier provides a rebate of $0.0032 per share for securities priced at or above $1.00 for qualifying orders (*i.e.,* orders yielding fee codes B, V, or Y) where (1) Member has a Primary Peg ADV ≥300,000; and (2) Member has an ADAV ≥0.015% of the TCV as Non-Displayed orders that yield fee codes HB, HI, HV or HY; and (3) Member has an ADV in Customer [17] orders on BZX Options ≥0.05% of average OCV.[18]

The proposed Cross Asset Tier is intended to provide an additional manner to incentivize Members to add and remove non-displayed liquidity on the Exchange while also increasing participation in BZX Options. The Exchange believes the addition of the Cross Asset Tier will incentivize Members to grow their volume on the Exchange, thereby contributing to a deeper and more liquid market, which benefits all market participants and provides greater execution opportunities on the Exchange. Increased overall order flow benefits all Members by contributing towards a robust and well-balanced market ecosystem.

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.[19] Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) [20] 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) [21] requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers as well as Section 6(b)(4) [22] as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities.

As described above, the Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or incentives to be insufficient. The Exchange believes that its proposal to: (i) revise the shares component of Add Volume Tiers 1–3 and Add Volume Tiers 5–7; (ii) revise the criteria and rebate of Add Volume Tier 8; (iii) revise the criteria of Single MPID Investor Tier 1; and (iv) introduce a new Cross Asset Tier reflects a competitive pricing structure designed to incentivize market participants to direct their order flow to the Exchange, which the Exchange believes would enhance market quality to the benefit of all Members. Additionally, the Exchange notes that relative volume-based incentives and discounts have been widely adopted by exchanges,[23] including the Exchange,[24] and are reasonable, equitable and non-discriminatory because they are open to all Members on an equal basis and provide additional benefits or discounts that are reasonably related to (i) the value to an exchange's market quality and (ii) associated higher levels of market activity, such as higher levels of liquidity provision and/or growth patterns. Competing exchanges offer similar tiered pricing structures, including schedules or rebates and fees that apply based upon members achieving certain volume and/or growth thresholds, as well as assess similar fees or rebates for similar types of orders, to that of the Exchange.[25]

In particular, the Exchange believes its proposal to (i) revise the shares component of Add Volume Tiers 1–3 and Add Volume Tiers 5–7; (ii) revise the criteria and rebate of Add Volume Tier 8; (iii) revise the criteria of Single MPID Investor Tier 1; and (iv) introduce a new Cross Asset Tier is reasonable because the revised and proposed tiers will be available to all Members and provide all Members with an opportunity to receive an enhanced rebate. The Exchange further believes the proposed modification to the Add Volume Tiers and the Single MPID Investor Tier, as well as the introduction of a new Cross Asset Tier will provide a reasonable means to encourage liquidity adding displayed and non-displayed orders in Members' order flow to the Exchange and to incentivize Members to continue to provide liquidity adding volume to the Exchange by offering them an opportunity to receive an enhanced rebate on qualifying orders. An overall increase in activity would deepen the Exchange's liquidity pool, offer additional cost savings, support the quality of price discovery, promote market transparency and improve market quality, for all investors.

The Exchange believes the proposed Cross Asset Tier represents an equitable allocation of fee and rebates and is not unfairly discriminatory because all Members will be eligible for the proposed tier and have the opportunity to meet the tier's criteria and receive the corresponding enhanced rebate if such criteria is met. To the extent a Member participates on BZX Equities but not on BZX Options, the Exchange continues to believe that its proposal represents an equitable allocation of fees and rebates and is not unfairly discriminatory with respect to such Member based on the overall benefit to the Exchange resulting from the success of its options platform. Particularly, the Exchange believes that additional such success allows the Exchange to continue to provide and potentially expand its existing incentive programs to the benefit of all participants on the Exchange, regardless of whether they participate on BZX Options or not.

Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the Add Volume Tiers and the Single MPID Investor Tier are reasonable as they do not represent a significant departure from the criteria currently offered in the Fee Schedule. The Exchange also believes that the proposed changes to the Add Volume Tiers and the Single MPID Investor Tier represents an equitable allocation of fees and rebates and is not unfairly discriminatory because all Members continue to be eligible for the revised tiers and have

[17] ''Customer'' applies to any order for the account of a Priority Customer as defined in BZX Rule 16.1.

[18] ''OCV'' means the total equity and ETF options volume that clears in the Customer range at the Options Clearing Corporation (''OCC'') for the month for which the fees apply, excluding volume on any day that the Exchange experiences an Exchange System Disruption and on any day with a scheduled early market close.

[19] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[20] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[21] *Id.*

[22] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[23] *See e.g.,* EDGX Equities Fee Schedule, Footnote 1, Add/Remove Volume Tiers. *See also,* The Nasdaq Options Market LLC (''NOM'') Pricing Schedule, Options 7, Section 2, Footnote 4; NYSE Arca Equities, Fees and Charges, Cross-Asset Tier.

[24] *See e.g.,* BZX Equities Fee Schedule, Footnote 1, Add/Remove Volume Tiers.

[25] *Supra* footnote 22[sic].

the opportunity to meet the tiers' criteria and receive the corresponding enhanced rebates if such criteria is met.

Without having a view of activity on other markets and off-exchange venues, the Exchange has no way of knowing whether this proposed rule change would definitely result in any Members qualifying for the revised Add Volume Tiers, the Single MPID Investor Tier, and the proposed Cross Asset Tier. While the Exchange has no way of predicting with certainty how the proposed changes will impact Member activity, based on the prior month's volume, the Exchange anticipates that at least four Members will be able to satisfy proposed Add Volume Tier 1, no Members will be able to satisfy proposed Add Volume Tier 2, at least one Member will be able to satisfy proposed Add Volume Tier 3, at least three Members will be able to satisfy proposed Add Volume Tier 5, no Members will be able to satisfy proposed Add Volume Tier 6, no Members will be able to satisfy proposed Add Volume Tier 7, at least two Members will be able to satisfy proposed Add Volume Tier 8, at least three Members will be able to satisfy the proposed Single MPID Investor Tier, and at least one Member will be able to satisfy the proposed Cross Asset Tier. The Exchange also notes that proposed changes will not adversely impact any Member's ability to qualify for enhanced rebates offered under other tiers. Should a Member not meet the proposed new criteria, the Member will merely not receive that corresponding enhanced rebate.

Furthermore, the Exchange believes that its proposal to eliminate Step-Up Tier 3 is reasonable because the Exchange is not required to maintain this tier nor provide Members an opportunity to receive enhanced rebates. The Exchange believes its proposal to eliminate this tier is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies to all Members (*i.e.,* the tier will not be available for any Member). The proposed rule change merely results in Members not receiving an enhanced rebate, which, as noted above, the Exchange is not required to offer or maintain. In addition, the proposed rule change to eliminate Step-Up Tier 3 enables the Exchange to redirect resources and funding into other programs and tiers intended to incentivize increased order flow.

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. Rather, as discussed above, the Exchange believes that the proposed change would encourage the submission of additional order flow to a public exchange, thereby promoting market depth, execution incentives and enhanced execution opportunities, as well as price discovery and transparency for all Members. As a result, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes further the Commission's goal in adopting Regulation NMS of fostering competition among orders, which promotes ''more efficient pricing of individual stocks for all types of orders, large and small.''

The Exchange believes the proposed rule changes do not impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Particularly, the proposed modifications to the Add Volume Tiers and the Single MPID Tier along with the introduction of the Cross Asset Tier will apply to all Members equally in that all Members are eligible for the revised and proposed tiers, have a reasonable opportunity to meet the tiers' proposed criteria and will receive the enhanced rebate on their qualifying orders if such criteria is met. The Exchange does not believe the proposed changes burden competition, but rather, enhance competition as they are intended to increase the competitiveness of BZX by amending existing pricing incentives in order to attract order flow and incentivize participants to increase their participation on the Exchange, providing for additional execution opportunities for market participants and improved price transparency. Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposed criteria based on BZX Options volume will provide an additional incentive to those Members who are also Customers on BZX Options to send additional orders to BZX Options, which in turn provides additional liquidity in the market. Greater overall order flow, trading opportunities, and pricing transparency benefits all market participants on the Exchange by enhancing market quality and continuing to encourage Members to send orders, thereby contributing towards a robust and well-balanced market ecosystem.

The proposed change to eliminate Step-Up Tier 3 will not impose any burden on intramarket competition because the change applies to all Members uniformly in that the tier will no longer be available to any Member.

Next, the Exchange believes the proposed rule changes do not impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As previously discussed, the Exchange operates in a highly competitive market. Members have numerous alternative venues that they may participate on and direct their order flow, including other equities exchanges, off-exchange venues, and alternative trading systems. Additionally, the Exchange represents a small percentage of the overall market. Based on publicly available information, no single equities exchange has more than 15% of the market share.[26] Therefore, no exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. Indeed, 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. Moreover, 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.'' [27] The fact that this market is competitive has also long been recognized by the courts. In *NetCoalition* v. *Securities and Exchange Commission,* the D.C. Circuit stated as follows: ''[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is 'fierce.' . . . As the SEC explained, '[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution'; [and] 'no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted' because 'no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers'. . . .''.[28] Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe its proposed fee change imposes any burden on competition that is not necessary or

[26] *Supra* note 4.

[27] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005).

[28] *NetCoalition* v. *SEC,* 615 F.3d 525, 539 (D.C. Cir. 2010) (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782–83 (December 9, 2008) (SR–NYSEArca–2006–21)).

appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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 for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act [29] and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 [30] thereunder. 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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–2025–068 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–2025–068. 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–2025–068 and should be submitted on or before June 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[31]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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[29] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[30] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

[31] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35606; File No. 812–15770]

Golub Capital BDC, Inc., et al.

May 22, 2025.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'' or ''SEC'').

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the ''Act'') and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies (''BDCs'') and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

Applicants: Golub Capital BDC, Inc., Golub Capital Direct Lending Corporation, Golub Capital BDC 4, Inc., Golub Capital Direct Lending Unlevered Corporation, Golub Capital Private Credit Fund, GBDC Holdings Coinvest, Inc., GBDC Holdings ED Coinvest, Inc., GBDC Quick Quack Coinvest LLC, Golub Capital BDC CLO 8 Depositor LLC, Golub Capital BDC CLO 8 LLC, GCIC Funding LLC, GCIC Holdings LLC, GCIC North Haven Stack Buyer Coinvest Inc., GCIC Quick Quack Coinvest LLC, Golub Capital BDC CLO III Depositor LLC, Golub Capital BDC Holdings LLC, GBDC 3 Funding LLC, GBDC 3 Holdings Coinvest, Inc., GBDC3 Quick Quack Coinvest LLC, Golub Capital 3 Holdings LLC, Golub Capital BDC 3 CLO 1 Depositor LLC, Golub Capital BDC 3 ABS 2022–1 Depositor LLC, Golub Capital BDC 3 ABS 2022–1 LLC, Golub Capital BDC 3 CLO 2 Depositor LLC, Golub Capital BDC 3 CLO 2 LLC, GDLC Funding LLC, GDLC Holdings LLC, GDLC Holdings Coinvest Inc., GDLC Funding II LLC, Golub Capital 4 Holdings LLC, Golub Capital BDC 4 Funding LLC, Golub Capital 4 Holdings Coinvest, Inc., GBDC 4 Funding II LLC, GBDC 4 Funding III LLC, Golub Capital Direct Lending Unlevered Holdings LLC, Golub Capital Direct Lending Unlevered Holdings Coinvest, Inc., GCRED Holdings, LLC, Golub Capital Private Credit Fund CLO, Golub Capital Private Credit Fund CLO Depositor, GC Advisors LLC, Golub Capital LLC, GC OPAL Advisors LLC, OPAL BSL LLC (Management Series), GC Investment Management LLC, Golub Capital Liquid Credit Advisors, LLC (Management Series) and certain affiliated entities as described in Schedule A to the application.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on April 29, 2025.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov* and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 16, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested.

Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.*

ADDRESSES: The Commission: *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.* Applicants: David B. Golub, GC Advisors LLC, *legal@golubcapital.com;* and Anne G. Oberndorf, Esq., Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, *anneoberndorf@eversheds-sutherland.us.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Large, Senior Special Counsel, Laura Solomon, Senior Counsel, or Daniele Marchesani, Assistant Chief Counsel, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' application, dated April 29, 2025, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at *https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html.* You may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551–8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35607; File No. 812–15771]

Variant Alternative Income Fund, et al.

May 22, 2025.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'' or ''SEC'').

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the ''Act'') and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies (''BDCs'') and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

APPLICANTS: Variant Alternative Income Fund, Variant Impact Fund, Variant Alternative Lending Fund, Variant Investments, LLC, and certain of their wholly-owned subsidiaries as described in Schedule A to the application.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on April 30, 2025.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov* and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 16, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.*

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For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17a–10

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (''PRA'') the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget (''OMB'') for extension and approval.

Section 17(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1 *et seq.*) (the ''Act''), generally prohibits affiliated persons of a registered investment company (''fund'') from borrowing money or other property from, or selling or buying securities or other property to or from, the fund or any company that the fund controls.[1] Section 2(a)(3) of the Act defines ''affiliated person'' of a fund to include its investment advisers.[2] Rule 17a–10 (17 CFR 270.17a–10) permits (i) a subadviser[3] of a fund to enter into transactions with funds the subadviser does not advise but that are affiliated persons of a fund that it does advise (*e.g.,* other funds in the fund complex), and (ii) a subadviser (and its affiliated persons) to enter into transactions and arrangements with funds the subadviser does advise, but only with respect to discrete portions of the subadvised fund for which the subadviser does not provide investment advice.

To qualify for the exemptions in rule 17a–10, the subadvisory relationship must be the sole reason why section 17(a) prohibits the transaction. In addition, the advisory contracts of the subadviser entering into the transaction, and any subadviser that is advising the

[1] 15 U.S.C. 80a–17(a).

[2] 15 U.S.C. 80a–2(a)(3)(E).

[3] As defined in rule 17a–10(b)(2). 17 CFR 270.17a–10(b)(2).

purchasing portion of the fund, must prohibit the subadvisers from consulting with each other concerning securities transactions of the fund, and limit their responsibility to providing advice with respect to discrete portions of the fund's portfolio.[4] This requirement regarding the prohibitions and limitations in advisory contracts of subadvisers relying on the rule constitutes a collection of information under the PRA.[5]

The staff assumes that all existing funds with subadvisory contracts amended those contracts to comply with the adoption of rule 17a–10 in 2003, which conditioned certain exemptions upon these contractual alterations, and therefore there is no continuing burden for those funds.[6] However, the staff assumes that all newly formed subadvised funds, and funds that enter into new contracts with subadvisers, will incur the one-time burden by amending their contracts to add the terms required by the rule.

Based on an analysis of fund filings, the staff estimates that approximately 49 funds enter into new subadvisory agreements each year.[7] Based on discussions with industry representatives, the staff estimates that it will require approximately 3 attorney hours to draft and execute additional clauses in new subadvisory contracts in order for funds and subadvisers to be able to rely on the exemptions in rule 17a–10. Because these additional clauses are identical to the clauses that a fund would need to insert in their subadvisory contracts to rely on rules 10f–3 (17 CFR 270.10f–3), 12d3–1 (17 CFR 270.12d3–1), and 17e–1 (17 CFR 270.17e–1), and because we believe that funds that use one such rule generally use all of these rules, we apportion this 3 hour time burden equally among all four rules. Therefore, we estimate that the burden allocated to rule 17a–10 for this contract change would be 0.75 hours.[8] Assuming that all 49 funds that enter into new subadvisory contracts each year make the modification to their contract required by the rule, we estimate that the rule's contract modification requirement will result in 37 burden hours annually, with an associated cost of approximately $18,907.[9]

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the PRA. The estimate is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. Complying with this collection of information requirement is necessary to obtain the benefit of relying on rule 17a–10. Responses will not be kept confidential.

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.

Please direct your written comments to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 and send it by email to *PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov* by July 28, 2025.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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[4] 17 CFR 270.17a–10(a)(2).

[5] 44 U.S.C. 3501.

[6] Transactions of Investment Companies With Portfolio and Subadviser Affiliates, Investment Company Act Release No. 25888 (Jan. 14, 2003) [68 FR 3153, (Jan. 22, 2003)]; we assume that funds formed after 2003 that intended to rely on rule 17a–10 would have included the required provision as a standard element in their initial subadvisory contracts.

[7] Based on filings by registrants on Form N–1A and Form N–2 on Form N–CEN through March 14, 2025, there are 12,928 registered funds (open-end funds, closed-end funds, and exchange-traded funds), 5,272 funds of which have subadvisory relationships (approximately 41%); 49 new funds registered on Form N–1A or Form N–2 were established in 2024 by registrants with subadvisory relationships.

[8] This estimate is based on the following calculation: (3 hours ÷ 4 rules = 0.75 hours).

[9] These estimates are based on the following calculations: (0.75 hours × 49 funds = 37 burden hours); ($511 per hour × 37 hours = $18,907 total cost); the Commission's estimates concerning the wage rates for attorney time are based on salary information for the securities industry compiled by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association; the estimated wage figure is based on published rates for in-house attorneys, modified to account for a 1,800-hour work-year and inflation, and adjusted to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits, and overhead, yielding an effective hourly rate of $511; *see* Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Report on Management & Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry 2013.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–103095; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2025–038]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Permit In-Kind Creations and Redemptions by the iShares Ethereum Trust and Amend Certain Other Representations Under Nasdaq Rule 5711(d) (Commodity-Based Trust Shares)

May 21, 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 May 9, 2025, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''SEC'' or ''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 update certain representations made in the proposed rule change previously filed with and approved by the Commission relating to the shares of the iShares Ethereum Trust (the ''Trust''), specifically to add the Additional Ether Custodian (as defined below), to allow for ''in-kind'' transfers of the Trust's ether, and to amend the Trust's name. Shares of the Trust (''Shares'') are currently listed and traded on the Exchange under Nasdaq Rule 5711(d).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at *https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rulefilings,* 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 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

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

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 the Shares on the Exchange pursuant to Nasdaq Rule 5711(d) [3] on May 23, 2024.[4] iShares Delaware Trust Sponsor LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an indirect subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. (''BlackRock''), is the sponsor of the Trust (the ''Sponsor''). The Shares are registered with the SEC by means of the Trust's registration statement on Form S–1 (the ''Registration Statement'').[5]

Coinbase Custody Trust Company, LLC (the ''Ether Custodian'') is the custodian for the Trust's ether holdings, and maintains a custody account for the Trust (''Custody Account''); Coinbase, Inc. (the ''Prime Execution Agent''), an affiliate of the Ether Custodian, is the prime broker for the Trust and maintains a trading account for the Trust (''Trading Account''); and The Bank of New York Mellon is the custodian for the Trust's cash holdings (the ''Cash Custodian'') and the administrator of the Trust (the ''Trust Administrator'').

The Exchange now proposes to amend representations regarding the Trust's creation and redemption process as set forth in the previous rule filing to list and trade Shares, specifically to add the Additional Ether Custodian (as defined below), to allow for in-kind transfers of the Trust's ether, and to amend the Trust's name.[6] As it relates to the proposed in-kind transfer process, this will be an alternative to the Trust's current cash creation and redemption process. In order to effectuate the foregoing changes, the Exchange proposes a number of changes to Amendment No. 2 in the manner described below. Except for the changes described below, all other representations in Amendment No. 2 remain unchanged and will continue to constitute continued listing requirements. In addition, the Trust will continue to comply with the terms of Amendment No. 2 and the requirements in Rule 5711(d).

Proposal 1: Additional Ether Custodian

Amendment No. 2 represented that the Ether Custodian is the custodian for the Trust's ether holdings. The Exchange now proposes to add Anchorage Digital Bank N.A. (the ''Additional Ether Custodian'') as an available alternative custodian for the Trust's ether holdings. The Additional Ether Custodian is a national trust bank chartered by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Additional Ether Custodian is an alternative eligible custodian for the Trust's ether pursuant to a custody agreement. The custody agreement will require the Additional Ether Custodian, if operationalized, to maintain the Trust's ether in one or more segregated custody accounts, controlled and secured by Anchorage. The Additional Ether Custodian will be bound by all representations made in Amendment No. 2 applicable to the Ether Custodian, as amended herein. As described in Proposal 2 below, the Exchange also proposes to amend the Amendment No. 2 section entitled ''Custody of the Trust's Ether and Creation and Redemption'' to reflect the Additional Ether Custodian.

Proposal 2: Custody of the Trust's Ether and Creation and Redemption

The Exchange proposes to amend the Amendment No. 2 section entitled ''Custody of the Trust's Ether and Creation and Redemption'' to add further detail on the Additional Ether Custodian. The Exchange also proposes in this section to add more detail on how the Trust will handle transfers of ether in connection with the proposed in-kind creation and redemption process, and make certain conforming changes to the description of the cash creation and redemption process. As proposed, the language in the ''Custody of the Trust's Ether and Creation and Redemption'' section from Amendment No. 2 will be deleted and replaced with the following language.

An investment in the Shares is backed by ether held by the Ether Custodian on behalf of the Trust. All of the Trust's ether will be held in the Custody Account, other than the Trust's ether which is temporarily maintained in the Trading Account under limited circumstances, *i.e.,* in connection with creation and redemption Basket [7] activity or sales of ether deducted from the Trust's holdings in payment of Trust expenses or the Sponsor's fee (or, in extraordinary circumstances, upon liquidation of the Trust). The Custody Account includes all of the Trust's ether held at the Ether Custodian but does not include the Trust's ether temporarily maintained at the Prime Execution Agent in the Trading Account from time to time. The Ether Custodian will keep all of the private keys associated with the Trust's ether held in the Custody Account in ''cold storage''.[8] The hardware, software, systems, and procedures of the Ether Custodian may not be available or cost-effective for many investors to access directly.

The Trust is not required to hold any particular amount of assets at either the Ether Custodian or the Additional Ether Custodian, and the Sponsor shall, in its sole discretion, determine the amounts held at either custodian from time to time as permitted by the Trust Agreement. As of the date of this proposal, the Trust's ether is held with the Ether Custodian, and the Sponsor has no plans to move any of the Trust's ether to the Additional Ether Custodian, though such plans are subject to ongoing review.

The Trust's ether holdings and cash holdings from time to time may temporarily be maintained in the Trading Account held with the Prime Execution Agent, an affiliate of the Ether Custodian. Coinbase Inc. serves as the Trust's Prime Execution Agent pursuant to the Trust's agreement with the Prime Execution Agent (''Prime Execution Agent Agreement''). In this capacity, the Prime Execution Agent facilitates (1) the buying and selling of ether by the Trust in response to cash creations and redemptions between the Trust and registered broker-dealers that are Depositary Trust Company (''DTC'') participants that enter into an authorized participant agreement with the Sponsor and the Trustee (''Authorized

[3] Nasdaq Rule 5711(d) governs the listing and trading of Commodity-Based Trust Shares, which means a security (1) that is issued by a trust that holds (a) a specified commodity deposited with the trust, or (b) a specified commodity and, in addition to such specified commodity, cash; (2) 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 (3) 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. *See* Nasdaq Rule 5711(d)(iv)(A).

[4] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100224 (May 23, 2024), 89 FR 46937 (May 30, 2024) (Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes, as Modified by Amendments Thereto, To List and Trade Shares of Ether-Based Exchange-Traded Products) (''Spot ETH ETP Approval Order'').

[5] *See* Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement on Form S–1, dated July 17, 2024 filed with the Commission by the Sponsor on behalf of the Trust. The descriptions of the Trust contained herein are based, in part, on information in the Registration Statement.

[6] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100212 (May 22, 2024), 89 FR 46556 (May 29, 2024) (SR–NASDAQ–2023–045) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 2 to a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the iShares Ethereum Trust Under Nasdaq Rule 5711(d)) (''Amendment No. 2'').

[7] The Trust issues and redeems Shares only in blocks of 40,000 or integral multiples thereof. A block of 40,000 Shares is called a ''Basket.'' These transactions take place in exchange for ether.

[8] The term ''cold storage'' refers to a safeguarding method by which the private keys corresponding to the Trust's ether are generated and stored in an offline manner, subject to layers of procedures designed to enhance security. Private keys are generated by the Ether Custodian in offline computers that are not connected to the internet so that they are more resistant to being hacked.

Participants''), (2) the transfer of ether between the Trust and an Authorized Participant, its designated agent or client as part of in-kind creations and redemptions, and (3) the sale of ether to pay the Sponsor's fee, any other Trust expenses not assumed by the Sponsor, to the extent applicable, and in extraordinary circumstances, in connection with the liquidation of the Trust's ether.

The Authorized Participants will deliver cash or ether to create shares and will receive cash or ether when redeeming shares.

For a cash creation or redemption of a Basket of Shares, the Authorized Participant will be required to submit the cash creation or redemption order by an early order cutoff time (the ''Cash Order Cutoff Time''). The Cash Order Cutoff Time will initially be 6:00 p.m. ET on the business day prior to trade date.

For an in-kind creation or redemption of a Basket of Shares, the Authorized Participant will be required to submit the in-kind creation or redemption order by an order cutoff (''In-Kind Order Cutoff Time''). The In-Kind Order Cutoff Time will initially be 3:59 p.m. ET on the trade date.

Cash Creations

In connection with cash creations and cash redemptions, the Authorized Participants will submit orders to create or redeem Baskets of Shares exclusively in exchange for cash. The Trust will engage in ether transactions to convert cash into ether (in association with creation orders) and ether into cash (in association with redemption orders). The Trust will conduct its ether purchase and sale transactions by, in its sole discretion, choosing to trade directly with designated third parties (each, an ''Ether Trading Counterparty''), pursuant to written agreements between each such Ether Trading Counterparty and the Trust, or choosing to trade through the Prime Execution Agent acting in an agency capacity with third parties through its Coinbase Prime service [9] pursuant to the Prime Execution Agent Agreement. Ether Trading Counterparties settle trades with the Trust using their own accounts at the Prime Execution Agent when trading with the Trust.

Following the Cash Order Cutoff Time for a creation order, the Trust will choose, in its sole discretion, to enter into a transaction with an Ether Trading Counterparty or the Prime Execution Agent to buy ether in exchange for the cash proceeds from such cash creation order. On settlement date for a cash creation, the Trust delivers Shares to the Authorized Participant in exchange for cash received from the Authorized Participant. Also, on or around the settlement date, the Ether Trading Counterparty or Prime Execution Agent, as applicable, deposits the required ether pursuant to its trade with the Trust into the Trust's Trading Account in exchange for cash. In the event the Trust has not been able to successfully execute and complete settlement of an ether transaction by the settlement date of the cash creation order, the Authorized Participant will be given the option to (1) cancel the cash creation order, or (2) accept that the Trust will continue to attempt to complete the execution, which will delay the settlement date of the cash creation order. With respect to a cash creation order, as between the Trust and the Authorized Participant, the Authorized Participant is responsible for the dollar cost of the difference between the ether price utilized in calculating NAV per Share on trade date and the price at which the Trust acquires the ether to the extent the price realized in buying the ether is higher than the ether price utilized in the NAV. To the extent the price realized in buying the ether is lower than the price utilized in the NAV, the Authorized Participant shall get to keep the dollar impact of any such difference.

Because the Trust's Trading Account may not be funded with cash on trade date for the purchase of ether associated with a cash creation order, the Trust may borrow trade credits (''Trade Credits'') in the form of cash from Coinbase Credit, Inc. (the ''Trade Credit Lender''), an affiliate of the Prime Execution Agent, under the trade financing agreement (''Trade Financing Agreement'') or may require the Authorized Participant to deliver the required cash for the cash creation order on trade date. The extension of Trade Credits on trade date allows the Trust to purchase ether through the Prime Execution Agent on trade date, with such ether being deposited in the Trust's Trading Account. On settlement date for a cash creation order, the Trust delivers Shares to the Authorized Participant in exchange for cash received from the Authorized Participant. To the extent Trade Credits were utilized, the Trust uses the cash to repay the Trade Credits borrowed from the Trade Credit Lender. On settlement date for a cash creation order, the ether purchased is swept from the Trust's Trading Account to the Trust's Custody Account pursuant to a regular end-of-day sweep process.

In-Kind Creations

In connection with in-kind creations, the Authorized Participants will submit orders by the In-Kind Order Cutoff Time to create Baskets of Shares in exchange for ether.

On settlement date for an in-kind creation, the Trust delivers Shares to the Authorized Participant in exchange for ether received from the Authorized Participant, or its designated agent or client. The Authorized Participant or its designated agent or client will deposit such ether to the Trust's Trading Account at the Prime Execution Agent. In the event the Authorized Participant, its designated agent or client, has not deposited the ether to the Trust's Trading Account at the Prime Execution Agent by the applicable time on the settlement date of the in-kind creation order, the Authorized Participant will be given the option to (1) cancel the in-kind creation order, (2) delay settlement of the order to enable delivery of ether at a later date, or (3) accept that the Trust will execute a ether transaction required for the creation and the Authorized Participant will deliver the U.S. dollars required for this purchase. In the case of (3) only, the Authorized Participant is responsible for the dollar cost of the difference between the ether price utilized in calculating NAV per Share on trade date and the price at which the Trust acquires the ether to the extent the price realized in buying the ether is higher than the ether price utilized in the NAV. To the extent the price realized in buying the ether is lower than the price utilized in the NAV, the Authorized Participant shall get to keep the dollar impact of any such difference.

Cash Redemption

Following the Cash Order Cutoff Time for a cash redemption order, the Trust may choose, in its sole discretion, to enter into a transaction with an Ether Trading Counterparty or the Prime Execution Agent, to sell ether in exchange for cash. After the Cash Order Cutoff Time, the Trust instructs the Ether Custodian to prepare to move the associated ether from the Trust's Custody Account to the Trust's Trading Account. On settlement date for a cash redemption order, the Authorized Participant delivers the necessary Shares to the Trust, and on or around settlement date, an Ether Trading Counterparty or Prime Execution Agent, as applicable, delivers the cash associated with the Trust's sale of ether to the Trust in exchange for the Trust's ether, and the Trust delivers cash to the Authorized Participant. In the event the Trust has not been able to successfully execute and complete settlement of an ether transaction by the settlement date, the Authorized Participant will be given the option to (1) cancel the cash redemption order, or (2) accept that the Trust will continue to attempt to complete the execution, which will delay the settlement date. With respect to a cash redemption order, between the Trust and the Authorized Participant, the Authorized Participant will be responsible for the dollar cost of the difference between the ether price utilized in calculating the NAV per Share on trade date and the price realized in selling the ether to raise the cash needed for the cash redemption order to the extent the price realized in selling the ether is lower than the ether price utilized in the NAV. To the extent the price realized in selling the ether is higher than the price utilized in the NAV, the Authorized Participant will get to keep the dollar impact of any such difference.

The Trust may use financing in connection with a cash redemption order when ether remains in the Trust's Custody Account at the point of intended execution of a sale of ether. In those circumstances, the Trust may borrow Trade Credits in the form of ether from the Trade Credit Lender, which allows the Trust to sell ether through the Prime Execution Agent on trade date, and the cash proceeds are deposited in the Trust's Trading Account. On settlement date for a cash redemption order, the Trust delivers cash to the Authorized Participant in exchange for Shares received from the Authorized Participant. In the event financing was used, the Trust will use the ether moved from the Trust's Custody Account to the Trading

[9] The Coinbase Prime service is an execution service pursuant to which Coinbase will execute ether orders for the Trust by accessing liquidity from sources such as ether trading platforms, which can include Coinbase's own platform, and other liquidity providers. Trades can be executed according to an algorithm or on the basis of firm quotes sought by requests-for-quote (''RFQ'') for a two-way price sent to liquidity providers. Algorithmic trades can be self-directed or executed by Coinbase's high touch execution desk, Coinbase Execution Services.

Account to repay the Trade Credits borrowed from the Trade Credit Lender.

In-Kind Redemptions

In connection with in-kind redemptions, the Authorized Participants will submit orders by the In-Kind Order Cutoff Time to redeem Baskets of Shares in exchange for ether.

On settlement date for an in-kind redemption, the Trust delivers ether to the account of the Authorized Participant or its designated agent or client at the Prime Execution Agent in exchange for Shares received from the Authorized Participant.

Proposal 3: Creation and Redemption of Shares

The Exchange also proposes to modify the Amendment No. 2 section ''Creation and Redemption of Shares'' to integrate the proposed in-kind creation and redemption process. Specifically, Amendment No. 2 currently states that Baskets are only issued or redeemed in exchange for an amount of cash determined by the Trustee on each day that Nasdaq is open for regular trading. No Shares are issued unless the Cash Custodian has allocated to the Trust's account the corresponding amount of cash. The amount of cash necessary for the creation of a Basket, or to be received upon redemption of a Basket, will decrease over the life of the Trust, due to the payment or accrual of fees and other expenses or liabilities payable by the Trust.

The Exchange now proposes to delete the above language from Amendment No. 2, and replace it with the following: Baskets are only issued or redeemed in exchange for an amount of ether and/or cash determined by the Trustee on each day that Nasdaq is open for regular trading. No Shares are issued unless the Cash Custodian has allocated to the Trust's account the corresponding amount of cash or the Prime Execution Agent has allocated to the Trust's account the corresponding amount of ether.[10] The amount of ether or cash necessary for the creation of a Basket, or to be received upon redemption of a Basket, will decrease over the life of the Trust, due to the payment or accrual of fees and other expenses or liabilities payable by the Trust.

Proposal 4: Trust Name Change

Lastly, the Exchange proposes to change the name of the Trust to the iShares Ethereum Trust ETF to be consistent with the Trust's Registration Statement.

[10] The amount of cash or ether is based on the NAV of the Trust on the trade date.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,[11] in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,[12] in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 that the proposed rule change to add the Additional Ether Custodian is consistent with the Act because it could mitigate and diversify potential third-party service provider risk in the event that the Ether Custodian was unable to provide custody services. Further, the Additional Ether Custodian will be bound by all representations made in Amendment No. 2 applicable to the Ether Custodian.

The Exchange believes that permitting in-kind transfers with respect to the Trust's creation and redemption process promotes just and equitable principles of trade and helps remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system. As discussed above, the proposed changes would permit the Trust to utilize an in-kind creation and redemption process in addition to the cash creation and redemption process. This added ability would make the Trust (and the market more generally) operate more efficiently because Authorized Participants, their designated agents or clients, would be able to source ether rather than to provide cash to the Trust and/or receive ether from the Trust. This means that the Authorized Participant, its designated agent or client, would be responsible for buying and selling the ether rather than the Trust itself, which would potentially lessen the impact on the market of the Trust on both sides of the transaction by allowing the Authorized Participant to decide how and where to source the underlying ether for creations and deciding how, where, and whether to sell the underlying ether for redemptions. This could lead to improvements in the creation and redemption process for both Authorized Participants and the Trust, and could potentially increase efficiency, and ultimately benefit the end investors in the Trust.

Lastly, the Exchange believes that the proposed Trust name change is consistent with the Act because it would align with the Trust's Registration Statement, and would promote clarity and transparency with respect to the Trust's name.

Except for the changes described above, all other representations in Amendment No. 2 remain unchanged and will continue to constitute continued listing requirements. In addition, the Trust will continue to comply with the terms of Amendment No. 2 and the requirements in Rule 5711(d).

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As discussed above, the proposed amendments are intended to add the Additional Ether Custodian, reflect the Trust's name change, and allow for in-kind transfers. As it relates to in-kind transfers, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes would increase operational efficiencies for the Trust (and the market more generally). The Exchange believes the changes proposed herein 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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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 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 shall: (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:

[11] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[12] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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–NASDAQ–2025–038 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–NASDAQ–2025–038. 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–NASDAQ–2025–038 and should be submitted on or before June 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[13]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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[13] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35604; 812–15743]

Mercer Funds and Mercer Investments LLC

May 21, 2025.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'' or ''SEC'').

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Act'') for an exemption from Section 15(c) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The requested exemption would permit a Trust's board of trustees to approve new sub-advisory agreements and material amendments to existing sub- advisory agreements without complying with the in-person meeting requirement of Section 15(c) of the Act.

APPLICANTS: Mercer Funds and Mercer Investments LLC.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on April 3, 2025.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov* and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 16, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Loko, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' application, dated April 3, 2025, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at *https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.* You may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551–8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–103097; File No. SR–EMERALD–2025–11]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt New Fee Categories for the Exchange's Proprietary Market Data Feeds

May 21, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'' or ''Exchange Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on May 7, 2025, MIAX Emerald, LLC (''MIAX Emerald'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') a 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 the MIAX Emerald Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the ''Fee Schedule'') to amend the MIAX Emerald Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the ''Fee Schedule'') to, among other things, adopt new fee categories for the Exchange's proprietary market data feeds: (1) the Top of Market (''ToM'') feed, (2) the Complex Top of Market feed (''cToM''), (3) the Administrative Information Subscriber feed (''AIS''),

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

and (4) the MIAX Emerald Order Feed (''MOR'') (collectively, the ''market data feeds'').

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at *https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/miax-options/rule-filings,* at the Exchange's principal office, 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 Exchange offers four standard proprietary market data products, ToM, cToM, AIS, and MOR. The ToM data feed is a data feed that contains the Exchange's best bid and offer, with aggregate size, and last sale information, based on order and quoting interest on the Exchange.[3] The ToM data feed includes data that is identical to the data sent to the processor for the Options Price Reporting Authority (''OPRA''). The data for ToM and OPRA leave the System [4] at the same time, as required under Section 5.2(c)(iii)(B) of the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Options Price Reporting Authority LLC (the ''OPRA Plan''), which prohibits the dissemination of proprietary information on any more timely basis than the same information is furnished to the OPRA system for inclusion in OPRA's consolidated dissemination of options information. The cToM data feed includes the same types of information as ToM, but for Complex Orders [5] on the Exchange's Strategy Book.[6] This information includes the Exchange's best bid and offer for a complex strategy,[7] with aggregate size, based on displayable orders in the complex strategy. The cToM data feed also provides subscribers with the following information: (i) the identification of the complex strategies currently trading on the Exchange; (ii) complex strategy last sale information; and (iii) the status of securities underlying the complex strategy (*e.g.,* halted, open, or resumed). The AIS data feed provides subscribers real-time updates regarding products traded on MIAX Emerald, trading status for MIAX Emerald and products traded on MIAX Emerald, and liquidity seeking event notifications (''administrative information'').[8] The MOR data feed includes full order book data for orders on the Simple Order Book [9] and Strategy Book, and includes the following data: product ID, order price, order original volume, remaining volume open, and origin code.[10]

Section 6 of the Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees, provides fees for the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds. Currently, the Exchange only charges monthly fees to both Internal and External Distributors (proposed definitions below) of the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds. Specifically, the Exchange charges Internal Distributors a monthly fee of $2,000.00 for the ToM and cToM data feeds, $1,250.00 for the AIS data feed, and $3,000.00 for the MOR data feed. The Exchange also charges External Distributors a monthly fee of $3,000.00 for the ToM and cToM data feeds, $1,750.00 for the AIS data feed, and $3,500.00 for the MOR data feed.

The Exchange now proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to, among other things, adopt new fee categories for the Exchange's proprietary market data feeds. The primary purpose of this proposal is to adopt per User (defined below) fees as well as fees for Non-Display Usage (also defined below). The Exchange also proposes to add a ''Market Data Definitions'' section to Section 6 of the Fee Schedule as well as modify how mid-month subscriptions for Distributors are to be handled. The Exchange believes that adopting the same fee structure as its affiliated exchanges would reduce administrative burdens on market data subscribers that also currently subscribe to market data feeds from the Exchange's affiliates. Each of these proposed changes are described below.

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The Exchange believes that exchanges, in setting fees of all types, should meet very high standards of transparency to demonstrate why each new fee or fee increase meets the requirements of the Act that fees be reasonable, equitably allocated, not unfairly discriminatory, and not create an undue burden on competition among Members [11] and markets. The Exchange believes this high standard is especially important when an exchange imposes various fees for market participants to access an exchange's market data.

Approximately 51% of Members subscribe to one or more market data feeds from the Exchange. Of those Members, approximately 47% subscribe to all four market data feeds, approximately 22% subscribe to three market data feeds, approximately 5% subscribe to two market data feeds, and approximately 26% subscribe to only one market data feed. The Exchange notes that there is no requirement that any Member or market participant subscribe to the ToM, cToM, AIS or MOR data feeds offered by the Exchange. Instead, a Member may choose to maintain subscriptions to the ToM, cToM, AIS or MOR data feeds based on their own business needs and trading models.

Definitions

The Exchange proposes to include a Definitions section at the beginning of Section 6, Market Data Fees, of the Fee Schedule. The purpose of the Definitions section is to provide market participants greater clarity and transparency regarding the applicability of fees by defining certain terms used in

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85207 (February 27, 2019), 84 FR 7963 (March 5, 2019) (SR–EMERALD–2019–09) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Establish MIAX Emerald Top of Market (''ToM'') Data Feed, MIAX Emerald Complex Top of Market (''cToM'') Data Feed, MIAX Emerald Administrative Information Subscriber (''AIS'') Data Feed, and MIAX Emerald Order Feed (''MOR'')).

[4] The term ''System'' means the automated trading system used by the Exchange for the trading of securities. *See* Exchange Rule 100.

[5] In sum, a ''Complex Order'' is ''any order involving the concurrent purchase and/or sale of two or more different options in the same underlying security (the 'legs' or 'components' of the complex order), for the same account . . . .'' *See* Exchange Rule 518(a)(5).

[6] The ''Strategy Book'' is the Exchange's electronic book of complex orders and complex quotes. *See* Exchange Rule 518(a)(17).

[7] The term ''complex strategy'' means a particular combination of components and their ratios to one another. New complex strategies can be created as the result of the receipt of a complex order or by the Exchange for a complex strategy that is not currently in the System. The Exchange may limit the number of new complex strategies that may be in the System at a particular time and will communicate this limitation to Members via Regulatory Circular. *See* Exchange Rule 518(a)(6).

[8] *See supra* note 3.

[9] The ''Simple Order Book'' is the Exchange's regular electronic book of orders and quotes. *See* Exchange Rule 518(a)(15).

[10] *See supra* note 3.

[11] The term ''Member'' means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed ''members'' under the Exchange Act. *See* Exchange Rule 100.

connection with market data feeds within the Fee Schedule in a single location related to the Exchange's market data products. The Exchange notes that it includes similar Definitions in its fee schedule applicable to its own equity trading platform, MIAX Pearl Equities,[12] and that each of the proposed definitions are based on the MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule and that of other exchanges. The Exchange believes that including a Definitions section for market data products makes the Fee Schedule more user-friendly and comprehensive.

The Exchange proposes to define the following terms in Section 6 of the Fee Schedule:

- Distributor. Any entity that receives the Exchange data product directly from the Exchange or indirectly through another entity and then distributes it internally or externally to a third party.
- External Distributor. A Distributor that receives the Exchange data product and then distributes that data to a third party or one or more Users outside the Distributor's own entity.
- Internal Distributor. A Distributor that receives the Exchange data product and then distributes that data to one or more Users within the Distributor's own entity.
  - The Exchange notes that it proposes to use the phrase ''own entity'' in the definition of Internal Distributor and External Distributor because a Distributor would be permitted to share data received from an exchange data product to other legal entities affiliated with the Distributor's entity that have been disclosed to the Exchange without such distribution being considered external to a third party. For instance, if a company has multiple affiliated broker-dealers under the same holding company, that company could have one of the broker-dealers or a non-broker-dealer affiliate subscribe to an exchange data product and then share the data with other affiliates that have a need for the data. This sharing with affiliates would not be considered external distribution to a third party but instead would be considered internal distribution to data recipients within the Distributor's own entity.
  - The Exchange also notes that the explanatory paragraphs under the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feed fee tables includes the following language which defines the terms Distributor, Internal Distributors, and External Distributors:

> MIAX Emerald will assess Market Data Fees applicable to ToM [cToM, AIS or MOR] on Internal and External Distributors in each month the Distributor is credentialed to use ToM [cToM, AIS or MOR] in the production environment. A Distributor of MIAX Emerald data is any entity that receives a feed or file of data either directly from MIAX Emerald or indirectly through another entity and then distributes it either internally (within that entity) or externally (outside that entity). All Distributors are required to execute a MIAX Emerald Distributor Agreement.

The Exchange proposes to remove these provisions from the Fee Schedule because they: (i) duplicate the proposed definitions of Distributor, External Distributor, and External Distributor proposed herein with no substantive difference; and (ii) provide details that are included in the Exchange's market data policies that are also not also provided for in the fee schedules of other options exchanges.[13] Removing these provisions would also harmonize the definition and fee descriptions with the fee schedule applicable to MIAX Pearl Equities.[14]

- Non-Display Usage. Any method of accessing an Exchange data product that involves access or use by a machine or automated device without access or use of a display by a natural person or persons.
- Non-Professional User. A natural person or qualifying trust that uses Exchange data only for personal purposes and not for any commercial purpose and, for a natural person who works in the United States, is not: (i) registered or qualified in any capacity with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, any state securities agency, any securities exchange or association, or any commodities or futures contract market or association; (ii) engaged as an ''investment adviser'' as that term is defined in Section 202(a)(11) of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 (whether or not registered or qualified under that Act); or (iii) employed by a bank or other organization exempt from registration under federal or state securities laws to perform functions that would require registration or qualification if such functions were performed for an organization not so exempt; or, for a natural person who works outside of the United States, does not perform the same functions as would disqualify such person as a Non-Professional User if he or she worked in the United States.
- Professional User. Any User other than a Non-Professional User.
- User. A Professional User or Non-Professional User.

Proposed Market Data Pricing

As described above, the Exchange currently only charges Internal Distributors a monthly fee of $2,000.00 for the ToM and cToM data feeds, $1,250.00 for the AIS data feed, and $3,000.00 for the MOR data feed. The Exchange also only currently charges External Distributors a monthly fee of $3,000.00 for the ToM and cToM data feeds, $1,750.00 for the AIS data feed, and $3,500.00 for the MOR data feed. The Exchange now proposes to charge the below per User fees as well as Non-Display Usage fees for the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds, which, the Exchange believes are generally similar to or lower than market data fees charged by other similarly situated options exchanges. The Exchange does not propose to adopt any additional fee categories in this proposal. Each of the below capitalized terms are defined above and would be included under the proposed Definitions section under Section 6, Market Data Fees, of the Fee Schedule.

1. *User Fees.* For the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds, the Exchange proposes to charge a monthly fee of $20.00 for each Professional User and $1.00 for each Non-Professional User of each data feed.[15] The proposed User fees would apply to each person that has access to the ToM, cToM, AIS or MOR data feeds that is provided by a Distributor (either Internal or External) for displayed usage. Each Distributor's User count would include every individual that accesses the data regardless of the purpose for which the individual uses the data. The above Professional or Non-Professional User fee would provide the same Professional or Non-Professional User access to all

[12] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, Section 3), Market Data Fees, *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100319 (June 12, 2024), 89 FR 51562 (June 19, 2024) (SR–PEARL–2024–25). *See also* Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (''Cboe BZX Options'') Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section, *and* Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (''Cboe EDGX Options'') Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section. *See also* MEMX LLC (''MEMX Options'') Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section, *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101370 (October 17, 2024), 89 FR 84638 (October 23, 2024) (SR–MEMX–2024–40) (''MEMX Options Market Data Fee Proposal'').

[13] *See* Cboe BZX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Cboe EDGX Options, Market Data Fees section, both *available athttps://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/?_gl=1*19q7zz0*_up*MQ..*_ga*NjY5OTA0NzE4LjE3MzQ1MzQzODk.*_ga_5Q99WB9X71*MTczNDUzNzQ0Mi4yLjEuMTczNDUzNzQ5OC4wLjAuMA. See also* MEMX Options Fee Schedule *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101370 (October 17, 2024), 89 FR 84638 (October 23, 2024) (SR–MEMX–2024–40).

[14] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, Section 3), Market Data Fees, *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100319 (June 12, 2024), 89 FR 51562 (June 19, 2024) (SR–PEARL–2024–25).

[15] The Exchange does not propose to adopt an Enterprise Fee at this time and may do so in the future based on feedback from market participants.

other MIAX Emerald Market Data feeds for no additional per User charge.[16] In other words, a User would receive access to the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds for the applicable single per User fee and not have to pay separate per User fees for each data feed. As such, Distributors should report the number of Users per the Exchange, and not per individual data feed. This would be noted in Section 6 of the Fee Schedule under footnote 1 following the fee tables for the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds. Distributors of the ToM, cToM, AIS or MOR data feeds would be required to report all Professional and Non-Professional Users in accordance with the following:

- In connection with a Distributor's distribution of the ToM, cToM, AIS or MOR data feeds, the Distributor must count as one User each unique User that the Distributor is entitled for access to the ToM, cToM, AIS or MOR data feeds.
- Distributors must report each unique individual person who receives access through multiple devices or multiple methods (*e.g.,* a single User has multiple passwords and user identifications) as one User.
- If a Distributor entitles one or more individuals to use the same device, the Distributor must include only the individuals, and not the device, in the count. Thus, Distributors would not be required to report User device counts associated with a User's display use of the data feed.

2. *Non-Display Usage Fees.* The Exchange proposes to establish a monthly Non-Display Usage [17] fee of $1,500.00 for the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds.

- The Exchange proposes to provide a discount to those that subscribe to two or more MIAX Emerald data feeds by capping the Non-Display Usage fee for Subscribers of two or more MIAX Emerald data feeds at $3,000.00. This would be noted in Section 6 of the Fee Schedule under footnote 2 following the fee tables for the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds.

Lastly, the Exchange proposes to no longer pro-rate fees for Distributors who subscribe or terminate mid-month. The Exchange notes that there were no mid-month subscriptions or terminations over the past twelve (12) months that would have required the monthly fee to be pro-rated. The Exchange also notes that mid-month subscriptions and terminations place an increased burden on Exchange staff and systems that are in place to pro-rate the monthly fee that are not justified by the little to no mid-month subscriptions and terminations that occurred over the past year or that the Exchange anticipates going forward based on its past experience. This portion of the proposal should also encourage subscribers to either begin a new subscription or terminate an existing subscription at the beginning or end of a month, respectively. Lastly, removing these provisions would also harmonize the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule with the MIAX Pearl Equities fee schedule, which also does not provide for pro-ration.[18] Also, other exchanges do not provide for the similar pro-ration of market data fees.[19] Therefore, the Exchange proposes to remove the following language providing for pro-rated month fees for mid-month subscribers from the explanatory paragraphs under the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feed fee tables:

> Market Data Fees for [ToM/cToM/AIS/MOR] will be reduced for new Distributors for the first month during which they subscribe to [ToM/cToM/AIS/MOR], based on the number of trading days that have been held during the month prior to the date on which they have been credentialed to use [ToM/cToM/AIS/MOR] in the production environment. Such new Distributors will be assessed a pro-rata percentage of the fees described above, which is the percentage of the number of trading days remaining in the affected calendar month as of the date on which they have been credentialed to use [ToM/cToM/AIS/MOR] in the production environment, divided by the total number of trading days in the affected calendar month.

Implementation

The Exchange issued alerts publicly announcing the proposed fees on September 30, 2024 and December 17, 2024.[20] The fees subject to this proposal are immediately effective.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6(b) [21] of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) [22] of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees are consistent with the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) [23] of the Act in that they are designed 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 a free and open market and national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and, particularly, are not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange notes that the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds are entirely optional. The Exchange is not required to make the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds available to any customers, nor is any customer required to purchase the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds.

The Proposed Fees Are Reasonable and Comparable to the Fees Charged by Other Exchanges for Similar Data Products

Overall. The proposed fees are comparable to those of other options exchanges. Based on publicly-available information, no single exchange had more than 13.65% equity options market share for all of 2024,[24] and the Exchange compared the fees proposed herein to the fees charged by other

[16] The Exchange notes that similar reporting is required by the Nasdaq options markets, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq Options''), Nasdaq Phlx LLC (''Nasdaq Phlx''), and Nasdaq MRX, LLC (''Nasdaq MRX''). *See, e.g., https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=DPPriceListOptions* (providing that ''[t]he monthly user fee should be reported once for Nasdaq Options, not once per datafeed'').

[17] Non-Display Usage would include trading uses such as high frequency or algorithmic trading as well as any trading in any asset class, automated order or quote generation and/or order pegging, price referencing for smart order routing, operations control programs, investment analysis, order verification, surveillance programs, risk management, compliance, and portfolio management.

[18] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, Section 3), Market Data Fees, *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100319 (June 12, 2024), 89 FR 51562 (June 19, 2024) (SR–PEARL–2024–25).

[19] *See* Cboe BZX Options Fee Schedule *and* Cboe EDGX Options Fee Schedule, *supra* note 13. *See also* MEMX Options Fee Schedule *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101370 (October 17, 2024), 89 FR 84638 (October 23, 2024) (SR–MEMX–2024–40).

[20] *See* Fee Change Alert, MIAX Exchange Group—January 1, 2025 and March 1, 2025 Market Data Fee Changes (dated September 30, 2024), *available at https://www.miaxglobal.com/alert/2024/09/30/miax-exchange-group-options-markets-january-1-2025-and-march-1-2025-market-1?nav=all* and Fee Change Alert, MIAX Exchange Group—Options Markets—Reminder: January 1, 2025 and March 1, 2025 Market Data Fee Changes (dated December 17, 2024), *available at https://www.miaxglobal.com/alert/2024/12/17/miax-exchange-group-options-markets-reminder-january-1-2025-and-march-1-2?nav=all.*

[21] 15 U.S.C. 78f.

[22] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[23] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[24] *See* The OCC, Options Volume by Exchange—2024, *available at https://www.theocc.com/market-data/market-data-reports/volume-and-open-interest/volume-by-exchange* (last visited May 5, 2025).

options exchanges with similar market share. A more detailed discussion of the comparison follows.

The Exchange assesses the market share for each of the below referenced options markets utilizing total equity options contracts traded in 2024, as set forth in the following charts:[25]

User Fees

The proposed per User fees for the Exchange's market data products are comparable to or lower than those charged by Nasdaq Options, Nasdaq MRX, Cboe BZX Options, and Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (''Cboe C2''), as summarized in the table below.

Exchange	Market share * (%)	Market data product	Monthly professional user fee	Monthly non-professional user fee
MIAX Emerald	4.16	All	$20.00 (per Exchange)	$1.00 (per Exchange).
Nasdaq Options	5.45	NOM BONO, NOM ITTO	$42.10 (per exchange)	$1.00 (per exchange).
Nasdaq MRX	2.71	MRX Top, MRX Depth, MRX Spread.	$25.25 (per exchange)	$1.00 (per exchange).
Cboe BZX Options	3.99	BZX Depth	$30.00 (per feed)	$1.00 (per feed).
Cboe C2	3.00	C2 Depth	$50.00 (per feed)	$50.00 (per feed).
		C2 Complex	$25.00 (per feed)	$25.00 (per feed).

* See supra note 24.

A more detailed discussion of the comparison follows.

Nasdaq Options. Nasdaq Options, with a market share of approximately 5.45% that is comparable to the Exchange, charges higher or comparable Professional and Non-Professional User fees for its top of book and depth of book feeds than proposed by the Exchange. Further, like Nasdaq Options, the Exchange proposes to charge a single per User fee that would provide access to all of its market data products for a single fee.

The Nasdaq Options Best of Nasdaq Options (''BONO'') feed is an options feed that provides Nasdaq Options' best bid and offer and last sale information.[26] The Nasdaq Options BONO feed is similar to the Exchange's ToM feed. The Nasdaq Options ITCH to Trade Options (''ITTO'') feed is an options feed that provides full order and quote depth information for individual orders and quotes and last sale information.[27] ITTO also provides, among other things, product (option series) available for trading on Nasdaq Options, the trading status of such products (*i.e.,* whether the series is available for closing transactions only), and order imbalances on opening/reopenings. The ITTO feed is similar to the Exchange's MOR and AIS feeds.[28]

Nasdaq Options charges Professional Users $42.10 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month for the BONO feed and ITTO feed.[29] The Exchange proposes to charge less than Nasdaq Options for Professional Users and the same as Nasdaq Options for Non-Professional Users while also providing access to all of its market data feeds for a single per User fee. Specifically, for both the ToM and MOR data feeds, the Exchange proposes to charge Professional Users $20.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month. The Exchange's proposed Professional User fee is lower than Nasdaq Options and its Non-Professional User fee is equal to Nasdaq Options. Despite having only incrementally higher market share than the Exchange, Nasdaq Options charges higher or comparable per User fees than proposed by the Exchange herein.

Nasdaq MRX. Nasdaq MRX, with a market share of approximately 2.71%, lower than the Exchange, charges higher Professional and Non-Professional User fees for its top of book and depth of book feeds than the fees proposed by the Exchange. Further, like Nasdaq MRX, the Exchange proposes to charge a single per User fee that would provide access to all of its market data products for a single fee.[30]

The Nasdaq MRX Top of Market feed is an options feed that provides Nasdaq MRX's best bid and offer and last sale information.[31] The Nasdaq MRX Top of Market feed is similar to the Exchange's ToM feed. The Nasdaq MRX Depth of Market feed is an options feed that provides full order and quote depth information for individual orders and quotes and last sale information.[32] The Nasdaq MRX Depth of Market feed is similar to the Exchange's MOR feed. The Nasdaq MRX Spread feed is an options feed that provides information for both simple and complex orders.[33] The Nasdaq MRX Spread feed is similar to the Exchange's cToM data feed.

Nasdaq MRX charges Professional Users $25.25 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month for the Nasdaq MRX Top of Market feed, the Nasdaq MRX Depth of Market Feed, and the Nasdaq MRX Spread Feed.[34] The Exchange proposes to charge less than Nasdaq MRX for Professional Users and the same as Nasdaq MRX for Non-Professional Users while also providing access to all of its market data fees for single per User fee. Specifically, for the ToM, cToM, and MOR data feeds, the

[25] Market share is the percentage of volume on a particular exchange relative to the total volume across all exchanges, and indicates the amount of order flow directed to that exchange. High levels of market share enhance the value of trading and ports. Total contracts include both multi-list options and proprietary options products. Proprietary options products are products with intellectual property rights that are not multi-listed.

[26] *See* Nasdaq Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(2).

[27] *See* Nasdaq Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(1).

[28] The Exchange notes that no other exchange offers a market data feed that provides the same scope of information as the AIS feed. However, other exchanges, such as Nasdaq Options via the ITTO feed, include similar information as the AIS feed. The Exchange notes that some, but not all, of the messages included in the AIS feed overlap with the Exchange's other data feeds. However, not all of the Exchange's market data subscribers separately purchase the AIS feed. In any event, subscribers would not necessarily pay more for the AIS feed because the Exchange proposes to charge a single per User fee to receive all of the Exchange's data feeds. Likewise, Nasdaq Options also charges a single per exchange User fee for which their subscribers may receive similar data as the AIS feed via multiple market data feeds for a single per User price. The Exchange is also not comparing its cToM feed to a comparable Nasdaq Options feed because the Exchange understands Nasdaq Options does not offer such a feed.

[29] *See* Price List—U.S. Derivatives Data, *available at https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=DPPriceListOptions. See also* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73823 (December 11, 2014), 79 FR 75207 (December 17, 2014) (SR–NASDAQ–2014–119).

[30] The Exchange notes that Nasdaq MRX also offers the Nasdaq MRX Order Feed and Nasdaq MRX Trades Feed, which are included in the Nasdaq MRX per User fees. *See* Nasdaq MRX Options Rules, Options 7, Pricing Schedule, Section 7, Market Data.

[31] *See* Nasdaq MRX Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(3).

[32] *See* Nasdaq MRX Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(1).

[33] *See* Nasdaq MRX Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(2).

[34] *See* Price List—U.S. Derivatives Data, *available at https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=DPPriceListOptions.*

Exchange proposes to charge Professional Users $20.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month. The Exchange's proposed Professional User fee is lower than Nasdaq MRX and its Non-Professional User fee is equal to Nasdaq MRX. Despite having lower market share than the Exchange, Nasdaq MRX charges higher or comparable per User fees than the fees proposed by the Exchange herein.

Cboe BZX Options. Cboe BZX Options, with a market share of approximately 3.99%, which is lower than the Exchange's market share, charges higher Professional and Non-Professional User fees for its depth of book feed than the fees proposed by the Exchange. Further, Cboe BZX Options also charges separate per User fees per data product, whereas the Exchange proposes to charge a single lower per User fee that would provide access to all of its market data products for a single fee.

The Cboe BZX Options Top feed is an options feed that provides top of book quotations and execution information. The Cboe BZX Options Top feed is similar to the Exchange's ToM feed.[35] The Cboe BZX Options Depth feed is an options feed that provides depth of book quotations and execution information. The Cboe BZX Options Depth feed is similar to the Exchange's MOR feed.

Cboe BZX Options charges Professional Users $30.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month for the Cboe BZX Options Depth feed. The Exchange proposes to charge less than Cboe BZX Options and provide access to all of its market data fees for single, and still lower, per User fee. Specifically, for ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds, the Exchange proposes to charge Professional Users $20.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month. The Exchange's proposed Professional User fee is lower than Cboe BZX Options and its Non-Professional User fee is equal to Cboe BZX Options. However, both of the Exchange's proposed fees can be lower than Cboe BZX Options because a User may receive access to each of the Exchange's data feeds for a single per User fee and, unlike Cboe BZX Options, not be required to pay a separate per User fee for each data product.[36]

Cboe C2. Cboe C2, with a market share of approximately 3.00% that is lower than the Exchange, charges higher Professional and Non-Professional User fees for its C2 Options Depth and C2 COB feed than proposed by the Exchange. Unlike Cboe C2, the Exchange proposes to charge a single per User fee that would provide access to all of its market data products for a single fee.

The Cboe C2 Options Depth feed is an options feed that provides depth of book quotations and execution information. The Cboe C2 Options Depth feed is similar to the Exchange's MOR feed. The Cboe C2 COB feed is an options data feed that provides information for complex strategies (multi-leg trades, such as spreads, straddles and buy-writes).[37] The Cboe C2 COB feed is similar to the Exchange's cToM feed.[38] Cboe C2 charges all Users, both Professional Users and Non-Professional Users, $25.00 per month for the Cboe C2 COB feed and $50.00 for the Depth feed.[39] The Exchange proposes to charge less than Cboe C2 for Professional Users and Non-Professional Users while also providing access to all of its market data feeds for a single per User fee. Specifically, for the cToM data feed, the Exchange proposes to charge Professional Users $20.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month. The Exchange's proposed Professional User and Non-Professional User fees are lower than the fees for the Cboe C2 COB feed. Despite having lower market share than the Exchange, Cboe C2 charges higher or comparable per User fees than proposed by the Exchange herein.

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Each of the above examples of other exchanges' market data fees support the proposition that the Exchange's proposed User fees are comparable to those of other exchanges and therefore reasonable.

Non-Display Usage Fee

The proposed Non-Display Usage fee for the Exchange's market data products is comparable to those charged by Nasdaq Options and Nasdaq MRX, as summarized in below table.

Exchange	Market share † (%)	Market data products	Monthly non-display usage fee
MIAX Emerald	4.13	All	$1,500.00 (per feed) (capped at $3,000.00).
Nasdaq Options	5.45	NOM BONO, NOM ITTO	$10,530.00 (per exchange).
Nasdaq MRX	2.71	MRX Top, MRX Depth, MRX Spread	$7,575.00 (per exchange).

† *See supra* note 24.

A more detailed discussion of the comparison follows.

Nasdaq Options. Nasdaq Options, with a market share of approximately 5.45%, which is comparable to the Exchange's market share, charges higher Non-Display Usage fees for its top of book and depth of book feeds than

[35] For the Cboe BZX Options Top feed, Cboe BZX Option charges Professional Users $5.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $0.10 per month. For ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds, the Exchange proposes to charge Professional Users $20.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month. Although higher, the Exchange's proposed Professional and Non-Professional User fees are not necessarily comparable to Cboe BZX Options Top fees because a User may receive access to each of the Exchange's four data feeds for a single per User fee and, unlike Cboe BZX Options, not be required to pay a separate per User fee for each data product and Cboe BZX Options only provides two data feeds that provide only Cboe BZX Options data. Cboe BZX Options also offers the Cboe One Options Feed, which provides information for not only Cboe BZX Options, but also its three affiliated options markets, Cboe EDGX Options, Cboe, and Cboe C2. *See* Cboe BZX Options Rule 21.15(b)(6).

[36] *Id.*

[37] *See https://www.cboe.com/market_data_services/us/options/.*

[38] Cboe C2 also provides the Cboe C2 Top feed, which provides top of book quotations and execution information. Cboe C2 Top is similar to the Exchange's ToM feed. Cboe C2 charges Professional Users $5.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $0.10 per month. For ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds, the Exchange proposes to charge Professional Users $20.00 per month and Non-Professional Users $1.00 per month. Although higher, the Exchange's proposed Professional and Non-Professional User fees are not necessarily comparable to Cboe C2 Top fees because a User may receive access to each of the Exchange's four data feeds for a single per User fee and, unlike Cboe C2, not be required to pay a separate per User fee for each data product and Cboe C2 only provides three data feeds that provide only Cboe C2 data. It is reasonable, however, to compare the Exchange's data feeds to Cboe C2 data feeds with higher per User fees because they charge the higher fee for a single data product whereas the Exchange includes each of its data products for a single fee. Cboe C2 also offers the Cboe One Options Feed, which provides information for not only Cboe C2, but also its three affiliated options markets, Cboe EDGX Options, Cboe, and Cboe BZX Options.

[39] *See* Cboe C2 Fee Schedule, *available at https://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/fee_schedule/ctwo/.*

proposed by the Exchange. Further, Nasdaq Options also charges the full Non-Display Usage fees to receive all of its data products, whereas the Exchange proposes to cap the Non-Display Usage fee at $3.000.00, which would provide a discount to subscribers that choose to subscribe to multiple Exchange data feeds for Non-Display Usage.[40]

As discussed above, the Nasdaq Options BONO feed is an options feed that provides Nasdaq Options' best bid and offer and last sale information.[41] The Nasdaq Options BONO feed is similar to the Exchange's ToM feed. The Nasdaq Options ITTO feed is an options feed that provides full order and quote depth information for individual orders and quotes and last sale information.[42] Nasdaq Options ITTO also provides, among other things, product (option series) available for trading on Nasdaq Options, the trading status of such products (*i.e.,* whether the series is available for closing transactions only), and order imbalances on opening/reopenings. The Nasdaq Options ITTO feed is similar to the Exchange's MOR and AIS feeds.[43]

Nasdaq Options charges a monthly fee of $10,530.00 for Non-Display Usage of the Nasdaq Options BONO feed and Nasdaq Options ITTO feed.[44] The Exchange proposes to charge less than Nasdaq Options while also proposing to cap the Non-Display Usage fee at $3,000.00, which would provide a discount to subscribers that choose to subscribe to multiple Exchange data feeds for Non-Display Usage. Specifically, for the ToM, cToM, AIS and MOR data feeds, the Exchange proposes to charge a monthly fee of $1,500.00 for Non-Display Usage and to cap the Non-Display Usage fee at $3,000.00 for those that wish to receive two or more of the Exchange's data feeds for Non-Display Usage. This cap would be in lieu of paying the full Non-Display Usage Fee for each data product, which would total $6,000.00 per month. Despite having incrementally higher market share than the Exchange, Nasdaq Options charges higher Non-Display Usage fees than the fees proposed by the Exchange herein.

Nasdaq MRX. Nasdaq MRX, with a market share of approximately 2.71%, which is lower than the Exchange's market share, charges higher Non-Display Usage fees for its top of book, depth of book, and order feeds than the fees proposed by the Exchange. Like the Exchange proposes herein, Nasdaq MRX charges the full single Non-Display Usage fee for access to all of its market data feeds. The Exchange proposes to cap the Non-Display Usage fee at $3,000.00, which would provide a discount to subscribers that choose to subscribe to multiple Exchange data feeds for Non-Display Usage, similar to Nasdaq MRX.

The Nasdaq MRX Top of Market feed is an options feed that provides Nasdaq MRX's best bid and offer and last sale information.[45] The Nasdaq MRX Top of Market feed is similar to the Exchange's ToM feed. The Nasdaq MRX Depth of Market feed is an options feed that provides full order and quote depth information for individual orders and quotes and last sale information.[46] The Nasdaq MRX Depth of Market feed is similar to the Exchange's MOR feed. The Nasdaq MRX Spread feed is an options feed that provides information for both simple and complex orders.[47] The Nasdaq MRX Spread feed is similar to the Exchange's cToM data feed.

Nasdaq MRX charges a monthly fee of $7,575.00 for Non-Display Usage of the Nasdaq MRX Top of Market feed, Nasdaq MRX Depth of Market feed, and Nasdaq MRX Spread feed.[48] The Exchange proposes to charge less than Nasdaq MRX while also proposing to cap the Non-Display Usage fee at $3,000.00, which would provide a discount to subscribers that choose to subscribe to multiple Exchange data feeds for Non-Display Usage. Specifically, for all of the Exchange's data feeds, the Exchange proposes to charge a monthly fee of $1,500.00 and to cap the Non-Display Usage fee at $3,000.00 for those that wish to receive two or more of the Exchange's data feeds for Non-Display Usage. This cap would be in lieu of paying the full Non-Display Usage Fee for each data product, which would total $6,000.00 per month. Despite having lower market share than the Exchange, Nasdaq MRX charges higher Non-Display Usage fees than the fees proposed by the Exchange herein.

Each of the above examples of other exchanges' market data fees support the proposition that the Exchange's proposed Non-Display Usage fees are lower than those of other exchanges and therefore reasonable.

The below table sets forth each exchanges' distributor fees for each data feed that the Exchange includes in its above comparisons. The below table also includes applicable per User and Non-Display Usage fees that are discussed above.[49]

Exchange	Market share ‡ (%)	Market data product	Internal distributors	External distributors	Pro-user	Non-pro user	Non-display fee
MIAX Emerald	4.16	ToM	$2,000.00	$3,000.00	$20.00 (per Exchange)	$1.00 (per Exchange)	$1,500.00 (per feed capped at $3,000.00).
		cToM	2,000.00	3,000.00			
		MOR	3,000.00	3,500.00			
		AIS	1,250.00	1,750.00			
Nasdaq Options	5.45	NOM BONO	1,566.00	2,089.00	$42.10 (per exchange)	$1.00 (per exchange)	$10,530.00 (per exchange, no cap).
		NOM ITTO	1,566.00	2,089.00			

[40] The Exchange notes that not all options exchanges charge non-display fees for options data. For example, Cboe, Cboe C2, Cboe EDGX Options, Cboe BZX Options, BOX, and MEMX Options do not charge non-display fees. Therefore, the Exchange compared its fees to two comparable exchanges, Nasdaq Options and Nasdaq MRX, which charge non-display fees.

[41] *See* Nasdaq Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(2).

[42] *See* Nasdaq Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(1).

[43] *See supra* note 29. The Exchange proposes to cap the amount of Non-Display Usage fees for those that subscribe to multiple Exchange data feeds. Accordingly, even though some market data included in the AIS feed is included in the Exchange's other data feeds, the Non-Display Usage fee is capped so subscribers would not necessarily pay a higher rate on the Exchange than elsewhere.

[44] *See* Price List—U.S. Derivatives Data, *available at https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=DPPriceListOptions. See also* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73823 (December 11, 2014), 79 FR 75207 (December 17, 2014) (SR–NASDAQ–2014–119).

[45] *See* Nasdaq MRX Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(3).

[46] *See* Nasdaq MRX Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(1).

[47] *See* Nasdaq MRX Options Rules, Options 3, Section 23(a)(2).

[48] *See* Price List—U.S. Derivatives Data, *available at https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=DPPriceListOptions.*

[49] The Exchange notes that other exchanges offer an enterprise license fee that provides access to an unlimited number of users for a single price. This fee covers all of the applicable exchange's market data feeds for a single enterprise license fee. The Exchange does not propose to offer an enterprise license fee at this time because customers have not requested it and, at this time, no individual subscriber distributes Exchange market data to a population of individual users that would necessitate purchasing an enterprise license.

Exchange	Market share ‡ (%)	Market data product	Internal distributors	External distributors	Pro-user	Non-pro user	Non-display fee
Nasdaq MRX	2.71	MRX Top	1,515.00	2,020.00	$25.25 (per exchange) ..	$1.00 (per exchange)	$7,575.00 (per exchange, no cap).
		MRX Depth ..	1,515.00	2,020.00			
		MRX Spread	1,010.00	1,515.00			
Cboe BZX Options	3.99	BZX Depth ...	3,000.00	2,000.00	$30.00 (per feed)	$1.00 (per feed)	N/A.
Cboe C2	3.00	C2 Complex	1,000.00	1,000.00	$25.00 (per feed)	$25.00 (per feed)	N/A.
		C2 Depth	2,500.00	2,500.00	$50.00 (per feed)	$50.00 (per feed)	N/A.

‡ *See supra* note 24.

As illustrated by the above table, while distributor fees may vary across exchanges, and in some instances are higher on the Exchange, the per User fees of other exchanges are generally higher than that proposed by the Exchange and can quickly make up for any difference in distributor fees due to an increased number of Users permissioned for other exchanges' data feeds when compared to the Users permissioned to view data from the Exchange. In addition, Nasdaq Options and Nasdaq MRX charge materially higher fees for Non-Display Usage. Meanwhile, Cboe BZX Options and Cboe C2 would charge non-display users their applicable distribution fee, which are not capped and are either higher than, or comparable to, the fees proposed by the Exchange. Furthermore, the Exchange proposes to only charge fees to Internal and External Distributors for the ToM, cToM, MOR, and AIS feeds, which, when combined with the above proposed fees, result in fee packages that are generally comparable to the fee packages charged by Nasdaq Options, Nasdaq MRX, Cboe BZX Options, and Cboe C2 due to those exchanges charging higher or similar User and Non-Display Usage fees, as set forth above.

Lastly, the proposed discount to charge per User fees at the Exchange level, and not per data feed, as well as capping the monthly Non-Display Usage fee for use of multiple data feeds, is reasonable and cause the Exchange's proposed fees to be even lower for subscribers to multiple Exchange data products.

Pro-Rata Distribution of Fees. The Exchange believes its proposal to no longer pro-rate mid-month changes to subscriptions is reasonable because the Exchange had no mid-month subscriptions or terminations over the past twelve (12) months that would have required the monthly fee to be pro-rated and no other options exchanges provides for the similar pro-ration of market data fees.[50] Also, removing these provisions would harmonize the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule with the MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, which does not provide for pro-ration of market data fees.[51]

The Proposed Fees Are Equitably Allocated

Overall. The Exchange believes that its proposed fees are reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory because they are designed to align fees with services provided. The Exchange believes that the proposed fees for the market data feeds are allocated fairly and equitably among the various categories of users of the data feeds, and any differences among categories of users are justified and appropriate.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fees are equitably allocated because they will apply uniformly to all data recipients that choose to subscribe to the market data feeds. Any market participant that chooses to subscribe to the market data feeds is subject to the same Fee Schedule, regardless of what type of business they operate, and the decision to subscribe to one or more market data feeds is based on objective differences in usage of market data feeds among different Members, which are still ultimately in the control of any particular Member. The Exchange believes the proposed pricing of the market data feeds is equitably allocated because it is based, in part, upon the amount of information contained in each data feed, which may have additional value to market participants.

Pro-Rata Distribution of Fees. The Exchange believes its proposal to no longer pro-rate mid-month changes to subscriptions is equitably allocated because the Exchange had no subscriber utilize pro-ration via a mid-month subscriptions or terminations over the past twelve (12) months, nor does it foresee a subscriber doing so in the near future. The Exchange believes it is equitable to no longer pro-rate fees for Distributors who subscribe mid-month because other options exchanges do not provide for the similar pro-ration of market data fees.[52] Also, removing these provisions would harmonize the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule with the MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, which does not provide for pro-ration of market data fees.[53]

User Fees. The Exchange believes that the proposed fee, fee levels, and structure that differentiate between Professional User fees from Non-Professional User fees for display use are equitable. This structure has long been used by other exchanges and OPRA to reduce the price of data to Non-Professional Users and make it more broadly available.[54] Offering the market data feeds to Non-Professional Users at a lower cost than Professional Users results in greater equity among data recipients, as Professional Users are categorized as such based on their employment and participation in financial markets, and thus, are compensated to participate in the markets. While Non-Professional Users too can receive significant financial benefits through their participation in the markets, the Exchange believes it is reasonable to charge more to those Users who are more directly engaged in the markets.

Non-Display Usage Fees. The Exchange believes the proposed Non-Display Usage fees are equitably allocated because they would require Distributors to pay fees only for the uses

[50] *See* Cboe BZX Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Cboe EDGX Options Fee Schedule, *supra* note 13. *See also* MEMX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101370 (October 17, 2024), 89 FR 84638 (October 23, 2024) (SR–MEMX–2024–40).

[51] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, Section 3), Market Data Definitions, *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100319 (June 12, 2024), 89 FR 51562 (June 19, 2024) (SR–PEARL–2024–25).

[52] *See* Cboe BZX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Cboe EDGX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section, *supra* note 13. *See also* MEMX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101370 (October 17, 2024), 89 FR 84638 (October 23, 2024) (SR–MEMX–2024–40).

[53] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, Section 3), Market Data Definitions, *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100319 (June 12, 2024), 89 FR 51562 (June 19, 2024) (SR–PEARL–2024–25).

[54] *See, e.g.,* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59544 (March 9, 2009), 74 FR 11162 (March 16, 2009) (SR–NYSE–2008–131) (establishing the $15 Non-Professional User Fee (Per User) for NYSE OpenBook); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 20002, File No. S7–433 (July 22, 1983), 48 FR 34552 (July 29, 1983) (establishing Non-Professional fees for CTA data); NASDAQ BX Equity 7 Pricing Schedule, Section 123.

they actually make of the data. As noted above, non-display data can be used by data recipients for a wide variety of profit-generating purposes (including trading and order routing) as well as purposes that do not directly generate revenues (such as risk management and compliance) but nonetheless substantially reduce the recipient's costs by automating certain functions. The Exchange believes that it is equitable to charge non-display data Distributors that use the market data feeds because all such Distributors would have the ability to use such data for as many non-display uses as they wish for one low fee. As noted above, this structure is comparable to that in place for the exchanges referenced above and several other exchanges charge multiple non-display fees to the same client to the extent they use a data feed in several different trading platforms or for several types of non-display use.[55]

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees for the market data feeds are equitably allocated.

The Proposed Fees Are Not Unfairly Discriminatory

The Exchange believes the proposed fees are not unfairly discriminatory because any differences in the application of the fees are based on meaningful distinctions between customers, and those meaningful distinctions are not unfairly discriminatory between customers.

Overall. The Exchange believes that the proposed fees are not unfairly discriminatory because they would apply to all data recipients that choose to subscribe to the same market data feed(s). Any market participant, including market data vendors, that chooses to subscribe to the market data feeds is subject to the same Fee Schedule, regardless of what type of business they operate. Market participants seeking lower cost options may instead choose to receive data from OPRA or another potentially lower cost option such as a market data vendor. The Exchange notes that market participants can also choose to subscribe to a combination of data feeds for redundancy purposes or to use different feeds for different purposes. In sum, each market participant has the ability to choose the best business solution for itself. The Exchange does not believe it is unfairly discriminatory to base pricing upon the amount of information contained in each data feed and the importance of that information to market participants. As described above, the ToM data feed can be utilized to trade on the Exchange but contains less information than available on the MOR data feed. Thus, the Exchange believes it is not unfairly discriminatory for the products to be priced as proposed, with the same fees being proposed for each data feed coupled with the discounts and caps discussed above.

Pro-Rata Distribution of Fees. The Exchange believes that the proposal to no longer pro-rate mid-month changes to market data subscriptions is not unfairly discriminatory because there were no mid-month subscriptions or terminations over the past twelve (12) months that would have required the monthly fee to be pro-rated. The Exchange notes that other options exchanges do not provide for the similar pro-ration of market data fees.[56] Also, removing these provisions would harmonize the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule with the MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, which does not provide for pro-ration.[57]

User Fees. The Exchange believes that the proposed fee, fee levels, and structure that differentiates between Professional User fees from Non-Professional User fees for display use are not unfairly discriminatory. This structure has long been used by other exchanges and OPRA to reduce the price of data to Non-Professional Users and make it more broadly available. Offering the market data feeds to Non-Professional Users with the same data as is available to Professional Users, albeit at a lower cost, results in greater equity among data recipients. These User fees would be charged uniformly to all individuals that have access to the market data feeds based on the category of User.

The Exchange also believes the proposed User fees are not unfairly discriminatory, with higher fees for Professional Users than Non-Professional Users, because Non-Professional Users may have less ability to pay for such data than Professional Users as well as less opportunity to profit from their usage of such data.

Non-Display Usage Fees. The Exchange believes that the proposed Non-Display Usage fees are not unfairly discriminatory because they would require Distributors for non-display use to pay fees depending on their use of the data. As noted above, non-display data can be used by data recipients for a wide variety of profit-generating purposes as well as purposes that do not directly generate revenues but nonetheless substantially reduce the recipient's costs by automating certain functions.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees for the Exchange's market data feeds are not unfairly discriminatory.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,[58] the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Intra-Market Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed fees place certain market participants at a relative disadvantage to other market participants because, as noted above, the proposed fees are associated with usage of the data feed by each market participant, which are still ultimately in the control of any particular Member, and such fees do not impose a barrier to entry to smaller participants. Accordingly, the proposed fees do not favor certain categories of market participants in a manner that would impose a burden on competition; rather, the allocation of the proposed fees reflects the types of data consumed by various market participants and their usage thereof. The Exchange also believes that the proposed fees neither favor nor penalize one or more categories of market participants in a manner that would impose an undue burden on competition.

The Exchange believes its proposal to no longer pro-rate mid-month changes to market data subscriptions does not place an undue burden on intra-market competition because all market participants will be subject to the same Fee Schedule, regardless of which point in the month they subscribe. As noted

[55] *See* Cboe BZX Options Fee Schedule, *available at https://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/fee_schedule/bzx/* (providing fees of $2,000.00 to $3,000.00 for Distribution, which includes Non-Display use); Cboe C2 Fee Schedule, *available at https://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/fee_schedule/ctwo/* (providing a fee $2,500.00 for Distribution, which includes Non-Display use); Nasdaq Options Fee Schedule, *available at, https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=DPPrice ListOptions* (providing a fee of $10,000.00 for Non-Display Use); and the NYSE American fee schedule *available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/data/NYSE_Market_Data_Pricing.pdf* (providing a fee of $5,000.00 for Non-Display Use).

[56] *See* Cboe BZX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Cboe EDGX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section, *supra* note 13. *See also* MEMX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101370 (October 17, 2024), 89 FR 84638 (October 23, 2024) (SR–MEMX–2024–40).

[57] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, Section 3), Market Data Definitions *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100319 (June 12, 2024), 89 FR 51562 (June 19, 2024) (SR–PEARL–2024–25).

[58] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

above, there were no mid-month subscriptions or terminations over the past twelve (12) months that would have required the monthly fee to be pro-rated. The Exchange notes that other options exchanges do not provide for the similar pro-ration of market data fees.[59] Also, removing these provisions would harmonize the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule with the MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, which does not provide for pro-ration.[60]

Inter-Market Competition

The Exchange does not believe the proposed fees place an undue burden on competition on other SROs that is not necessary or appropriate. In particular, market participants are not forced to subscribe to either data feed, as described above. An exchange that overprices its market data products stands a high risk that users may purchase another market's market data product. These competitive pressures ensure that no one exchange's market data fees can impose an unnecessary burden on competition, and the Exchange's proposed fees do not do so here. Additionally, other exchanges have similar market data fees with comparable rates in place for their participants. Other options exchanges are free to adopt comparable fee structures subject to the Commission's rule filing process.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,[61] and Rule 19b–4(f)(2)[62] thereunder. 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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–EMERALD–2025–11 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–EMERALD–2025–11. 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–EMERALD–2025–11 and should be submitted on or before June 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[63]

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[59] *See* Cboe BZX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section and Cboe EDGX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section. *See also* MEMX Options Fee Schedule, Market Data Fees section *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101370 (October 17, 2024), 89 FR 84638 (October 23, 2024) (SR–MEMX–2024–40).

[60] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule, Section 3), Market Data Definitions *and* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100319 (June 12, 2024), 89 FR 51562 (June 19, 2024) (SR–PEARL–2024–25).

[61] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

[62] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

[63] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–103096; File No. SR–FICC–2025–014]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend and Restate the Cross-Margining Agreement Between FICC and CME

May 21, 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 May 9, 2025, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (''FICC'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''SEC'' or ''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the clearing agency. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The FICC is proposing a rule change related to its cross-margining arrangement (the ''Cross-Margining Arrangement'') with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (''CME''). The proposed rule change consists of a proposed Second Amended and Restated Cross-Margining Agreement (the ''Second A&R Agreement'') between FICC and CME (CME, collectively FICC and CME are referred to herein as the ''Clearing Organizations'' or ''Parties''). The proposed Second A&R Agreement would replace the current Amended and Restated Cross-Margining Agreement between the Parties (the ''Existing Agreement'')[3] in its entirety and would be incorporated into the FICC Government Securities Division (''GSD'') Rulebook (''GSD Rules''). The

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98327 (Sept. 8, 2023), 88 FR 63185 (Sept. 14, 2023) (SR–FICC–2023–010).

proposed rule change does not require any changes to the text of the GSD Rules.[4] [5]

II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency 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 clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Executive Summary

Generally, the purpose of the Cross-Margining Arrangement is to enable FICC and CME to recognize for margin purposes the offsetting risk of positions maintained by a member (or a member and its Affiliate) at the two Clearing Organizations in circumstances when the Clearing Organizations can look to all of those positions (and all associated margin) for performance of the member's obligations. In particular, the Cross-Margining Arrangement allows the Clearing Organizations to consider the net risk of a participant's eligible positions at FICC and CME when setting margin requirements for such positions.[6] Any resulting margin reductions create capital efficiencies for participating members and incentivize such members to maintain portfolios that present lower overall risk. It also facilitates the ability of clearing members and their indirect participant affiliates to access central clearing by ensuring that their margin obligations are commensurate to the risks of their portfolios.

Pursuant to the terms of the Existing Agreement, a joint clearing member of the Clearing Organizations (a ''Joint Clearing Member'') that participates in the Cross-Margining Arrangement may designate any of its accounts at FICC (except its Sponsoring Member Omnibus Account) to be cross-margined with a cross-margining account on the books of CME (each such account, a ''Cross-Margining Account''). In addition, a Joint Clearing Member may include in a Cross-Margining Account both its proprietary positions and those of an affiliate, as long as the affiliate is not a customer under certain rules of the SEC and its account on the records of the Joint Clearing Member is a ''proprietary account'' within the meaning of 17 CFR 1.3 (an ''Eligible Affiliate'').

On December 13, 2023, the SEC amended Rule 17ad–22 to require FICC to mandate that Netting Members submit for the clearance and settlement of eligible secondary market transactions (the ''U.S. Treasury Clearing Rule'') and to require FICC to calculate, collect, and hold margin for transactions in U.S. Treasury securities that a Netting Member submits to FICC on behalf of an indirect participant, including an affiliate of the Netting Member, separately and independently from margin for the Netting Member's proprietary positions in U.S. Treasury securities (''Separate Margining Requirement'').[7]

FICC has adopted amendments to the GSD Rules to implement the Separate Margining Requirement (the ''Separate Margining Amendments'').[8] These amendments went into effect on March 24, 2025.[9] Under the Separate Margining Amendments, a Netting Member will need to ensure that transactions it submits to FICC for the benefit of an indirect participant are recorded in an Indirect Participants Account, such as an Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account, rather than in one of the Netting Member's Proprietary Accounts.[10] At the same time, the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (''CFTC'') applicable to the positions that a Joint Clearing Member maintains at CME for an Eligible Affiliate require that such positions be maintained in the Joint Clearing Member's house account in which the Joint Clearing Member may also maintain its own proprietary positions.[11]

The purpose of the proposed Second A&R Agreement is to make certain technical changes that are designed to account for this difference in account structure so that an Eligible Affiliate of a Joint Clearing Member that accesses FICC's clearing services and the Cross-Margining Arrangement through a Joint Clearing Member will continue to be able to participate in the Cross-Margining Arrangement in accordance with the Separate Margining Requirement and Separate Margining Amendments.

The key changes reflected in the proposed Second A&R Agreement set forth below are principally those necessary to enable Eligible Affiliates to continue participating in the Cross-Margining Arrangement in accordance with the Separate Margining Requirement and Separate Margining Amendments. They consist of:

- A requirement for any Joint Clearing Member that wishes to subject the eligible positions of an Eligible Affiliate (a ''Participating Affiliate'') to the Cross-Margining Arrangement to cause such positions, to the extent cleared at FICC, to be recorded in an Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account, which account must contain exclusively the positions of the Joint Clearing Member's Eligible Affiliates.
- Changes to reflect the role of a Participating Affiliate as a principal on the FICC-cleared eligible positions that are subject to the Cross-Margining Arrangement and recorded in an Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account. These changes include adjustments to

[4] The Existing Agreement is incorporated in the GSD Rules available at *www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures.* Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the GSD Rules (as amended by recent rule changes approved by the SEC) on November 21, 2024), which includes the Existing Agreement. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101694 (Nov. 21, 2024), 89 FR 93784 (Nov. 27, 2024) (SR–FICC–2024–005); and No. 101695 (Nov. 21, 2024), 89 FR 93763 (Nov. 27, 2024) (SR–FICC–2024–007).

[5] Proposed Second Amended and Restated Cross-Margining Agreement by Fixed Income Clearing Corporation and Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.

[6] *See* Section 4, ''Calculation of the Cross-Margin Requirements'' of the Existing Agreement, *supra* note 4.

[7] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 99149 (Dec. 13, 2023), 89 FR 2714 (Jan. 16, 2024) (S7–23–22).

[8] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101695 (Nov. 21, 2024), 89 FR 93763 (Nov. 27, 2024) (SR–FICC–2024–007).

[9] On February 25, 2025, the SEC granted temporary exemptive relief to covered clearing agencies providing central counterparty services for U.S. Treasury *securities* from enforcing their written policies and procedures related to the Separate Margining Requirement until September 30, 2025. FICC has issued an Important Notice concerning such relief, which is available at *www.dtcc.com/-/media/Files/pdf/2025/2/26/GOV1909-25.pdf.*

[10] *See supra* note 8.

[11] *See* 7 U.S.C. 6d (permitting the commingling of futures customer property solely with the property of other futures customers); 17 CFR 1.3, ''Customer'' (deeming the holder of a ''proprietary account'' not to be a customer for purposes of 7 U.S.C. 6d); 17 CFR 1.3 ''proprietary account'' (''This term means commodity futures . . . account carried on the books and records of an individual, a partnership, corporation or other type of association: . . . (2) Of which ten percent or more is owned by one of the following persons, or an aggregate of ten percent or more of which is owned by more than one of the following persons: . . . (vii) A business affiliate that directly or indirectly controls such individual, partnership, corporation or association; or (viii) A business affiliate that, directly or indirectly is controlled by or is under common control with, such individual, partnership, corporation or association. . . .'').

descriptions of payment and transfer obligations to make clear that they may be owed by or to an Eligible Affiliate in the case of FICC-cleared eligible positions. They also include provisions to preserve the ability of the Clearing Organizations to look to the positions a Joint Clearing Member carries for a Participating Affiliate and all associated margin to satisfy the Joint Clearing Member's obligations to the Clearing Organizations in relation to Cross-Margining Accounts.

Clarifications to ensure that the use of the Cross-Margining Arrangement by Participating Affiliates does not affect the claims of any non-participating customers of a Joint Clearing Member under applicable Customer Protection Regimes (as defined below). In addition to the foregoing changes, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would contain revisions to extend from 30 days to 180 days the notice period in which FICC or CME may provide written notice to the other party of its election to terminate the proposed Second A&R Agreement.[12] Although this proposed change is not necessary to enable Eligible Affiliates to participate in the Cross-Margining Arrangement in accordance with the Separate Margining Requirement, the Parties believe this adjustment would provide FICC and CME with the necessary time needed to unwind the Cross-Margining Arrangement if that ever becomes necessary.

These changes would not otherwise affect the functioning of the Cross-Margining Arrangement, including the calculation of margin reductions and default management, under the Existing Agreement.

In addition, the Existing Agreement is supplemented by a Service Level Agreement (''SLA'') between FICC and CME. FICC and CME will make edits to the SLA as necessary to ensure conformance with the proposed Second A&R Agreement.[13]

A. The Proposed Second A&R Agreement

Overview

As noted above, FICC proposes to enter into the proposed Second A&R Agreement with CME. The proposed amendments to the Existing Agreement are designed to permit an Eligible Affiliate to have its positions cross-margined pursuant to the Cross-Margining Arrangement consistent with Separate Margining Requirement and the Separate Margining Amendments. FICC believes that such amendments would promote the maintenance of lower risk and more balanced portfolios and facilitate the access of indirect participants to central clearing in accordance with Rule 17ad–22.

1. Proposal To Ensure Compliance With Separate Margining Requirement

In order to facilitate an Eligible Affiliate's participation in the Cross-Margining Arrangement consistent with the Separate Margining Requirement and the Separate Margining Amendments, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would continue to permit a Joint Clearing Member to subject eligible positions cleared for an Eligible Affiliate to the Cross-Margining Arrangement but would require any such positions cleared at FICC to be recorded in an Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account. More specifically, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would contain a new clause providing that in the event transactions or positions maintained in an Account are not the proprietary transactions or positions of the Cross-Margining Participant,[14] then such transactions or positions and margin therefore may only be maintained in a Cross-Margining Account at FICC if (i) the transactions, positions and margin are maintained by the Cross-Margining Participant for an Eligible Affiliate, and (ii) the Account in which the transactions and positions in FICC Eligible Products are recorded is an Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account [15] that contains exclusively the transactions and positions of the Eligible Affiliate(s).[16] In order to ensure these conditions (the ''Separate Margining Conditions'') are satisfied, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would add certain provisions to the Cross-Margining Agreement (Common Member) attached as Appendix A to the proposed Second A&R Agreement (the ''Common Member Agreement''), which all Joint Clearing Members would be required to execute with the Clearing Organizations. Those provisions would consist of representations by the Joint Clearing Member to the Clearing Organizations that the Separate Margining Conditions are met.[17]

By virtue of these changes, in no circumstance would any proprietary securities positions of the Joint Clearing Member at FICC (or any proprietary margin securing those positions) be incorporated into or netted against FICC's calculation of the margin requirement applicable to the positions the Joint Clearing Member carries for its Eligible Affiliates.

2. Proposals To Address the Role of Participating Affiliates as Principal

Under the GSD Rules, when an Agent Clearing Member clears an Agent Clearing Member Transaction for an Executing Firm Customer, it ''acts solely as agent.'' [18] Accordingly, an Executing Firm Customer, such as a Participating Affiliate, is a principal on such transaction. The proposed Second A&R Agreement would include changes to reflect the role of a Participating Affiliate as principal on the Eligible Positions recorded in an Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account. In particular, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would adjust a number of defined terms, including ''Cross-Margin VM Gain,'' ''Cross-Margin VM Loss,''

[12] *See* Sections 15(a) and (b), ''Termination'' of the Existing Agreement, *supra* note 4.

[13] The SLA is provided as confidential Exhibit 3 to this proposed rule change.

[14] *See* Section 1 of the Existing Agreement (defining ''Cross Margining Participant'' as ''a Joint Clearing Member that has become, or a Clearing Member that is part of a pair of Cross-Margining Affiliates each of which has become, a participant in the cross-margining arrangement between FICC and CME established pursuant to this Agreement. . . .''), *supra* note 4.

[15] *See* GSD Rule 8, Section 5, *supra* note 4. As a result of the recent amendment to GSD Rules to facilitate access to clearance and settlement of all eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities (the ''Access Amendments''), FICC will offer two different types of Indirect Participant Accounts for use without margin segregation: the Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account and the Sponsoring Member Omnibus Account. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101694 (Nov. 21, 2024), 89 FR 93784 (Nov. 27, 2024) (SR–FICC–2024–005). The GSD Rules do not currently permit a Joint Clearing Member to designate a Sponsoring Member Omnibus Account as a Cross-Margining Account. See GSD Rule 3A, Section 10(h). FICC is not proposing to change this limitation. FICC calculates margin obligations for Sponsoring Member Omnibus Accounts that are not designated for segregation in a different manner from how it calculates margin requirements for Proprietary Accounts and Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Accounts that are not designated for segregation. In particular, FICC generally calculates margin requirements for Sponsoring Member Omnibus Accounts on a gross (*i.e.,* Sponsored Member-by-Sponsored Member) basis, while it calculates margin for Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Accounts that are not designated for segregation and Proprietary Accounts on a net basis across all positions in the account. As a result, significant systems and other changes would be necessary to allow Joint Clearing Members to record Eligible Positions of Participating Affiliates in a Sponsoring Member Omnibus Account. FICC is not aware of any market interest in using unsegregated Sponsoring Member Omnibus Accounts for purposes of cross-margining involving Eligible Affiliates.

[16] A Joint Clearing Member and any Eligible Affiliate(s) would need to satisfy FICC's requirements to be an Agent Clearing Member and an Executing Firm, respectively, in accordance with GSD Rule 8, *supra* note 4.

[17] *See* Appendix A, ''Fixed Income Clearing Corporation/Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. Cross-Margining Participant Agreement (Common Member)'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[18] *See* GSD Rules, Rule 8, Section 5(b), *supra* note 2; Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101695 (Nov. 21, 2024), 89 FR 93763 (Nov. 27, 2024) (SR–FICC–2024–007).

''Liquidation Cost,'' ''Margin,'' ''Other VM Gain,'' ''Other VM Loss,'' ''Variation Margin,'' [19] as well as the provisions of Section 7 relating to the termination of a Cross-Margining Participant to recognize that payment or delivery obligations may be owed by or to an Eligible Participant, rather than by or to the Joint Clearing Member.[20]

In addition, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would include a number of additions to the Common Member Agreement to ensure that, as is the case with the Existing Agreement, FICC and CME would be able to look to the entirety of a Participating Affiliate's Eligible Positions and all associated margin to satisfy the obligations arising from the Joint Clearing Member's Cross-Margining Accounts at FICC and CME. In particular, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would require each Joint Clearing Member to agree in the Common Member Agreement, as agent for each of its Participating Affiliates, that each such Participating Affiliate (i) unconditionally promises to pay any amounts owing in respect of the Cross-Margining Accounts established for such Participating Affiliate (each, an ''Affiliate Account''), (ii) agrees that it is jointly and severally liable for any payment obligation in respect of any Cross-Margining Account of the Joint Clearing Member, in an amount up to the liquidation value of the positions maintained for the Participating Affiliate in any Affiliate Account and, without duplication, the value realized on any margin or other collateral held for any such account, and (iii) agrees it is bound by the GSD Rules and the CME rules as applicable to a Participating Affiliate and by the provisions of the proposed Second A&R Agreement and Common Member Agreement.[21]

In order to ensure the effectiveness of these agreements by a Joint Clearing Member on behalf of its Participating Affiliates, each Joint Clearing Member would represent and warrant in the Common Member Agreement that it has full power and authority to bind each of its Participating Affiliates to the foregoing terms and that before permitting an Eligible Affiliate to be a Participating Affiliate it will have obtained such Participating Affiliate's written consent to such terms.[22] The proposed Common Member Agreement would require each Joint Clearing Member to provide such written consent to the Clearing Organizations upon their request.[23]

Furthermore, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would include revisions to the security interest language in the Common Member Agreement so that the obligations secured include those of the Participating Affiliate, and that the Joint Clearing Member grants the security interest on behalf of itself and each Participating Affiliate.[24]

These proposed changes to the Common Member Agreement would ensure that, if a Joint Clearing Member defaults and FICC makes payment to CME pursuant to the cross-guarantee set forth in the proposed Second A&R Agreement,[25] FICC would be able to set off and apply to its claim for reimbursement the positive liquidation value of each Participating Affiliate's positions and the margin securing such positions.[26]

3. Proposals Relating to Customer Protection

The proposed Second A&R Agreement would include provisions to ensure that, consistent with the Existing Agreement, the use of the Cross-Margining Arrangement by Participating Affiliates would not affect the customer protections available to any non-participating customers of the Joint Clearing Member under the Securities Investor Protection Act (''SIPA''), the stockbroker liquidation provisions of Subchapter III of Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, the commodity broker liquidation provisions of Subchapter IV of Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Part 190 regulations thereunder (collectively, the ''Customer Protection Regimes''). In order to accomplish this, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would limit the scope of Eligible Affiliates to entities that are Non-Customers,[27] which the proposed Second A&R Agreement would define as ''any Affiliate of the Clearing Member (i) that is not a 'customer' of the Clearing Member within the meaning of Securities Investor Protection Act, Subchapter III of Chapter 7 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or Rule 15c3–3 as promulgated under the Act [28] and (ii) whose Eligible Positions in CME Eligible Products are carried in a Proprietary Account of the Clearing Member.'' [29]

In addition, the proposed Second A&R Agreement would require that each Affiliate Account be limited to the positions of Non-Customers (or in the case of an Affiliate Account at CME, the Joint Clearing Member's proprietary positions) and any margin posted to FICC in relation to such an account would not be subject to segregation. It would achieve this by requiring a Joint Clearing Member to represent in the Common Member Agreement that any Participating Affiliate is a Non-Customer, that any Cross-Margining Account (whether at CME or FICC) includes exclusively the positions of Non-Customers or the Joint Clearing Member, and that any margin posted to FICC in relation to an Eligible Affiliate account is not subject to segregation under the Rules.[30] These proposed changes are designed to ensure that no Participating Affiliate would have a claim under any Customer Protection Regime in relation to its Affiliate Account or Eligible Positions that could disrupt the priority rights of any customers of a Joint Clearing Member under those regimes to segregated pools of property.

4. Proposal To Extend the Termination Notification Period

The proposed Second A&R Agreement would revise Sections 15(a) and (b) of the Existing Agreement (Termination) to extend the prior written notification period for either party to terminate the Cross-Margining Arrangement from 30 days to 180 days.[31] While this proposed

[19] *See* Section 1, ''Definitions'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[20] *See* Section 7(a), ''Suspension and Liquidation of Cross-Margining Participant'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[21] *See supra* note 17.

[22] *See id.*

[23] *See id.*

[24] *See id.*

[25] The cross-guarantee would remain unchanged, *see* Section 8, ''Guaranty of FICC to CME'' and Section 9 ''Guaranty of CME to FICC'' of the Existing Agreement, *supra* note 4.

[26] The proposed Second A&R Agreement also includes a number of acknowledgments and agreements from each Joint Clearing Member, as agent for each Participating Affiliate, about the treatment of CME-cleared positions and CME-held margin and the Participating Affiliate's rights and obligations related thereto. *See* Appendix A, ''Fixed Income Clearing Corporation/Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. Cross-Margining Participant Agreement (Common Member)'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[27] *See* ''Recitals'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[28] In order for an Affiliate to constitute a non-customer for purposes of SIPA, the Affiliate would generally need to enter into a subordination agreement with the Joint Clearing Member pursuant to which the Affiliate agrees and acknowledges that its FICC-cleared positions and margin maintained in a Cross- Margining Account will not receive customer treatment under the Exchange Act or SIPA or be treated as ''customer property'' as defined in 11 U.S.C. 741 in a liquidation of the Joint Clearing Member.

[29] *See* Section 1, ''Definitions'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[30] *See* Section 15, ''Termination'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[31] Pursuant to the Existing Agreement, either Party may terminate the Agreement without cause by delivering written notice of termination to the other Party specifying a termination date not less than 30 days following the date on which such notice is sent. *See* Sections 15(a) and (b),

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change is not required to facilitate the principal purpose of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, which is to allow Eligible Affiliates to participate in the Cross-Margining Arrangement consistently with the Separate Margining Requirement and Separate Margining Amendments, it would provide for a more effective timeframe for the Parties to unwind the Cross-Margining Arrangement, which would benefit FICC as well as all Cross-Margining Participants, including any Eligible Affiliates, where applicable.

B. Implementation of the Proposal

As noted above, the principal purpose of the proposed Second A&R Agreement is to allow Eligible Affiliates to participate in cross-margining in a manner consistent with the Separate Margining Requirement and the Separate Margining Amendments. The proposed Second A&R Agreement would therefore not become effective and replace the Existing Agreement until the latest of (i) the date both the SEC approves this proposed rule change and the CFTC approves CME's proposed rule change and (ii) a date agreed to by FICC and CME.[32] No later than two (2) business days following the date of the Commission's approval of this proposed rule change, FICC would add a legend to the proposed Second A&R Agreement to state that the specified changes are approved but not yet operative. The legend would also include the file number of the approved proposed rule change, and would state that once operative, the legend would automatically be removed from the proposed Second A&R Agreement. FICC would issue an important notice to members providing notice of the specific operative date at least two weeks prior to such date.

2. Statutory Basis

FICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A of the Act[33] and the rules thereunder applicable to FICC.

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act, requires, in part, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible.[34] FICC believes that the proposed rule change would assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in its custody or control for which it is responsible for a number of reasons.

First, the proposed rule change would create a framework through which Eligible Affiliates may engage in cross-margining consistent with the Separate Margining Requirement and Separate Margining Amendments.[35] As the Commission recently found, those rule changes should allow FICC to better identify and measure the unique risk profiles of each Netting Member and indirect participant, enhancing FICC's ability to calculate and collect sufficient margin from each Netting Member and indirect participant to cover potential losses from a Netting Member or indirect participant default, thereby reducing the likelihood that FICC, Netting Members, or indirect participants would incur losses resulting from a default. As a result, the changes should limit FICC's risk to a Netting Member or indirect participant default and thereby enhance its ability to safeguard securities and funds in its control and for which it is responsible.[36]

Cross-margining likewise reduces the likelihood of FICC, its Netting Members, or its indirect participants incurring a loss on account of a default by aligning each participant's margin requirements with the risk of such participant's positions. Such alignment serves to incentivize the participant to maintain portfolios that present lower risk, which in turn serves to reduce the risk of such participant's default and FICC's exposure thereto. Accordingly, by allowing an Eligible Affiliate to engage in cross-margining activity in a way that is consistent with the Separate Margining Requirement and the Separate Margining Amendments, the proposed rule change would serve to promote both the risk-reducing effects of the Separate Margining Requirements and the Separate Margining Amendments and those of cross-margining. They would thus serve to enhance FICC's ability to safeguard the securities and funds in its control or for which it is responsible.

Second, the proposed rule change would ensure that FICC and CME can continue to look to the entirety of a Participating Affiliate's cross-margined positions and all associated margin to satisfy the obligations arising from the Joint Clearing Member's Cross-Margining Accounts at FICC and CME.[37] The Existing Agreement currently allows FICC and CME to apply to a Joint Clearing Member's obligations arising from its Cross-Margining Accounts, any of the positions forming part of the Joint Clearing Member's Cross-Margining Accounts, and any associated margin, including positions carried by the Joint Clearing Member for an affiliate. By retaining the ability of FICC and CME to look to those positions and associated margin to satisfy a Joint Clearing Member's obligations, the proposed rule change would ensure that allowing Participating Affiliates to participate in cross-margining in accordance with FICC's revised account structure would not increase FICC's or CME's risk exposure in relation to the Cross-Margining Arrangement. Accordingly, the proposed rule change would serve to limit FICC's risk related to a default of a Joint Clearing Member or its Participating Affiliate and thereby enhance FICC's ability to safeguard funds and securities.

Third, the proposed rule change would include provisions to ensure that the participation of Participating Affiliates would not disrupt the claims of any non-participating customers of a Joint Clearing Member under the Customer Protection Regimes for the return of their funds or securities held at FICC. More specifically, the proposed rule change would require that an Affiliate Account contains positions carried for Participating Affiliates, such positions must be positions of Non-Customers that have not elected margin segregation.[38] By doing so, the proposed rule change would ensure that neither Participating Affiliates nor others whose positions are carried in Affiliate Accounts are eligible to make claims under the Customer Protection Regimes that could reduce the property available to satisfy any veritable customer claims against a Joint Clearing Member. Accordingly, it would ensure that funds and securities in FICC's control or custody that are held for customers remain safeguarded for those customers to the same extent as would be the case in the absence of the Cross-Margining Arrangement.

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.[39] For the reasons set out below, FICC believes that the proposed rule change would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate

''Termination'' of the Existing Agreement, *supra* note 4.

[32] *See* Section 18(j), ''Effective Date'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[33] 15 U.S.C. 78q–1.

[34] 15 U.S.C. 78q–1(b)(3)(F).

[35] *See* ''Recitals'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[36] *Supra* note 8.

[37] *Supra* note 5.

[38] *See id.*

[39] 15 U.S.C. 78q–1(b)(3)(F).

clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

First, the proposed rule change would permit Eligible Affiliates to continue participating in the Cross-Margining Arrangement in accordance with the Separate Margining Requirement. By doing so, the proposed rule change would serve to maintain the incentives for Joint Clearing Members and their Eligible Affiliates to submit transactions for central clearing. Specifically, the proposed rule change would continue to allow Joint Clearing Members and Participating Affiliates to benefit from margin efficiencies and savings that arise from cross-margining and that serve to reduce the costs of Eligible Affiliates to access FICC's clearance and settlement services and the costs of Joint Clearing Members to facilitate such access. Therefore, the proposed rule change would continue encouraging market participants to submit more Treasury securities transactions to be cleared at FICC. The maintenance of such incentives to submit transactions for clearance and settlement at FICC would promote the diversity and scope of market participants able to utilize FICC's multilateral netting, trade guaranty and centralized default management services, which would help reduce the aggregate costs that would be incurred by market participants to engage in securities transactions. Therefore, the proposed rule change would serve to promote prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.[40]

Second, the proposed rule change would include clarifying changes to reflect the role of a Participating Affiliate as a principal. These changes would improve public understanding of how the Cross-Margining Arrangement works and make it easier for Eligible Affiliates to consider the benefits and risks of participating in the Cross-Margining Arrangement, thereby improving the ability of Joint Clearing Members and Eligible Affiliates to access FICC's clearance and settlement systems.[41]

Given the foregoing, FICC believes that the proposed rule change is designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.[42]

Rule 17ad–22(e)(6)(i) under the Act requires that a covered clearing agency establish a risk-based margin system that, at a minimum, considers, and produces margin levels commensurate with, the risks and particular attributes of each relevant product, portfolio, and market and, if the covered clearing agency provides central counterparty services for U.S. Treasury securities, calculates, collects, and holds margin amounts from a direct participant for its proprietary positions in Treasury securities separately and independently from margin calculated and collected from that direct participant in connection with U.S. Treasury securities transactions by an indirect participant that relies on the services provided by the direct participant to access the covered clearing agency's payment, clearing, or settlement facilities.[43] FICC believes that the proposed rule change would ensure the satisfaction of this Separate Margining Requirement. This is because the proposed Second A&R Agreement would require that the FICC-cleared eligible positions of a Participating Affiliate be carried in an Agent Clearing Member Omnibus Account.[44] Accordingly, the proposed rule change would ensure that the FICC-cleared positions of a Participating Affiliate are never netted against any FICC-cleared positions of its Joint Clearing Member in FICC's calculation of margin requirements.

Rule 17ad–22(e)(4)(i) under the Act requires that a covered clearing agency establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to effectively identify, measure, monitor, and manage its credit exposures to participants and those arising from its payment, clearing, and settlement processes by maintaining sufficient financial resources to cover its credit exposure to each participant fully with a high degree of confidence.[45] FICC believes that the proposed rule change would ensure that FICC continues to effectively measure and manage its credit exposure to participants by maintaining sufficient financial resources to cover its exposure thereto with a high degree of confidence. This is because the proposed rule change, as discussed above, would include changes to the Common Member Agreement to ensure that FICC can continue to look to all of the positions a Joint Clearing Member carries in a Cross-Margining Account at FICC or CME, and all associated margin, to satisfy that Joint Clearing Member's obligations in relation to a Cross-Margining Account, even when those positions are carried for a Participating Affiliate.[46] By doing so, the proposed rule change would ensure that the Separate Margining Requirement and FICC's implementing rules thereof do not reduce the scope of resources that FICC can rely upon to satisfy cross-margining exposures.

Rule 17ad–22(e)(23)(ii) under the Act requires that a covered clearing agency establish written policies and procedures providing sufficient information to enable participants to identify and evaluate the risks, fees, and other material costs they incur by participating in the covered clearing agency.[47] As described above, the proposed rule change would include clarifications regarding the types of indirect participants eligible to participate in the Cross-Margining Agreement and the role of Participating Affiliates as principals.[48] The proposed rule change would also include express language making clear that a Participating Affiliate's positions recorded in a Cross-Margining Account, and all associated margin, may be used to satisfy the Joint Clearing Member's obligations in relation to its Cross-Margining Accounts.[49] These changes would accordingly provide clarity to market participants to enable them to evaluate the risks and costs of participating in the Cross-Margining Arrangement in accordance with Rule 17ad–22(e)(23)(ii).

Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(C) under the Act requires, among other things, that a covered clearing agency that provides central counterparty services for transactions in U.S. Treasury securities ensure that it has appropriate means to facilitate access to clearance and settlement services of all eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities, including those of indirect participants. As described above, the proposed rule change would ensure that Eligible Affiliates would continue to be able to participate in the Cross-Margining Arrangement consistent with the Separate Margining Requirement and incentivize market participates, including indirect participants that are Eligible Affiliates, to submit more eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities for clearing under the Cross-Margining Arrangement in light of the

[40] *Id.*

[41] For the avoidance of doubt, the proposed rule change would not implicate the inter-affiliate exception under the U.S. Treasury Clearing Rule because that relates to transactions between a Netting Member and an affiliate. *Supra* note 7.

[42] 15 U.S.C. 78q–1(b)(3)(F).

[43] 17 CFR 240.17ad–22(e)(6)(i).

[44] *See* Section 3(b), ''Establishment of Cross-Margining Accounts'' of the proposed Second A&R Agreement, *supra* note 5.

[45] 17 CFR 240.17ad–22(e)(4)(i).

[46] *Supra* note 5.

[47] 17 CFR 240.17ad–22(e)(23)(ii).

[48] *Supra* note 5.

[49] *See id.*

margin efficiency. Therefore, the proposed rule change would continue to facilitate access to clearance and settlement services of all eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities, including those of indirect participants.[50]

(B) Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition

FICC believes that the proposed rule change to replace the Existing Agreement with the proposed Second A&R Agreement would promote competition by ensuring Eligible Affiliates' continued access to the Cross-Margining Arrangement.

The proposed Second A&R Agreement would ensure that Eligible Affiliates can continue to participate in the Cross-Margining Arrangement consistent with the Separate Margining Requirement. Such undisrupted access would allow Eligible Affiliates to remain on a level playing field with other market participants, such as Joint Clearing Members and Cross-Margining Affiliates, which will continue to be eligible to participate in the Cross-Margining Arrangement for their proprietary positions in accordance with the Separate Margining Requirement and Separate Margining Amendments. Accordingly, the proposed rule change would ensure that the advent of the Separate Margining Requirement and the adoption of the Separate Margining Amendments do not place Eligible Affiliates at an undue competitive disadvantage relative to Joint Clearing Members or Cross-Margining Affiliates by depriving the former, but not the latter, of the ability to cross-margin.

Although the proposed rule change would not extend cross-margining to indirect participants that do not satisfy the definition of Eligible Affiliates, that does not represent a change. Such indirect participants are currently unable to participate in cross-margining due to the account structures, customer protection arrangements, and regulatory approvals that would be necessary to allow such participation. The proposed rule change would not change that, but would merely preserve the status quo of allowing Eligible Affiliates to participate in cross-margining and remain competitive with Joint Clearing Members and Cross-Margining Affiliates.

While the proposed rule change would clarify the scope of what constitutes a Non-Customer and thus the scope of Eligible Participants, FICC does not believe that this change represents a material modification of the market participants that are able to engage in cross-margining. Rather, this change simply aims to clarify what is currently the case, (*i.e.,* that Eligible Participants do not include entities eligible for the Customer Protection Regimes). Accordingly, FICC does not believe this change would materially affect competition.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

FICC has not received or solicited any written comments relating to this proposal. If any written comments are received, they will be publicly filed as an Exhibit 2 to this filing, as required by Form 19b–4 and the General Instructions thereto.

Persons submitting comments are cautioned that, according to Section IV (Solicitation of Comments) of the Exhibit 1A in the General Instructions to Form 19b–4, the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. Commenters should submit only information that they wish to make available publicly, including their name, email address, and any other identifying information.

All prospective commenters should follow the Commission's instructions on *How to Submit a Comment, available at www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/how-submit-comment.* General questions regarding the rule filing process or logistical questions regarding this filing should be directed to the Main Office of the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets at *tradingandmarkets@sec.gov* or 202–551–5777.

FICC reserves the right to not respond to any comments received.

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 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 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 (*https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or
- Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include file number SR–FICC–2025–014 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

All submissions should refer to file number SR–FICC–2025–014. 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 FICC and on DTCC's website (*www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings*). 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–FICC–2025–014 and should be submitted on or before June 18, 2025.

[50] 17 CFR 240.17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(C).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[51]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235–0527]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 7d–2

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.

In Canada, as in the United States, individuals can invest a portion of their earnings in tax-deferred retirement savings accounts (''Canadian retirement accounts''). These accounts, which operate in a manner similar to individual retirement accounts in the United States, encourage retirement savings by permitting savings on a tax-deferred basis. Individuals who establish Canadian retirement accounts while living and working in Canada and who later move to the United States (''Canadian-U.S. Participants'' or ''participants'') often continue to hold their retirement assets in their Canadian retirement accounts rather than prematurely withdrawing (or ''cashing out'') those assets, which would result in immediate taxation in Canada.

Once in the United States, however, these participants historically have been unable to manage their Canadian retirement account investments. Most investment companies (''funds'') that are ''qualified companies'' for Canadian retirement accounts are not registered under the U.S. securities laws. Securities of those unregistered funds, therefore, generally cannot be publicly offered and sold in the United States without violating the registration requirement of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Investment Company Act'').[1] As a result of this registration requirement, Canadian-U.S. Participants previously were not able to purchase or exchange securities for their Canadian retirement accounts as needed to meet their changing investment goals or income needs.

The Commission issued a rulemaking in 2000 that enabled Canadian-U.S. Participants to manage the assets in their Canadian retirement accounts by providing relief from the U.S. registration requirements for offers of securities of foreign issuers to Canadian-U.S. Participants and sales to Canadian retirement accounts.[2] Rule 7d–2 under the Investment Company Act [3] permits foreign funds to offer securities to Canadian-U.S. Participants and sell securities to Canadian retirement accounts without registering as investment companies under the Investment Company Act.

Rule 7d–2 contains a ''collection of information'' requirement within the meaning of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.[4] Rule 7d–2 requires written offering materials for securities offered or sold in reliance on that rule to disclose prominently that those securities and the fund issuing those securities are not registered with the Commission, and that those securities and the fund issuing those securities are exempt from registration under U.S. securities laws. Rule 7d–2 does not require any documents to be filed with the Commission.

Rule 7d–2 requires written offering documents for securities offered or sold in reliance on the rule to disclose prominently that the securities are not registered with the Commission and may not be offered or sold in the United States unless registered or exempt from registration under the U.S. securities laws, and also to disclose prominently that the fund that issued the securities is not registered with the Commission. The burden under the rule associated with adding this disclosure to written offering documents is minimal and is non-recurring. The foreign issuer, underwriter, or broker-dealer can redraft an existing prospectus or other written offering material to add this disclosure statement, or may draft a sticker or supplement containing this disclosure to be added to existing offering materials. In either case, based on discussions with representatives of the Canadian fund industry, the staff estimates that it would take an average of 10 minutes per document to draft the requisite disclosure statement.

The staff estimates that there are 3,887 publicly offered Canadian funds that potentially would rely on the rule to offer securities to participants and sell securities to their Canadian retirement accounts without registering under the Investment Company Act.[5] The staff estimates that all of these funds have previously relied upon the rule and have already made the one-time change to their offering documents required to rely on the rule. The staff estimates that 194 (5 percent) additional Canadian funds would newly rely on the rule each year to offer securities to Canadian-U.S. Participants and sell securities to their Canadian retirement accounts, thus incurring the paperwork burden required under the rule. The staff estimates that each of those funds, on average, distributes 3 different written offering documents concerning those securities, for a total of 582 offering documents. The staff therefore estimates that 194 respondents would make 582 responses by adding the new disclosure statement to 582 written offering documents. The staff therefore estimates that the annual burden associated with the rule 7d–2 disclosure requirement would be 97 hours (582 offering documents × 10 minutes per document). The total annual cost of these burden hours is estimated to be $49,567 (97 hours × $511 per hour of attorney time).[6]

These burden hour estimates are based upon the Commission staff's experience and discussions with the fund industry. The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act. These estimates are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules.

Compliance with the collection of information requirements of the rule is mandatory and is necessary to comply

[51] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 80a. In addition, the offering and selling of securities that are not registered pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 (''Securities Act'') is generally prohibited by U.S. securities laws. 15 U.S.C. 77.

[2] *See* Offer and Sale of Securities to Canadian Tax-Deferred Retirement Savings Accounts, Release Nos. 33–7860, 34–42905, IC–24491 (June 7, 2000) [65 FR 37672 (June 15, 2000)]; this rulemaking also included new rule 237 under the Securities Act, permitting securities of foreign issuers to be offered to Canadian-U.S. Participants and sold to Canadian retirement accounts without being registered under the Securities Act. 17 CFR 230.237.

[3] 17 CFR 270.7d–2.

[4] 44 U.S.C. 3501–3502.

[5] International Investment Funds Association, Worldwide Public Tables for the Second Quarter of 2024, at Table 4, *available at https://iifa.ca/resource/collection/658ACD2D-DB32-4C34-B2F7-129D184E7EAC/WorldwidePublicReportUS_2024-Q2.xlsx*.

[6] The Commission's estimate concerning the wage rate for attorney time is based on salary information for the securities industry compiled by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (''SIFMA''); the $511 per hour figure for an Attorney is based on SIFMA's Management & Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry 2013, updated for 2024, modified by Commission staff to account for an 1,800-hour work-year and inflation, and multiplied by 5.35 to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits and overhead.

with the requirements of the rule in general.

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Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the SEC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the SEC's estimate of the burden imposed by the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated, electronic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comment to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 and send it by email to *PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov* by July 28, 2025.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 19d–3

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 (SEC or ''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the proposed collection of information in Rule 19d–3.

Rule 19d–3 prescribes the form and content of applications to the Commission by persons seeking Commission review of final disciplinary actions against them taken by self-regulatory organizations (''SROs'') for which the Commission is the appropriate regulatory agency. The Commission uses the information provided in the application filed pursuant to Rule 19d–3 to review final actions taken by SROs including: (1) final disciplinary sanctions; (2) denial or conditioning of membership, participation or association; and (3) prohibitions or limitations of access to services offered by a SRO or member thereof.

The staff estimates that 25 respondents will file one application pursuant to Rule 19b–3 each year. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 19d–3 is approximately eighteen hours. We estimate that approximately 10 firms or natural persons would draft the applications themselves, and therefore incur an hour burden of 18 hours each (a total hour burden of 180 hours), and that 15 would hire outside counsel, and therefore incur a cost burden of $8,496 each (a total cost burden of $127,440).

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Please direct your written comment to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 and send it by email to *PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov* by July 28, 2025.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–103100; File No. SR–CboeBZX–2025–066]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Increase the Monthly Fee for 10 Gb Physical Ports

May 21, 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 May 9, 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

The Exchange proposes to increase the monthly fee for 10 Gb physical ports. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

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.

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

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 its fee schedule relating to physical connectivity fees.[3]

By way of background, a physical port is utilized by a Member or non-Member to connect to the Exchange at the data centers where the Exchange's servers are located. The Exchange currently assesses the following physical connectivity fees for Members and non-Members on a monthly basis: $2,500 per physical port for a 1 gigabit (''Gb'') circuit and $7,500 per physical port for a 10 Gb circuit. The Exchange proposes to increase the monthly fee for 10 Gb physical ports from $7,500 to $8,500 per port. The Exchange notes the proposed fee change better enables it to continue to maintain and improve its market technology and services and also notes that the proposed fee amount, even as amended, continues to be in line with, or even lower than, amounts assessed by other exchanges for similar connections.[4] The Exchange also notes that a single 10 Gb physical port can be used to access the Systems of the following affiliate exchanges: the Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (options and equities platforms), Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., and Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., (''Affiliate Exchanges'').[5] Notably, only one monthly fee currently (and will continue) to apply per 10 Gb physical port regardless of how many affiliated exchanges are accessed through that one port.[6]

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Act'') and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.[7] Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)[8] 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)[9] requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4)[10] of the Act, which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. This belief is based on various factors as described below.

First, the Exchange believes its proposal is reasonable as it reflects a moderate increase in physical connectivity fees for 10 Gb physical ports and its offering, even as amended, continues to be more affordable as compared to analogous physical connectivity offerings at competitor exchanges. For example, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq'') and its affiliated exchanges charge a monthly fee of $16,500 for each 10Gbps Ultra fiber connection and $11,000 per month for each 10 Gbps fiber connection to their respective exchange.[11] The Exchange's proposed fee of $8,500 per physical port is lower than both of these offerings.

Yet another example of higher fees charged by a competitor exchange is the 10Gpbs LX LCN Circuits offered by the New York Stock Exchange LLC and its affiliates (collectively, ''NYSE''). NYSE charges a fee of $22,000 per month,[12] per port in contrast to the Exchange's proposed monthly fee of $8,500 per month, per port. Despite the Exchange proposing to increase its fee for its 10 Gb physical port, it still comes in at a cost significantly lower than its competitors.

Lastly, the Exchange also points towards the equivalent offering from MIAX Pearl which is $8,000 per port per month for its 10 Gigabit ULL connection.[13] However, the Exchange reiterates that a single physical port offered by the Exchange offers the ability to connect to the Affiliated Exchanges (equities and options) and the monthly price does not change based on the number of exchanges a participant is connected to. In this case, examining only the Exchange's affiliated equities exchanges, a participant could purchase a single physical port from the Exchange and access roughly 11% of the U.S. Equities Market, in contrast to purchasing a single port from MIAX Pearl and accessing only around 1% of the U.S. Equities Market.[14]

The Exchange also believes the current fee does not properly reflect the quality of the service and product, as fees for 10 Gb physical ports have been static in nominal terms since 2018, and therefore falling in real terms due to inflation. As a general matter, the Producer Price Index (''PPI'') is a family of indexes that measures the average change over time in selling prices received by domestic producers of

[3] The Exchange initially filed the proposed fee changes on July 3, 2023 (SR–CboeBZX–2023–046). On September 1, 2023, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2023–067. On September 29, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a Suspension of and Order Instituting Proceedings to Determine whether to Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change to Amend its Fees Schedule Related to Physical Port Fees (the ''OIP'') in anticipation of a possible U.S. government shutdown. On October 2, 2023, the Exchange filed the proposed fee change (SR–CboeBZX–2023–080). On October 13, 2023, the Exchange withdrew that filing and on business date October 16, 2023 submitted SR–CboeBZX–2023–084. On December 12, 2023, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2023–103. On February 9, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2024–016. On April 9, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2024–027. On June 7, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2024–051. On August 29, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2024–079. On October 25, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2024–106. On October 28, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2024–108. On December 18, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2024–127. On February 14, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2025–029. On March 13, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2025–042. On May 9, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

[4] *See e.g.,* The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq''), General 8, Connectivity to the Exchange. Nasdaq and its affiliated exchanges charge a monthly fee of $16,500 for each 10Gb Ultra fiber connection to the respective exchange. *See also* New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Chicago Inc., NYSE National, Inc. Connectivity Fee Schedule, which provides that 10 Gb LX LCN Circuits (which are analogous to the Exchange's 10 Gb physical port) are assessed $22,000 per month, per port.

[5] The Affiliate Exchanges are also submitting contemporaneous identical rule filings.

[6] The Exchange notes that conversely, other exchange groups charge separate port fees for access to separate, but affiliated, exchanges. *See e.g.,* Securities and Exchange Release No. 99822 (March 21, 2024), 89 FR 21337 (March 27, 2024) (SR–MIAX–2024–016).

[7] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[8] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[9] *Id.*

[10] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[11] *See* The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq''), General 8, Connectivity to the Exchange.

[12] *See* New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Chicago Inc., NYSE National, Inc. Connectivity Fee Schedule.

[13] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule.

[14] *See* Cboe U.S. Equities Market Volume Summary (May 5, 2025).

goods and services. PPI measures price change from the perspective of the seller. This contrasts with other metrics, such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI), that measure price change from the purchaser's perspective.[15] About 10,000 PPIs for individual products and groups of products are tracked and released each month.[16] PPIs are available for the output of nearly all industries in the goods-producing sectors of the U.S. economy—mining, manufacturing, agriculture, fishing, and forestry—as well as natural gas, electricity, and construction, among others. The PPI program covers approximately 69 percent of the service sector's output, as measured by revenue reported in the 2017 Economic Census.

For purposes of this proposal, the relevant industry-specific PPI is the Data Processing, hosting and related services (''Data PPI'') and more particularly the more granular service line Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services: Hosting, Active Server Pages (ASP), and Other Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Provisioning Services.[17]

The Data PPI was introduced in January 2002 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (''BLS'') as part of an ongoing effort to expand Producer Price Index coverage of the services sector of the U.S. economy and is identified as NAICS—518210 in the North American Industry Classification System (''NAICS'').[18] According to the BLS ''[t]he primary output of NAICS 518210 is the provision of electronic data processing services. In the broadest sense, computer services companies help their customers efficiently use technology. The processing services market consists of vendors who use their own computer systems—often utilizing proprietary software—to process customers' transactions and data. Price movements for the NAICS 518210 index are based on changes in the revenue received by companies that provide data processing services and price movements for the service line NAICS 518210 index are based on changes in the revenue received by companies that provide, among other things, IT infrastructure provisioning services. Each month, companies provide net transaction prices for a specified service. The transaction is an actual contract selected by probability, where the price-determining characteristics are held constant while the service is repriced. The prices used in index calculation are the actual prices billed for the selected service contract.'' [19]

The service (product) lines for which price indexes are available under the Data PPI are: (1) business process management services (2) data management and storage information transformation and other services and (3) hosting ASP and other IT infrastructure provisioning services. The most apt of these industry and product specific categorizations for purposes of this present proposal to modify fees for the 10 Gb physical port fee measures inflation for the provision of data processing, hosting and related services as well as other information technology infrastructure provisioning services which BLS identifies as identified as NAICS—5182105.[20] The Exchange believes that this measure of inflation is particularly appropriate because the Exchange's connectivity services involve hosting and providing connections to its customers' telecommunications and information technology equipment, as well as preparing, assigning, and activating IT infrastructure components, such as servers, storage, and network connectivity. The Exchange also uses its ''proprietary software,'' *i.e.,* its own proprietary matching engine software, to receive orders on the Exchange's proprietary trading platform as well as to collect, organize, store and report customers' transactions. In other words, the Exchange is in the business of data processing, hosting, ASP, and providing other IT infrastructure provisioning services. Specifically, within this category, the Exchange points to the financial business process management services category under the umbrella of data processing.[21] The financial business process management services is described as ''providing a bundled service package that combines information-technology-intensive services with labor (manual or professional depending on the solution), machinery, and facilities to support, host and manage a financial business process for a client, such as financial transaction processing, credit card processing, payment services, and lending services.'' [22] The Exchange's connectivity service provides connections to its customers' telecommunications and information technology equipment, as well as preparing, assigning, and activating IT infrastructure components to facilitate the transmission of orders and receipt of financial transactions for its customers' while connected to the Exchange.

Further, the Exchange believes that this specific index is best suited to guide this price increase as it reflects the change in this specific instance over the last seven years instead of looking at the underlying components of the service. PPI has published broad guidance regarding price adjustments for contracts,[23] and within this it noted that contracting parties should choose an index or group of indexes that represent the cost for providing a particular product or service, rather than an index for the product itself.[24] While this helps a contracting seller avoid a circumstance where it is unable to raise its price for the product itself if the underlying components have increased and the PPI for the product itself has not yet increased- this is not the case here. The Exchange instead is using historical data over a seven-year period as a reference point for its proposed increase moving forward- underlying components that have increased over the course of seven years have since (by and large) been reflected in the product itself.

The Exchange further believes the Data PPI is an appropriate measure for purposes of the proposed rule change on the basis that it is a stable metric with limited volatility, unlike other consumer-side inflation metrics. In fact, the Data PPI has not experienced a greater than 2.16% increase for any one calendar year period since Data PPI was introduced into the PPI in January 2002. For example, the average calendar year change from January 2002 to December

[15] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/overview.htm.*

[16] *Id.*

[17] Provisioning is the process of preparing, assigning, and activating IT infrastructure components, such as servers, storage, and network connectivity, according to user requirements. It is a critical part of IT operations, as it ensures that computing resources are available when needed and that they are set up and connected to work correctly.

[18] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/overview.htm.* Among the industry-specific PPIs is for North American Industry Classification System (''NAICS'') Code 518210: ''Data Processing and Related Services,'' NAICS index codes categorize products and services that are common to particular industries. According to BLS, these codes ''provide comparability with a wide assortment of industry-based data for other economic programs, including productivity, production, employment, wages, and earnings.''

[19] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/factsheets/producer-price-index-for-the-data-processing-and-related-services-industry-naics-518210.htm.*

[20] *See https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/PCU5182105182105.*

[21] *See https://voorburggroup.org/Documents/2018%20Rome/Papers/1014.pdf.*

[22] *Id.*

[23] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/publications/price-adjustment-guide-for-contracting-parties.htm#FOOT5.*

[24] ''For example, if an apparel manufacturer were contracting for long-term purchases with a producer of finished fabrics, it would be more advisable to tie the price adjustment clause to a PPI for synthetic fibers, processed yarns and threads, or greige fabrics (raw fabric), rather than to a PPI for a type of finished fabric.'' *Id.*

2023 was .62%, with a cumulative increase of 15.67% over this 21-year period. The Exchange believes the Data PPI is considerably less volatile than other inflation metrics such as CPI, which has had individual calendar-year increases of more than 6.5%, and a cumulative increase of over 73% over the same period.[25]

As noted above, the current 10 Gb physical port fee remained unchanged for almost seven years, particularly since June 2018.[26] Since its last increase almost 7 years ago however, there has been notable inflation, including under the industry- and product-specific PPI, which as described above is a tailored measure of inflation. Particularly, the Hosting, ASP and other IT Infrastructure Provisioning Services inflation measure had a starting value of 102.2 in June 2018 (the month the Exchange started assessing the current fee) and an ending value of 118.502 in January 2025, representing a 16% increase.[27] This indicates that companies who are also in the hosting ASP and other IT infrastructure provisioning services have generally increased prices for a specified service covered under NAICS 5182105 by an average of 16% during this period.

The Exchange also believes that it is reasonable to increase its fees to compensate for inflation because, over time, inflation has degraded the value of each dollar that the Exchange collects in fees, such that the real revenue collected today is considerably less than that same revenue collected in 2018. The impact of this inflationary effect is also independent of any change in the Exchange's costs in providing its goods and services. The Exchange therefore believes that it is reasonable for it to offset, in part, this erosion in the value of the revenues it collects. Additionally, the Exchange historically does not increase fees every year notwithstanding inflation.[28] Other exchanges have also filed for increases in certain fees, based in part on comparisons to inflation.[29] Accordingly, based on the above-described percentage change based on an industry- and product-specific inflationary measure, and in conjunction with the rationale further described above and below, the Exchange believes the proposed fee increase is reasonable.

Next, the Exchange believes significant investments into, and enhanced performance of, the Exchange, in the years following the last 10 Gb physical port fee increase support the reasonableness of the proposed fee increase. These investments enhanced the quality of its services, as measured by, among other things, increased throughput and faster processing speeds. Customers have therefore greatly benefitted from these investments, while the Exchange's ability to recoup its investments has been hampered.

For example, the Exchange and its affiliated exchanges recently launched a multi-year initiative to improve Cboe Exchange Platform performance and capacity requirements to increase competitiveness, support growth and advance a consistent world class platform. The goal of the project, among other things, is to provide faster and more consistent order handling and matching performance for options, while ensuring quicker processing time and supporting increasing volumes and capacity needs. For example, the Exchange recently performed switch hardware upgrades. Particularly, the Exchange replaced existing customer access switches with newer models, which the Exchange believes resulted in increased determinism. The recent switch upgrades also increased the Exchange's capacity to accommodate more physical ports by nearly 50%. Network bandwidth was also increased nearly two-fold as a result of the upgrades, which among other things, can lead to reduce message queuing. The Exchange also believes these newer models result in less natural variance in the processing of messages. The Exchange notes that it incurred costs associated with purchasing and upgrading to these newer models, of which the Exchange has not otherwise passed through or offset.

As of April 1, 2024, market participants also having the option of connecting to a new data center (*i.e.,* Secaucus NY6 Data Center (''NY6'')), in addition to the current data centers at NY4 and NY5. The Exchange made NY6 available in response to customer requests in connection with their need for additional space and capacity. In order to make this space available, the Exchange expended significant resources to prepare this space, and will also incur ongoing costs with respect to maintaining this offering, including costs related to power, space, fiber, cabinets, panels, labor and maintenance of racks. The Exchange also incurred a large cost with respect to ensuring NY6 would be latency equalized, as it is for NY4 and NY5.

The Exchange also has made various other improvements since the current physical port rates were adopted in 2018. For example, the Exchange has updated its customer portal to provide more transparency with respect to firms' respective connectivity subscriptions, enabling them to better monitor, evaluate and adjust their connections based on their evolving business needs. The Exchange also performs proactive audits on a weekly basis to ensure that all customer cross connects continue to fall within allowable tolerances for Latency Equalized connections. Accordingly, the Exchange expended, and will continue to expend, resources to innovate and modernize technology so that it may benefit its Members and continue to compete among other equities markets. The ability to continue to innovate with technology and offer new products to market participants allows the Exchange to remain competitive in the equities space which currently has 16 equities markets and potential new entrants. If the Exchange were not able to assess incrementally higher fees for its connectivity, it would effectively impact how the Exchange manages its technology and hamper the Exchange's ability to continue to invest in and fund access services in a manner that allows it to meet existing and anticipated access demands of market participants. Disapproval of fee changes such as the proposal herein, could also have the adverse effect of discouraging an exchange from improving its operations and implementing innovative technology to the benefit of market participants if it believes the Commission would later prevent that exchange from recouping costs and monetizing its operational enhancements, thus adversely impacting competition as well as the interests of market participants and investors.

Finally, the proposed fee is also the same as is concurrently being proposed for its Affiliate Exchanges. Further, Members are able to utilize a single port to connect to all of its Affiliate Exchanges and will only be charged one

[25] *See https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/consumer-price-index-and-annual-percent-changes-from-1913-to-2008/.*

[26] *See* Securities and Exchange Release No. 83442 (June 14, 2018), 83 FR 28675 (June 20, 2018) (SR-CboeBZX–2018–037).

[27] *See https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/PCU5182105182105.*

[28] As the Exchange historically does not increase fees every year notwithstanding inflation, the Exchange believes that the more specific index is appropriate to look at as it is reflective of the cumulative increase over the course of almost seven years. While the PPI has published guidance that a broader index may be more helpful to reference in a contract to avoid large swings on a shorter duration (and to which such a swing over a brief duration may trigger additional obligations), the Exchange, in contrast, is instead looking forward to adjust its price to reflect changes in the industry over the past seven years. *See* supra note 22.

[29] *See, e.g.,* Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 34–100994 (September 10, 2024), 89 FR 75612 (September 16, 2024) (SR–NYSEARCA–2024–79).

single fee (*i.e.,* a market participant will only be assessed the proposed $8,500 even if it uses that physical port to connect to the Exchange and another (or even all 6) of its Affiliate Exchanges. Particularly, the Exchange believes the proposed monthly per port fee is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory since as the Exchange has determined to not charge multiple fees for the same port. Indeed, the Exchange notes that several ports are in fact purchased and utilized across one or more of the Exchange's affiliated Exchanges (and charged only once).

The Exchange also believes that the proposed fee change is not unfairly discriminatory because it would be assessed uniformly across all market participants that purchase the physical ports. The Exchange believes increasing the fee for 10 Gb physical ports and charging a higher fee as compared to the 1 Gb physical port is equitable as the 1 Gb physical port is 1/10th the size of the 10 Gb physical port and therefore does not offer access to many of the products and services offered by the Exchange (*e.g.,* ability to receive certain market data products). Thus, the value of the 1 Gb alternative is lower than the value of the 10 Gb alternative, when measured based on the type of Exchange access it offers. Moreover, market participants that purchase 10 Gb physical ports utilize the most bandwidth and therefore consume the most resources from the network. The Exchange also anticipates that firms that utilize 10 Gb ports will benefit the most from the Exchange's investment in offering NY6 as the Exchange anticipates there will be much higher quantities of 10 Gb physical ports connecting from NY6 as compared to 1 Gb ports. Indeed, the Exchange notes that 10 Gb physical ports account for approximately 90% of physical ports across the NY4, NY5, and NY6 data centers, and to date, 80% of new port connections in NY6 are 10 Gb ports. As such, the Exchange believes the proposed fee change for 10 Gb physical ports is reasonably and appropriately allocated.

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. The proposed fee change will not impact intramarket competition because it will apply to all similarly situated Members equally (*i.e.,* all market participants that choose to purchase the 10 Gb physical port). Additionally, the Exchange does not believe its proposed pricing will impose a barrier to entry to smaller participants and notes that its proposed connectivity pricing is associated with relative usage of the various market participants. For example, market participants with modest capacity needs can continue to buy the less expensive 1 Gb physical port (which cost is not changing) or may choose to obtain access via a third-party re-seller. While pricing may be increased for the larger capacity physical ports, such options provide far more capacity and are purchased by those that consume more resources from the network. Accordingly, the proposed connectivity fees do not favor certain categories of market participants in a manner that would impose a burden on competition; rather, the allocation reflects the network resources consumed by the various size of market participants—lowest bandwidth consuming members pay the least, and highest bandwidth consuming members pays the most.

The proposed fee change also does not impose a burden on competition or on other Self-Regulatory Organizations that is not necessary or appropriate. As described above, the Exchange evaluated its proposed fee change using objective and stable metric with limited volatility. Utilizing Data Processing PPI over a specified period of time is a reasonable means of recouping a portion of the Exchange's investment in maintaining and enhancing the connectivity service identified above. The Exchange believes utilizing Data Processing PPI, a tailored measure of inflation, to increase certain connectivity fees to recoup the Exchange's investment in maintaining and enhancing its services and products would not impose a 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 for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act [30] and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 [31] thereunder. 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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–2025–066 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–2025–066. 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

[30] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[31] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

submissions should refer to file number SR–CboeBZX–2025–066 and should be submitted on or before June 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[32]

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Business Conduct Standards for Security-Based Swap Dealers and Major Security-Based Swap Participants

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 (''SEC'' or ''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the proposed collection of information provided for in Business Conduct Standards for Security-Based Swap Dealers and Major Security-Based Swap Participants [1] (17 CFR 240.3a67–10, 240.3a71–3, 240.3a71–6, 240.15Fh–1 through 15Fh–6 and 240.15Fk–1), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (''Exchange Act'').

In 2010, Congress enacted the Dodd-Frank Act, establishing a comprehensive framework for regulating the over-the-counter swaps markets.[2] As required by Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act, new section 15F(h) of the Exchange Act established business conduct standards for security-based swap Dealers (''SBS Dealers'') and Major security-based swap Participants (''collectively ''SBS Entities'') in their dealings with counterparties, including special entities.[3]

In 2016, in order to implement the Dodd-Frank Act, the Commission adopted the BCS Rules for SBS Dealers and Major SBS Participants,[4] a comprehensive set of business conduct standards and chief compliance officer (''CCO'') requirements applicable to SBS Entities, that are designed to enhance transparency, facilitate informed customer decision-making, and heighten standards of professional conduct to better protect investors.

Rules 15Fh–1 through 15Fh–6 and 15Fk–1 require SBS Entities to:

- Verify whether a counterparty is an eligible contract participant and whether it is a special entity;
- Disclose to the counterparty material information about the security-based swap, including material risks, characteristics, incentives and conflicts of interest;
- Provide the counterparty with information concerning the daily mark of the security-based swap;
- Provide the counterparty with information regarding the ability to require clearing of the security-based swap;
- Communicate with counterparties in a fair and balanced manner based on principles of fair dealing and good faith;
- Establish a supervisory and compliance infrastructure; and
- Designate a CCO that is required to fulfill the described duties and provide an annual compliance report.

The rules also require SBS Dealers to:

- Determine that recommendations they make regarding security-based swaps are suitable for their counterparties.
- Establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to obtain and retain a record of the essential facts concerning each known counterparty that are necessary to conduct business with such counterparty; and
- Comply with rules designed to prevent ''pay-to-play.''

The rules also define what it means to ''act as an advisor'' to a special entity, and require an SBS Dealer who acts as an advisor to a special entity to:

- Make a reasonable determination that any security-based swap or trading strategy involving a security-based swap recommended by the SBS Dealer is in the best interests of the special entity whose identity is known at a reasonably sufficient time prior to the execution of the transaction to permit the SBS Dealer to comply with this obligation; and
- Make reasonable efforts to obtain such information that the SBS Dealer considers necessary to make a reasonable determination that a security-based swap or trading strategy involving a security-based swap is in the best interests of the known special entity.

In addition, the rules require SBS Entities acting as counterparties to special entities to reasonably believe that the counterparty has an independent representative who meets the following requirements:

- Has sufficient knowledge to evaluate the transaction and risks;
- Is not subject to a statutory disqualification;
- Undertakes a duty to act in the best interests of the special entity;
- Makes appropriate and timely disclosures to the special entity of material information concerning the security-based swap;
- Evaluates, consistent with any guidelines provided by the special entity, the fair pricing and the appropriateness of the security-based swap;
- Is independent of the security-based swap dealer or major security-based swap participant that is the counterparty to a proposed security-based swap.

Under the rules, the special entity's independent representative must also be subject to pay-to-play regulations, and if the special entity is an ERISA plan, the independent representative must be an ERISA fiduciary.

The information that must be collected pursuant to the BCS Rules is intended to increase accountability and transparency in the market. The information should therefore help establish a framework that protects investors and promotes efficiency, competition and capital formation.

Based on a review of recent data, as of 2025, the Commission staff estimate the number of respondents to be as follows: 53 SBS Dealers, 0 Major SBS Participants, for a total of 53 ''SBS

[32] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

[1] *Business Conduct Standards for Security-Based Swap Dealers and Major Security-Based Swap Participants,* Exchange Act Release 77617 (Apr. 14, 2016), 81 FR 29959 (May 13, 2016). *See also Business Conduct Standards for Security-Based Swap Dealers and Major Security-Based Swap Participants; Correction,* Exchange Act Release 77617A (May 19, 2016), 81 FR 32643 (May 24, 2016) (together, the ''BCS Rules'').

[2] Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Public Law 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010) (''Dodd-Frank Act'').

[3] ''Special Entity'' means: a federal agency; State, State agency, city, county, municipality, other political subdivision of a State, or any instrumentality, department, or a corporation of or established by a State or political subdivision of a State; any employee benefit plan subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002); any governmental plan, as defined in Section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002); any endowment, including an endowment that is an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)); or any employee benefit plan defined in Section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002), not otherwise defined as a Special Entity, that elects to be a Special Entity by notifying a swap dealer or major swap participant of its election prior to entering into a swap with the particular swap dealer or major swap participant. 17 CFR 23.401(c).

[4] *See supra* note 1.

Entities.'' [5] Further, The Commission staff estimate that approximately 46 of these 53 SBS Entities will be dually registered with the CFTC as Swap Entities. The Commission staff also estimate that there are currently 16,061 security-based swap market participants of which 12,406 are also swap market participants.[6] From October 2021 through September 2022, the Commission staff estimate that there were approximately 377,271 security-based swap transactions between an SBS Dealer and counterparty that is not an SBS Dealer of which approximately 234,654 were new and 5,559 amended trades (totaling 240,213). The Commission staff estimate there are 283 independent, third-party representatives and 22 in-house independent representatives, for a total of 305 independent representatives.[7] The Commission staff estimate that there are approximately 14,005 unique SBS Dealer and non-SBS-Dealer pairs.[8] The Commission staff have used these estimates in calculating the hour and cost burdens for the rule provisions that the Commission staff anticipate have a ''collection of information'' burden within the meaning of the PRA.

The Commission staff estimate that the aggregate burden of the ongoing reporting and disclosures required by the BCS Rules, as described above, is approximately 535,595 hours and $2,522,058 calculated as follows:

IC Title	Type of burden	Respondents	Ongoing annual burden	Ongoing annual burden	Industry-wide annual burden	Industry-wide annual burden
			Hours	Cost	Hours	Cost
15Fh–3(b), (c), (d): Disclosures—SBS Entities	Reporting	53	4,120	$0	218,360	$0
15Fh–3(b), (c), (d): Disclosures—SBS Transactions Between SBS Dealer and Non-SBSD Counterparty.	Reporting	53	4,427.4	0	234,654	0
15Fh–3(e), (f): Know Your Counterparty and Recommendations (SBS Dealers).	Reporting	53	132.1	0	7,003	0
15Fh–3(g): Fair and Balanced Communications	Reporting	53	2	4,158	106	220,374
15Fh–3(h): Supervision	Reporting	53	540	5,544	28,620	293,832
15Fh–5: SBS Entities Acting as Counterparties to Special Entities.	Reporting	53	305	0	16,165	0
15Fh–5: SBS Entities Acting as Counterparties to Special Entities.	Third-Party Disclosure.	53	305	0	16,165	0
15Fh–6: Political Contributions	Reporting	53	1	29,568	53	1,567,104
15Fk–1: Chief Compliance Officer	Reporting	53	273	8,316	14,469	440,748
Total					535,595	2,522,058

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 proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the SEC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the SEC's estimate of the burden imposed by the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated, electronic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comment to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 and send it by email to *PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov* within 60 days of publication of this notice, by July 28, 2025.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35605; File No. 812–15512]

Eagle Point Credit Company Inc., et al.

May 22, 2025.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'' or ''SEC'').

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the ''Act'') and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act.

[5] *List of Registered Security-Based Swap Dealers and Major Security-Based Swap Participants,* available at: *https://www.sec.gov/about/divisions-offices/division-trading-markets/list-registered-security-based-swap-dealers-major-security-based-swap-participants* (providing the list of registered security-based swap dealers and major security-based swap participants that was updated as of December 31, 2024). Information concerning Swap Entities registered with the CFTC available at: (*https://www.cftc.gov/IndustryOversight/Intermediaries/MajorSwapParticipantMSP/index.htm*).

[6] Unless otherwise noted, estimates were derived from the DTCC–TIW data set (November 30, 2006 through September 2022). In October 2022, DTCC–TIW transaction data went through a major structural change. Commission staff are still in the process of resolving the consistency issue associated with this data.

[7] *See* Information About Registered Municipal Advisors as of January 1, 2025 (*https://www.sec.gov/data-research/sec-markets-data/information-about-registered-municipal-advisors*).

[8] *See supra* note 6.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies (''BDCs'') and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

APPLICANTS: Eagle Point Credit Company Inc., Eagle Point Income Company Inc., Eagle Point Institutional Income Fund, Eagle Point Enhanced Income Trust, Eagle Point Defensive Income Trust, Eagle Point Credit Management LLC, Eagle Point Income Management LLC, Eagle Point Enhanced Income Management LLC, Eagle Point Defensive Income Management LLC, certain of their wholly-owned subsidiaries as described in Schedule A to the application, and certain of their affiliated entities as described in Schedules B and C to the application.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on October 10, 2023, and amended on April 23, 2024, September 19, 2024, February 4, 2025, and April 30, 2025.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov* and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 16, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.*

ADDRESSES: The Commission: *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.* Applicants: Nauman S. Malik, Esq., c/o Eagle Point Credit Management LLC, 600 Steamboat Road, Suite 202, Greenwich, CT 06830; Thomas J. Friedmann, Esq., Dechert LLP, One International Place, 40th Floor, 100 Oliver Street, Boston, MA 02110; and Philip Hinkle, Esq., and Alexander Karampatsos, Esq., Dechert LLP, 1900 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Ehrlich, Senior Counsel, or Thomas Ahmadifar, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' fourth amended application, dated April 30, 2025, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC's EDGAR system.

The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at *https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html.* You may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551–8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–103099; File No. SR–CboeBYX–2025–012]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Increase the Monthly Fee for 10 Gb Physical Ports

May 21, 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 May 9, 2025, Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. (''Exchange'' or ''BYX'') 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 increase the monthly fee for 10 Gb physical ports. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (*http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/BYX/*), 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 Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule relating to physical connectivity fees.[3]

By way of background, a physical port is utilized by a Member or non-Member to connect to the Exchange at the data centers where the Exchange's servers are located. The Exchange currently

[3] The Exchange initially filed the proposed fee changes on July 3, 2023 (SR–CboeBYX–2023–010). On September 1, 2023, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2023–013. On September 29, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a Suspension of and Order Instituting Proceedings to Determine whether to Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change to Amend its Fees Schedule Related to Physical Port Fees (the ''OIP'') in anticipation of a possible U.S. government shutdown. On September 29, 2023, the Exchange filed the proposed fee change (SR–CboeBYX–2023–014). On October 13, 2023, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2023–015. On December 12, 2023, Exchange filed the proposed fee change (SR–CboeBYX–2023–018). On December 12, 2023, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2023–019. On February 9, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2024–006. On April 9, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–Cboe–BYX–2024–012. On June 7, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2024–021. On August 29, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2024–032. On October 25, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2024–039. On December 18, 2024, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2024–049. On February 14, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2025–003. On March 13, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBYX–2025–006. On May 9, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

assesses the following physical connectivity fees for Members and non-Members on a monthly basis: $2,500 per physical port for a 1 gigabit (''Gb'') circuit and $7,500 per physical port for a 10 Gb circuit. The Exchange proposes to increase the monthly fee for 10 Gb physical ports from $7,500 to $8,500 per port. The Exchange notes the proposed fee change better enables it to continue to maintain and improve its market technology and services and also notes that the proposed fee amount, even as amended, continues to be in line with, or even lower than, amounts assessed by other exchanges for similar connections.[4] The Exchange also notes that a single 10 Gb physical port can be used to access the Systems of the following affiliate exchanges: the Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (options and equities), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (options and equities platforms), Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., and Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., (''Affiliate Exchanges'').[5] Notably, only one monthly fee currently (and will continue) to apply per 10 Gb physical port regardless of how many affiliated exchanges are accessed through that one port.[6]

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Act'') and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.[7] Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)[8] 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)[9] requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4)[10] of the Act, which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. This belief is based on various factors as described below.

First, the Exchange believes its proposal is reasonable as it reflects a moderate increase in physical connectivity fees for 10 Gb physical ports and its offering, even as amended, continues to be more affordable as compared to analogous physical connectivity offerings at competitor exchanges. For example, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq'') and its affiliated exchanges charge a monthly fee of $16,500 for each 10Gbps Ultra fiber connection and $11,000 per month for each 10 Gbps fiber connection to their respective exchange.[11] The Exchange's proposed fee of $8,500 per physical port is lower than both of these offerings.

Yet another example of higher fees charged by a competitor exchange is the 10Gpbs LX LCN Circuits offered by the New York Stock Exchange LLC and its affiliates (collectively, ''NYSE''). NYSE charges a fee of $22,000 per month,[12] per port in contrast to the Exchange's proposed monthly fee of $8,500 per month, per port. Despite the Exchange proposing to increase its fee for its 10 Gb physical port, it still comes in at a cost significantly lower than its competitors.

Lastly, the Exchange also points towards the equivalent offering from MIAX Pearl which is $8,000 per port per month for its 10 Gigabit ULL connection.[13] However, the Exchange reiterates that a single physical port offered by the Exchange offers the ability to connect to the Affiliated Exchanges (equities and options) and the monthly price does not change based on the number of exchanges a participant is connected to. In this case, examining only the Exchange's affiliated equities exchanges, a participant could purchase a single physical port from the Exchange and access roughly 11% of the U.S. Equities Market, in contrast to purchasing a single port from MIAX Pearl and accessing only around 1% of the U.S. Equities Market.[14]

The Exchange also believes the current fee does not properly reflect the quality of the service and product, as fees for 10 Gb physical ports have been static in nominal terms since 2018, and therefore falling in real terms due to inflation. As a general matter, the Producer Price Index (''PPI'') is a family of indexes that measures the average change over time in selling prices received by domestic producers of goods and services. PPI measures price change from the perspective of the seller. This contrasts with other metrics, such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI), that measure price change from the purchaser's perspective.[15] About 10,000 PPIs for individual products and groups of products are tracked and released each month.[16] PPIs are available for the output of nearly all industries in the goods-producing sectors of the U.S. economy—mining, manufacturing, agriculture, fishing, and forestry—as well as natural gas, electricity, and construction, among others. The PPI program covers approximately 69 percent of the service sector's output, as measured by revenue reported in the 2017 Economic Census.

For purposes of this proposal, the relevant industry-specific PPI is the Data Processing, hosting and related services (''Data PPI'') and more particularly the more granular service line Data Processing, Hosting and Related Services: Hosting, Active Server Pages (ASP), and Other Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Provisioning Services.[17]

The Data PPI was introduced in January 2002 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (''BLS'') as part of an ongoing effort to expand Producer Price Index coverage of the services sector of the U.S. economy and is identified as NAICS–518210 in the North American

[4] *See e.g.*, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq''), General 8, Connectivity to the Exchange. Nasdaq and its affiliated exchanges charge a monthly fee of $16,500 for each 10Gb Ultra fiber connection to the respective exchange. *See also* New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Chicago Inc., NYSE National, Inc. Connectivity Fee Schedule, which provides that 10 Gb LX LCN Circuits (which are analogous to the Exchange's 10 Gb physical port) are assessed $22,000 per month, per port.

[5] The Affiliate Exchanges are also submitting contemporaneous identical rule filings.

[6] The Exchange notes that conversely, other exchange groups charge separate port fees for access to separate, but affiliated, exchanges. *See e.g.,* Securities and Exchange Release No. 99822 (March 21, 2024), 89 FR 21337 (March 27, 2024) (SR–MIAX–2024–016).

[7] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[8] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[9] *Id.*

[10] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[11] *See* The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq''), General 8, Connectivity to the Exchange.

[12] *See* New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Chicago Inc., NYSE National, Inc. Connectivity Fee Schedule.

[13] *See* MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule.

[14] *See* Cboe U.S. Equities Market Volume Summary (May 5, 2025).

[15] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/overview.htm.*

[16] *Id.*

[17] Provisioning is the process of preparing, assigning, and activating IT infrastructure components, such as servers, storage, and network connectivity, according to user requirements. It is a critical part of IT operations, as it ensures that computing resources are available when needed and that they are set up and connected to work correctly.

Industry Classification System (''NAICS'').[18] According to the BLS ''[t]he primary output of NAICS 518210 is the provision of electronic data processing services. In the broadest sense, computer services companies help their customers efficiently use technology. The processing services market consists of vendors who use their own computer systems—often utilizing proprietary software—to process customers' transactions and data. Price movements for the NAICS 518210 index are based on changes in the revenue received by companies that provide data processing services and price movements for the service line NAICS 518210 index are based on changes in the revenue received by companies that provide, among other things, IT infrastructure provisioning services. Each month, companies provide net transaction prices for a specified service. The transaction is an actual contract selected by probability, where the price-determining characteristics are held constant while the service is repriced. The prices used in index calculation are the actual prices billed for the selected service contract.'' [19]

The service (product) lines for which price indexes are available under the Data PPI are: (1) business process management services (2) data management and storage information transformation and other services and (3) hosting ASP and other IT infrastructure provisioning services. The most apt of these industry and product specific categorizations for purposes of this present proposal to modify fees for the 10 Gb physical port fee measures inflation for the provision of data processing, hosting and related services as well as other information technology infrastructure provisioning services which BLS identifies as identified as NAICS–5182105.[20] The Exchange believes that this measure of inflation is particularly appropriate because the Exchange's connectivity services involve hosting and providing connections to its customers' telecommunications and information technology equipment, as well as preparing, assigning, and activating IT infrastructure components, such as servers, storage, and network connectivity. The Exchange also uses its ''proprietary software,'' *i.e.,* its own proprietary matching engine software, to receive orders on the Exchange's proprietary trading platform as well as to collect, organize, store and report customers' transactions. In other words, the Exchange is in the business of data processing, hosting, ASP, and providing other IT infrastructure provisioning services. Specifically, within this category, the Exchange points to the financial business process management services category under the umbrella of data processing. [21] The financial business process management services is described as ''providing a bundled service package that combines information-technology-intensive services with labor (manual or professional depending on the solution), machinery, and facilities to support, host and manage a financial business process for a client, such as financial transaction processing, credit card processing, payment services, and lending services.'' [22] The Exchange's connectivity service provides connections to its customers' telecommunications and information technology equipment, as well as preparing, assigning, and activating IT infrastructure components to facilitate the transmission of orders and receipt of financial transactions for its customers' while connected to the Exchange.

Further, the Exchange believes that this specific index is best suited to guide this price increase as it reflects the change in this specific instance over the last seven years instead of looking at the underlying components of the service. PPI has published broad guidance regarding price adjustments for contracts,[23] and within this it noted that contracting parties should choose an index or group of indexes that represent the cost for providing a particular product or service, rather than an index for the product itself.[24] While this helps a contracting seller avoid a circumstance where it is unable to raise its price for the product itself if the underlying components have increased and the PPI for the product itself has not yet increased—this is not the case here. The Exchange instead is using historical data over a seven-year period as a reference point for its proposed increase moving forward—underlying components that have increased over the course of seven years have since (by and large) been reflected in the product itself.

The Exchange further believes the Data PPI is an appropriate measure for purposes of the proposed rule change on the basis that it is a stable metric with limited volatility, unlike other consumer-side inflation metrics. In fact, the Data PPI has not experienced a greater than 2.16% increase for any one calendar year period since Data PPI was introduced into the PPI in January 2002. For example, the average calendar year change from January 2002 to December 2023 was .62%, with a cumulative increase of 15.67% over this 21-year period. The Exchange believes the Data PPI is considerably less volatile than other inflation metrics such as CPI, which has had individual calendar-year increases of more than 6.5%, and a cumulative increase of over 73% over the same period.[25]

As noted above, the current 10 Gb physical port fee remained unchanged for almost seven years, particularly since June 2018.[26] Since its last increase almost 7 years ago however, there has been notable inflation, including under the industry- and product-specific PPI, which as described above is a tailored measure of inflation. Particularly, the Hosting, ASP and other IT Infrastructure Provisioning Services inflation measure had a starting value of 102.2 in June 2018 (the month the Exchange started assessing the current fee) and an ending value of 118.502 in January 2025, representing a 16% increase.[27] This indicates that companies who are also in the hosting ASP and other IT infrastructure provisioning services have generally increased prices for a specified service covered under NAICS 5182105 by an average of 16% during this period.

The Exchange also believes that it is reasonable to increase its fees to compensate for inflation because, over time, inflation has degraded the value of each dollar that the Exchange collects in fees, such that the real revenue collected

[18] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/overview.htm.* Among the industry-specific PPIs is for North American Industry Classification System (''NAICS'') Code 518210: ''Data Processing and Related Services,'' NAICS index codes categorize products and services that are common to particular industries. According to BLS, these codes ''provide comparability with a wide assortment of industry-based data for other economic programs, including productivity, production, employment, wages, and earnings.''

[19] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/factsheets/producer-price-index-for-the-data-processing-and-related-services-industry-naics-518210.htm.*

[20] *See https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/PCU5182105182105.*

[21] See *https://voorburggroup.org/Documents/2018%20Rome/Papers/1014.pdf.*

[22] *Id.*

[23] *See https://www.bls.gov/ppi/publications/price-adjustment-guide-for-contracting-parties.htm#FOOT5.*

[24] ''For example, if an apparel manufacturer were contracting for long-term purchases with a producer of finished fabrics, it would be more advisable to tie the price adjustment clause to a PPI for synthetic fibers, processed yarns and threads, or greige fabrics (raw fabric), rather than to a PPI for a type of finished fabric.'' *Id.*

[25] *See https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/consumer-price-index-and-annual-percent-changes-from-1913-to-2008/.*

[26] *See* Securities and Exchange Release No. 83441 (June 14, 2018), 83 FR 28684 (June 20, 2018) (SR–CboeBYX–2018–006).

[27] *See https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/PCU5182105182105.*

today is considerably less than that same revenue collected in 2018. The impact of this inflationary effect is also independent of any change in the Exchange's costs in providing its goods and services. The Exchange therefore believes that it is reasonable for it to offset, in part, this erosion in the value of the revenues it collects. Additionally, the Exchange historically does not increase fees every year notwithstanding inflation.[28] Other exchanges have also filed for increases in certain fees, based in part on comparisons to inflation.[29] Accordingly, based on the above-described percentage change based on an industry- and product-specific inflationary measure, and in conjunction with the rationale further described above and below, the Exchange believes the proposed fee increase is reasonable.

Next, the Exchange believes significant investments into, and enhanced performance of, the Exchange, in the years following the last 10 Gb physical port fee increase support the reasonableness of the proposed fee increase. These investments enhanced the quality of its services, as measured by, among other things, increased throughput and faster processing speeds. Customers have therefore greatly benefitted from these investments, while the Exchange's ability to recoup its investments has been hampered.

For example, the Exchange and its affiliated exchanges recently launched a multi-year initiative to improve Cboe Exchange Platform performance and capacity requirements to increase competitiveness, support growth and advance a consistent world class platform. The goal of the project, among other things, is to provide faster and more consistent order handling and matching performance for options, while ensuring quicker processing time and supporting increasing volumes and capacity needs. For example, the Exchange recently performed switch hardware upgrades. Particularly, the Exchange replaced existing customer access switches with newer models, which the Exchange believes resulted in increased determinism. The recent switch upgrades also increased the Exchange's capacity to accommodate more physical ports by nearly 50%. Network bandwidth was also increased nearly two-fold as a result of the upgrades, which among other things, can lead to reduce message queuing. The Exchange also believes these newer models result in less natural variance in the processing of messages. The Exchange notes that it incurred costs associated with purchasing and upgrading to these newer models, of which the Exchange has not otherwise passed through or offset.

As of April 1, 2024, market participants also having the option of connecting to a new data center (*i.e.,* Secaucus NY6 Data Center (''NY6'')), in addition to the current data centers at NY4 and NY5. The Exchange made NY6 available in response to customer requests in connection with their need for additional space and capacity. In order to make this space available, the Exchange expended significant resources to prepare this space, and will also incur ongoing costs with respect to maintaining this offering, including costs related to power, space, fiber, cabinets, panels, labor and maintenance of racks. The Exchange also incurred a large cost with respect to ensuring NY6 would be latency equalized, as it is for NY4 and NY5.

The Exchange also has made various other improvements since the current physical port rates were adopted in 2018. For example, the Exchange has updated its customer portal to provide more transparency with respect to firms' respective connectivity subscriptions, enabling them to better monitor, evaluate and adjust their connections based on their evolving business needs. The Exchange also performs proactive audits on a weekly basis to ensure that all customer cross connects continue to fall within allowable tolerances for Latency Equalized connections. Accordingly, the Exchange expended, and will continue to expend, resources to innovate and modernize technology so that it may benefit its Members and continue to compete among other equities markets. The ability to continue to innovate with technology and offer new products to market participants allows the Exchange to remain competitive in the equities space which currently has 16 equities markets and potential new entrants. If the Exchange were not able to assess incrementally higher fees for its connectivity, it would effectively impact how the Exchange manages its technology and hamper the Exchange's ability to continue to invest in and fund access services in a manner that allows it to meet existing and anticipated access demands of market participants. Disapproval of fee changes such as the proposal herein, could also have the adverse effect of discouraging an exchange from improving its operations and implementing innovative technology to the benefit of market participants if it believes the Commission would later prevent that exchange from recouping costs and monetizing its operational enhancements, thus adversely impacting competition as well as the interests of market participants and investors.

Finally, the proposed fee is also the same as is concurrently being proposed for its Affiliate Exchanges. Further, Members are able to utilize a single port to connect to all of its Affiliate Exchanges and will only be charged one single fee (*i.e.,* a market participant will only be assessed the proposed $8,500 even if it uses that physical port to connect to the Exchange and another (or even all 6) of its Affiliate Exchanges. Particularly, the Exchange believes the proposed monthly per port fee is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory since as the Exchange has determined to not charge multiple fees for the same port. Indeed, the Exchange notes that several ports are in fact purchased and utilized across one or more of the Exchange's affiliated Exchanges (and charged only once).

The Exchange also believes that the proposed fee change is not unfairly discriminatory because it would be assessed uniformly across all market participants that purchase the physical ports. The Exchange believes increasing the fee for 10 Gb physical ports and charging a higher fee as compared to the 1 Gb physical port is equitable as the 1 Gb physical port is 1/10th the size of the 10 Gb physical port and therefore does not offer access to many of the products and services offered by the Exchange (*e.g.,* ability to receive certain market data products). Thus, the value of the 1 Gb alternative is lower than the value of the 10 Gb alternative, when measured based on the type of Exchange access it offers. Moreover, market participants that purchase 10 Gb physical ports utilize the most bandwidth and therefore consume the most resources from the network. The Exchange also anticipates that firms that utilize 10 Gb ports will benefit the most from the Exchange's investment in offering NY6 as the Exchange anticipates there will be much higher quantities of 10 Gb physical ports connecting from NY6 as compared to 1 Gb ports. Indeed, the Exchange notes that 10 Gb physical

[28] As the Exchange historically does not increase fees every year notwithstanding inflation, the Exchange believes that the more specific index is appropriate to look at as it is reflective of the cumulative increase over the course of almost seven years. While the PPI has published guidance that a broader index may be more helpful to reference in a contract to avoid large swings on a shorter duration (and to which such a swing over a brief duration may trigger additional obligations), the Exchange, in contrast, is instead looking forward to adjust its price to reflect changes in the industry over the past seven years. *See supra* note 20.

[29] *See, e.g.,* Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 34–100994 (September 10, 2024), 89 FR 75612 (September 16, 2024) (SR–NYSEARCA–2024–79).

ports account for approximately 90% of physical ports across the NY4, NY5, and NY6 data centers, and to date, 80% of new port connections in NY6 are 10 Gb ports. As such, the Exchange believes the proposed fee change for 10 Gb physical ports is reasonably and appropriately allocated.

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. The proposed fee change will not impact intramarket competition because it will apply to all similarly situated Members equally (*i.e.,* all market participants that choose to purchase the 10 Gb physical port). Additionally, the Exchange does not believe its proposed pricing will impose a barrier to entry to smaller participants and notes that its proposed connectivity pricing is associated with relative usage of the various market participants. For example, market participants with modest capacity needs can continue to buy the less expensive 1 Gb physical port (which cost is not changing) or may choose to obtain access via a third-party re-seller. While pricing may be increased for the larger capacity physical ports, such options provide far more capacity and are purchased by those that consume more resources from the network. Accordingly, the proposed connectivity fees do not favor certain categories of market participants in a manner that would impose a burden on competition; rather, the allocation reflects the network resources consumed by the various size of market participants—lowest bandwidth consuming members pay the least, and highest bandwidth consuming members pays the most.

The proposed fee change also does not impose a burden on competition or on other Self-Regulatory Organizations that is not necessary or appropriate. As described above, the Exchange evaluated its proposed fee change using objective and stable metric with limited volatility. Utilizing Data Processing PPI over a specified period of time is a reasonable means of recouping a portion of the Exchange's investment in maintaining and enhancing the connectivity service identified above. The Exchange believes utilizing Data Processing PPI, a tailored measure of inflation, to increase certain connectivity fees to recoup the Exchange's investment in maintaining and enhancing its services and products would not impose a 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 for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act [30] and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 [31] thereunder. 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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–CboeBYX–2025–012 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–CboeBYX–2025–012. 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–CboeBYX–2025–012 and should be submitted on or before June 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[32]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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[30] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[31] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

[32] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA–2025–0024]

Rescission of Social Security Rulings 83–33, 83–34, 83–35, 84–25, and 84–26

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of Social Security Rulings (SSR).

SUMMARY: We are providing notice of the rescission of SSR 83–33; SSR 83–34; SSR 83–35; SSR 84–25; and SSR 84–26.

DATES: We will apply this rescission on May 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Hemmeter, Office of Disability Policy, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, (410) 597–1815.

For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1–800–772–1213 or visit our internet site, Social Security Online, at *http://www.socialsecurity.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) and (a)(2) do not require us to publish SSRs, we publish SSRs in accordance with 20 CFR 402.160(b)(1).

SSRs represent precedential final opinions, orders, and statements of

policy and interpretations that we have adopted relating to the Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. We may base SSRs on determinations or decisions made as part of our administrative review process, Federal court decisions, decisions of our Commissioner, opinions from our Office of the General Counsel, or other interpretations of law and regulations. Although SSRs do not have the same force and effect as law on the public, they are binding on all SSA components in accordance with 20 CFR 402.160(b)(1).

By this notice we are rescinding the following SSRs:

- SSR 83–33: Titles II and XVI: Determining Whether Work Is Substantial Gainful Activity—Employees;
- SSR 83–34: Titles II and XVI: Determining Whether Work Is Substantial Gainful Activity—Self-Employed Persons;
- SSR 83–35: Titles II and XVI: Averaging of Earnings in Determining Whether Work Is Substantial Gainful Activity;
- SSR 84–25: Titles II and XVI: Determination of Substantial Gainful Activity If Substantial Work Activity Is Discontinued or Reduced—Unsuccessful Work Attempt; and
- SSR 84–26: Titles II and XVI: Deducting Impairment-Related Work Expenses From Earnings In Determinations As To Substantial Gainful Activity Under Titles II And XVI And As To Countable Earned Income Under Title XVI.

These SSRs were published in the early 1980s as policy interpretations binding on all components of the agency. We are rescinding these SSRs which address unsuccessful work attempts and substantial gainful activity (SGA) because they contain information that has since been updated, clarified, or has become obsolete by our regulations:

- SSR 83–33; SSR 83–34; SSR 83–35; and SSR 84–25 are outdated due to the final rules at 20 CFR 404.1574, 404.1574a, 404.1574(c), 404.1575, 404.1575(d), 416.974, 416.974a, 416.974(c), 416.975, and 416.975(c). These regulations remove the additional conditions that we used when we evaluate SGA and work attempts in employment or self-employment.[1]
- SSR 84–26 is obsolete because it was incorporated into 20 CFR 404.1576 and 416.976 by a final rule in May 1983.[2] In 2000, 20 CFR 416.976 was later updated by a final rule to remove references to the Trial Work Period and Reentitlement period from SSI disability.[3]

As such, these SSRs are outdated or obsolete.

We are also rescinding these SSRs as part of the agency's compliance with Executive Order 14192, *Unleashing Prosperity through Deregulation,* which directs agencies to rescind as appropriate sub-regulatory guidance documents.

Frank Bisignano,

Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

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[1] 81 FR 71367 (Oct. 17, 2016) and 65 FR 42772 (July 11, 2000).

[2] 48 FR 21931 (May 16, 1983).

[3] 65 FR 42772 (July 11, 2000).

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 821X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Chesterfield County, S.C.

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service to discontinue service over an approximately 5.75-mile rail line on its Southeast Division, Hamlet Subdivision from milepost SJ 299 to milepost SJ 304.75, in Chesterfield County, S.C. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 29101.

CSXT has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic can be and has been rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

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

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA)[1] to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 27, 2025, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by June 6, 2025. Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)[2] must be filed by June 9, 2025.[3] Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by June 17, 2025.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 821X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. A copy of each pleading filed with the Board must be sent to CSXT's representative, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

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

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

Decided: May 22, 2025.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Brendetta Jones,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in Arizona

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (USDOT).

[1] Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. *See* 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

[2] The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

[3] Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/railbanking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require environmental review.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to solicit comment and advise the public, agencies, Tribes, and stakeholders that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the Sonoran Corridor (State Route 410), a new highway between Interstate 19 (I–19) and Interstate 10 (I–10) in Pima County, Arizona. FHWA, in coordination with ADOT, completed Tier 1 Final EIS and Record of Decision in October 2021 and addressed the need for additional transportation capacity and connectivity in Pima County. This Tier 2 EIS will build upon the Tier 1 EIS process.

DATES: Comments on the NOI or the NOI Supplementary Information Document must be received on or before July 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: This NOI and the NOI Supplementary Information Document are available at the project website located at *https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/sonoran-corridor-sr-410-study/sonoran-corridor-sr-410-tier-2-environmental-impact-study-and-design-concept-report.* The NOI Supplementary Information Document will also be mailed upon request. All interested parties are invited to submit comments or requests for mailed documents by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* For access to the documents, go to the project website located at *https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/sonoran-corridor-sr-410-study/sonoran-corridor-sr-410-tier-2-environmental-impact-study-and-design-concept-report.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Phone:* (855) 712–8530.
- *Mailing address or hand delivery or courier:* ADOT Sonoran Corridor c/o WSP, 1230 West Washington Street, Tempe, Arizona, 85281.
- *Project email address: info@sonorancorridor.com.*

All submissions should include the agency, public, Tribe, or stakeholder name and the project identification number. All comments received will be posted without change to *https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-studies/sonoran-corridor-sr-410-study/sonoran-corridor-sr-410-tier-2-environmental-impact-study-and-design-concept-report,* including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Olmsted, Environmental Planning Program Delivery Manager, Arizona Department of Transportation, 205 South 17th Avenue, MD EM02, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, telephone: (480) 202–6050; email: *solmsted@azdot.gov.* ADOT normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time).

You may also contact: Mr. Paul O'Brien, Environmental Planning Administrator, Arizona Department of Transportation, 205 S 17th Avenue, MD EM02, Phoenix, Arizona 85007; telephone: (480) 356–2893; email: *POBrien@azdot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out under ADOT's assumption of FHWA's National Environmental Policy Act responsibilities through a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 25, 2024, and executed by the FHWA and ADOT.

The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*); recent Council on Environmental Quality guidance; and other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

The purpose of the Sonoran Corridor, as established during the Tier 1, is to improve the transportation network by affording better access to growth areas and activity centers, reduce predicted congestion and improve levels of service, and provide a system linkage between I–19 and I–10.

The proposed project is to build the Sonoran Corridor, a new high-capacity transportation corridor between I–19 and I–10. ADOT has developed three preliminary build alternatives labeled Alternative A, Alternative B, and Alternative C. Each preliminary build alternative is located within the 2,000-foot corridor established by the Tier 1 Selected Corridor Alternative. Each of the 400-foot wide preliminary alternatives consists of a new roadway ranging from 20.38 to 20.53 miles in length, extending east from I–19 south of the El Toro Road alignment to the Alvernon Way alignment, then traveling north along the Alvernon Way alignment to approximately the Old Vail Road alignment, then traveling east along the Old Vail Road alignment and ending at the I–10/Rita Road intersection. The No Build Alternative involves taking no action except routine maintenance and other presently planned and programmed projects.

Additional information on the purpose and need and alternatives, as well as maps and figures illustrating the project location, and coordination and public involvement efforts are provided in the NOI Supplementary Project Information available for review on the project website noted in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The Tier 2 EIS will evaluate the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of the build alternatives and the No Build Alternative. The following resources are anticipated to be evaluated in detail during the environmental review process: Cultural and Historic Resources; Biological Resources and Wildlife Connectivity; Socioeconomics, Land Use, and Planned Development; Waters of the United States; Section 4(f); and Noise. Additionally, the EIS will also identify impacts to farmlands; recreation; topography, geology, and soils; hydrology, floodplains, and water resources; energy; Section 6(f) resources; air quality; transportation; hazardous waste sites; and visual resources.

Anticipated permits and authorizations that could be required prior to the commencement of construction include:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approvals under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 401 water quality certification;
- Arizona State Land Department (ASLD);
- Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) authorization of the Central Arizona Project Canal crossing;
- State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act;
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approvals under the Endangered Species Act, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and
- Natural Resources Conservation Service approval under the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

Public engagement activities for the Tier 2 EIS involved an initial public notification at the onset of the study and an online survey instrument in September 2024 to gather input on current and future transportation issues, alternative locations, interchange locations, and changes in conditions of the area. This survey also gathered feedback on the public support of the project's ability to serve the needs identified during the Tier 1 EIS. Agency coordination meetings include an Agency Early Scoping Meeting held in March 2024, Cooperating Agency meetings held between February 2025 and May 2025, a Participating Agency

meeting held in March 2025, monthly project team meetings, and one-on-one coordination meetings on specific topics. The Public Involvement Plan is attached to the NOI Supplemental Information Document.

Cooperating agencies include FAA, USACE, USFWS, USEPA, AZGFD, and ASLD. Participating agencies include Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Railroad Administration, National Park Service, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Air Force, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Western Area Power Administration, Arizona Air National Guard, Arizona Department of Corrections, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Arizona State Parks and Trails, Pima Association of Governments, Tucson Airport Authority, Pima County, Pima County Regional Flood Control District, City of South Tucson, City of Tucson, Green Valley Council, Town of Sahuarita, Tohono O'odham Nation, San Xavier District, Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Yavapai-Apache Nation. A Project Coordination Plan is attached to the NOI Supplemental Information Document.

Persons and agencies who may be interested in or affected by the proposed project are encouraged to comment on the information in this NOI and the NOI Supplementary Information Document. All comments received in response to this NOI document will be considered and any information presented herein, as appropriate. Comments must be received by July 18, 2025. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action, including the comments relative the preliminary EIS alternatives, information, and analyses, should be directed to ADOT at the addresses provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on May 21, 2025.

Anthony N. Sarhan,

Deputy Division Administrator, Phoenix, Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2025–0091]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of an Approved Information Collection: Lease and Interchange of Vehicles

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. FMCSA requests approval to renew an ICR titled, ''Lease and Interchange of Vehicles.'' This ICR will enable FMCSA to document the burden associated with the for-hire truck leasing regulations and passenger carrier regulations. These regulations require certain for-hire property carriers and certain for-hire and private passenger carriers to have a formal lease when leasing equipment from other motor carriers.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2025–0091 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.
- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the ''Public Participation and Request for Comments'' portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stacy Ropp, Compliance Division, DOT, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001; (609) 661–2062; *Stacy.Ropp@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions

All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to *https://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2025–0091), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to *https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2025-0091/document,* click on this notice, click ''Comment,'' and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov* as described in the

system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at *https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices.* The comments are posted without edits and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

Background

Property transportation. Under 49 U.S.C. 14102(a), The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) ''may require a motor carrier providing for-hire transportation that uses motor vehicles not owned by it to transport property under an arrangement with another party to

(1) make the arrangement in writing signed by the parties specifying its duration and the compensation to be paid by the motor carrier;

(2) carry a copy of the arrangement in each motor vehicle to which it applies during the period the arrangement is in effect;

(3) inspect the motor vehicles and obtain liability and cargo insurance on them; and

(4) have control of and be responsible for operating those motor vehicles in compliance with requirements prescribed by the Secretary on safety of operations and equipment, and with other applicable law as if the motor vehicles were owned by the motor carrier.''

The Secretary has delegated authority pertaining to leased motor vehicles to FMCSA pursuant to 49 CFR 1.87(a)(6). The Agency's regulations governing leased motor vehicles are at 49 CFR part 376.

The regulations were adopted to ensure that small trucking companies were protected when they agreed to lease their equipment and drivers to larger for-hire carriers. They also ensure the government and members of the public can determine who is responsible for a property-carrying commercial motor vehicle (CMV). Prior to adoption of the regulations, some equipment was leased without written agreements, leading to disputes over which party to the lease was responsible for charges and actions and, at times, who was legally responsible for the vehicle.

The regulations specify what must be covered in the lease but leave open how many responsibilities must be divided. The parties to the lease determine numerous details between themselves.

Part 376 applies only to certain motor carriers in interstate commerce and only to certain leasing situations based on exemptions set forth in § 376.11, which cross reference other provisions in part 376. Section 376.11 provides that an authorized carrier (a person or persons authorized to engage in the transportation of property as a motor carrier under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13901 and 13902) may perform authorized transportation using equipment it does not own only when the following conditions are met:

(1) There shall be a written lease granting the use of the equipment and meeting the requirements contained in § 376.12;

(2) Receipts, specifically identifying the equipment to be leased and stating the date and time of day possession is transferred, shall be given; and

(3) The authorized carrier acquiring the use of equipment under this section shall identify the equipment as being in its service.

Passenger transportation. FMCSA can regulate the lease and interchange of passenger-carrying CMVs based on the authority of the Motor Carrier Act of 1935 and the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984, as amended. FMCSA's regulations about the lease and interchange of passenger-carrying CMVs in subpart G of 49 CFR part 390 help ensure that passenger carriers cannot evade FMCSA oversight and enforcement by entering into lease agreements to operate under the authority of another carrier that exercises no control over these operations. Motor carriers that (1) operate passenger-carrying CMVs, (2) have active operating authority registration with FMCSA to transport passengers, and (3) engage in the lease or interchange of passenger-CMVs with other motor carriers that have active operating authority registration with FMCSA to transport passengers, are not subject to the regulations in subpart G of 49 CFR part 390 and the recordkeeping requirements therein. Such regulations and requirements also do not apply to financial leases (such as a closed-end lease, hire purchase, lease purchase, purchase agreement, installment plan, demonstration or loaner vehicle, etc.) between a motor carrier and a bank or similar financial organization or a manufacturer or dealer of passenger-carrying CMVs.

Section 390.403(b) specifies the four required items of information that any lease or interchange record document for passenger-carrying CMVs is required to contain. These are (1) vehicle identification information; (2) information about and signatures of the involved motor carriers of passengers (the lessor and the lessee); (3) specific duration of the lease or interchange agreement; and (4) a clear statement about exclusive possession and responsibilities. Section 390.403(c) requires a copy of the lease or interchange agreement be on the passenger-carrying CMV during the period of the lease or interchange agreement. Both the lessee and lessor must retain a copy of the lease or interchange agreement for one year after the expiration date.

These property carrier and passenger carrier provisions account for the burden in this information collection. The program change decrease of 26,154 estimated annual burden hours (186,102 proposed estimated annual burden hours − 212,256 currently approved estimated annual burden hours) is due to the availability of new or improved data, the use of enhanced analysis or estimation methodologies, and/or the correction of arithmetic or other errors made previously when calculating the burden for the currently approved information collection. Previous estimates were based on 2021 data. Current property carrier and passenger carrier-related estimates are based on the December 27, 2024, Motor Carrier Management Information System and Safety Measurement System snapshots. The data pulled for the current ICR shows a decrease in the overall number of affected property carriers and an increase in the overall number of affected passenger carriers from the data used in the previous ICR. The decrease in the number of affected property carriers was greater than the increase in the overall number of affected passenger carriers which resulted in a decrease in the overall burden hours associated with this ICR.

Title: Lease and Interchange of Vehicles.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0056.

Type of Request: Renewal of currently approved ICR.

Respondents: Motor carriers authorized by the Secretary to transport property and passengers that use leased equipment.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 31,677 [28,758 property carriers (lessees and lessors) + 2,013 interstate authorized for-hire passenger carriers (lessees and lessors) + 236 interstate exempt for-hire passenger carriers (lessees and lessors) + 671 interstate private motor carriers of passengers (lessees and lessors)].

Estimated Time per Response: Varies from 5 to 30 minutes.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2025.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 186,102 hours [28,758 hours for master lease (creation of master leases by lessees and lessors that are property carriers) + 48,446 hours for standard statement (creation of a statement or

copy of the lease to be carried in each leased truck tractor) + 93,395 hours for one-time lease negotiations by lessees and lessors that are passenger carriers + 15,504 hours for lease documentation by lessees and lessors that are passenger carriers + zero or de minimis hours for lease copying by passenger carriers].

Definitions: None.

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 performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The Agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this ICR.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87.

Kenneth Riddle,

Acting Associate Administrator Office of Research and Registration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2025–0011]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On March 21, 2025, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR. FRA received no comments in response to the notice.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* Find the particular ICR by selecting ''Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: *arlette.mussington@dot.gov* or telephone: (571) 609–1285 or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: *joanne.swafford@dot.gov* or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On March 21, 2025, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. *See* 90 FR 13401. FRA has received no comments related to the proposed collection of information.

Before OMB decides whether to approve this proposed collection of information, it must provide 30 days' notice for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *See also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. The 30-day notice informs the regulated community of their opportunity to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to consider public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

Comments are invited on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Passenger Equipment Safety Standards.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0544.

Abstract: FRA's Passenger Equipment Safety Standards (49 CFR part 238) are used by FRA to promote passenger train safety by ensuring requirements are met for structural design and performance, fire safety, emergency systems, inspection, testing, and maintenance, and other provisions for the safe operation of railroad passenger equipment. For instance, the information collected from daily inspections is used to detect and correct equipment problems in order to prevent, to the extent that they can be prevented, collisions, derailments, and other occurrences involving railroad passenger equipment that cause injury or death to railroad employees, railroad passengers, or to the general public.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): NA.

Respondent Universe: 35 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 4,860,838.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 95,947 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: $8,296,770.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Christopher S. Van Nostrand,

Deputy Chief Counsel.

[FR Doc. 2025–09534 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0073]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V MANAWA OHANA

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0073 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov.* Search MARAD–2025–0073 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0073, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0073 at *https://www.regulations.gov.* Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0073 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to *SmallVessels@dot.gov.* Include in the email subject heading ''Contains Confidential Commercial Information'' or ''Contains CCI'' and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Privacy Act

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0074]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V INDIE SKY

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and

foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0074 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov.* Search MARAD–2025–0074 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0074, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if the Maritime Administration (MARAD), after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0074 at *https://www.regulations.gov.* Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0074 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to *SmallVessels@dot.gov.* Include in the email subject heading ''Contains Confidential Commercial Information'' or ''Contains CCI'' and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

[FR Doc. 2025–09540 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0081]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V DREAM WEAVER

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S.

vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0081 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov.* Search MARAD–2025–0081 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0081, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if the Maritime Administration (MARAD), after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0081 at *https://www.regulations.gov.* Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0081 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

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If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

[FR Doc. 2025–09544 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0075]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V ESTELLA

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0075 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov*. Search MARAD–2025–0075 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0075, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

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Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if the Maritime Administration (MARAD), after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0075 at *https://www.regulations.gov.* Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

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Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0075 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

[FR Doc. 2025–09537 Filed 5–27–25; 8:45 am]

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[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0080]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V MINDSWEEPER

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0080 by any one of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov*. Search MARAD–2025–0080 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0080, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0080 at *https://www.regulations.gov*. Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

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Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0080 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0072]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133–0543 (Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery) is used to identify strengths and weaknesses of current services and make improvements in MARAD service delivery. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MARAD–2025–0072 through one of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov.* Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

Note: All comments received will be posted without change to *www.regulations.gov* including any personal information provided.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is reasonable for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be lessened 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamelia Bolton, 202–366–4623, Office of Management and Administrative Services, U.S. Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: *Tamelia.Bolton@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0543.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This collection of information allows MARAD to garner customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with our commitment to improving service delivery. The information collected from our customers and stakeholders will help ensure that users have an effective, efficient, and satisfying experience with MARAD's programs.

Respondents: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,000.

Estimated Hours per Response: 10–120 minutes.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,958.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0077]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V JODIE MAE

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0077 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov*. Search MARAD–2025–0077 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0077, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0077 at *https://www.regulations.gov*. Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above

[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0077 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to *SmallVessels@dot.gov*. Include in the email subject heading ''Contains Confidential Commercial Information'' or ''Contains CCI'' and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Privacy Act

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0078]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V SEAFARER

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0078 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov*. Search MARAD–2025–0078 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0078, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0078 at *https://www.regulations.gov*. Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0078 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to *SmallVessels@dot.gov.* Include in the email subject heading ''Contains Confidential Commercial Information'' or ''Contains CCI'' and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0079]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V ZOSCA

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0079 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov.* Search MARAD–2025–0079 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2025–0079, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: *smallvessels@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.[1]

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT docket as MARAD–2025–0079 at *https://www.regulations.gov.* Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

[1] The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

The docket online is located at *https://www.regulations.gov,* keyword search MARAD–2025–0079 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to *SmallVessels@dot.gov.* Include in the email subject heading ''Contains Confidential Commercial Information'' or ''Contains CCI'' and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2024–0017]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Request for Comment; Vehicle Information for the General Public

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on a reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection of information.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) seeks public comment about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval on the reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on December 31, 2024. Two comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, including suggestions for reducing burden, should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget at *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* To find this particular information collection, select ''Currently under Review—Open for Public Comment'' or use the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Jennifer Lee, U.S. Department of Transportation, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Lee's telephone number is (202) 366–7695. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number (OMB Control number: 2127–0629).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), a Federal agency must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before it collects certain information from the public and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information by a Federal agency unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. In compliance with these requirements, this notice announces that the following information collection request will be submitted OMB.

Title: Vehicle Information for the General Public.

OMB Control Number: 2127–0629.

Form Number: 1102.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Length of Approval Requested: Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injury, and reduce motor vehicle crashes. Consumer information programs are an important tool for improving vehicle safety through market forces. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32302, the Secretary of Transportation (NHTSA by delegation) is directed to provide to the public the following information about passenger motor vehicles: Damage susceptibility; crashworthiness, crash avoidance, and any other areas the Secretary determines will improve safety of passenger motor vehicles; and the degree of difficulty of diagnosis and repair of damage to, or failure of, mechanical and electrical systems. NHTSA established the New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) in 1978 in response to Title II of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972. For more than 40 years, under NCAP, NHTSA has been providing consumers with vehicle safety information such as frontal and side crash test results, advanced crash avoidance technology system performance test results, rollover propensity, and the availability of a wide array of safety features provided on new model year vehicles. Section 24213(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes requirements to add to NCAP information about advanced crash avoidance technologies and vulnerable road user safety. The information collection includes new model year vehicle information such as vehicle make, model, body style, certification style, projected sales volume, crashworthiness features, advanced crash avoidance technologies, vehicle setup information, and side air bag information. This reinstatement with change of a previously approved

information collection request includes the statutory addition of these information and the corresponding increase associated with the total annual burden hours.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: The consumer information collected will be used to disseminate vehicle safety information via the Agency's website at *www.nhtsa.gov,* on the Monroney labels, in other consumer publications, as well as for internal agency analyses and responses to consumer inquiries. The Agency uses this safety feature information when responding to consumer inquiries, conducting research and data analysis as well as analyzing rulemaking petitions and the regulatory impacts of Congressional Acts that require the Agency to issue or consider issuing new rules that would mandate certain vehicle safety features. Last but certainly not least, the Agency uses this information to help with the selection of certain new model year vehicle models to be tested under NCAP to (1) provide safety ratings on how well the vehicles protect vehicle occupants during the crash and (2) assess advanced driver assistance systems for performance verification.

60-Day Notice: A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting public comments on the following information collection was published on December 31, 2024 (89 FR 107192). In total, there were two comments. One comment was from a group of four individual households and the other comment was from the Alliance for Automative Innovation (Auto Innovators) in response to the notice. In response to the Auto Innovators' comments, NHTSA also met informally with vehicle manufacturers on March 18, 2025, to gather feedback on the NCAP information collection. Below are summaries of comments and the Agency's response to the comments.

The group of four individual households submitted and signed one comment letter which stated that NCAP does not provide consumers with information on the effectiveness of crash protection and crash avoidance technologies in crashes involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs), particularly underride crashes. The group suggested that NHTSA amend the collection to include data on crash avoidance effectiveness in CMV-related crashes.

In response, NCAP does not provide the type of information that the comment suggested above. Specifically, NCAP provides consumers with vehicle safety information based on crash tests and ADAS performance evaluations. The main focus of the program is on high frequency crashes occurring on U.S. roadways. For example, in 2022, large trucks accounted for 5.5 percent of the vehicles involved in property damage crashes, 3.9 percent involved in injury crashes, and 9.6 percent involved in fatal crashes. Additionally, light vehicle crashes with large trucks involving underride are rare events. Thus, NCAP does not provide vehicle safety information related to passenger vehicle-to-commercial motor vehicle crashes at this time.

The Auto Innovators provided detailed comments expressing concerns with the burden of submitting extensive new vehicle information to NHTSA each year. More specifically, while the Auto Innovators support NCAP's mission and its operations, they are concerned about the expanded scope of NHTSA's NCAP information collection request, citing issues with the utility of the information collected, the excessive burden of the information collection on manufacturers, accuracy of NHTSA's estimated burden, and ways the Agency can enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection. In particular, they urged NHTSA to provide more details and justification on the specific data elements being added and how the data will be communicated to consumers on NHTSA's website. In addition, they commented on the burden created from the extensive information request letter and the Microsoft Excel submission template. Furthermore, they raised concern about the formatting changes to the template without vehicle manufacturer input, which they believe may further impact the reporting burden.

In response to the Auto Innovators' comment regarding the utility of the information collected, NHTSA reiterates the information provided in the December 2024 60-day notice. Specifically, data elements collected will be used to (1) communicate vehicle safety information to consumers via the Agency's website (*www.nhtsa.gov*) and at the point of sale, (2) address consumer inquiries, and (3) conduct analyses for research and rulemaking actions.

To address the Auto Innovators' concerns regarding reducing the burden, NHTSA will no longer require vehicle manufacturers to enter individual test data for Side Air Bag Out-of-Position (SAB OOP) and Crash Avoidance tests. Similarly, for the new Crashworthiness Pedestrian Protection testing program, NHTSA will not seek individual test data to be entered in the Excel spreadsheet. In addition, NHTSA plans to remove other data elements such as data collected on total battery capacity, adjustable upper shoulder belt anchorages, Event Data Recorder systems, and distraction lockout systems.

Regarding the Auto Innovators' comment on the length of the annual new vehicle information request letter, the main reasons for providing detailed instructions and examples for each question in the request letter are not only to clarify the requirements, but also to minimize errors and burden for vehicle manufacturers by reducing the amount of follow-up communications with multiple rounds of revisions.

Finally, regarding the Auto Innovators' comment that NHTSA has significantly underestimated the reporting burden associated with this information collection, the Agency notes that the 450 percent increase in burden hours estimated by the Agency for the current information collection is consistent with previous information collection estimation and consistent with the labor information available. Nevertheless, in response to the Auto Innovators' comment, NHTSA has significantly reduced the amount of information collected without reducing the estimated burden hours to account for a more accurate estimation of the information collection burden. Given the planned reduction in the data elements collected, NHTSA believes that the estimated burden hours are appropriate and responsive to the Auto Innovators' comments.

NHTSA is also working on modernizing its new vehicle information collection process by developing a database to store vehicle information collected through the annual collection process. This system (when launched) would eventually streamline the data collection process and further reduce the reporting burden on vehicle manufacturers while continually ensuring the agency continues to have necessary NCAP information for the consumers.

Affected Public: Manufacturers that sell passenger cars and light truck vehicles (including sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks, and vans) that have a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Number of Responses: 600.

The 21 vehicle manufacturers produce an aggregate of approximately 600 vehicle models including trim lines each year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,000 hours.

NHTSA estimates that these 21 vehicle manufacturers produce an aggregate of approximately 600 vehicle models each year. NHTSA estimates the burden associated with this collection based on an expected 15 hours to prepare a response for each vehicle model.[1] Therefore, NHTSA estimates that the total burden to be 9,000 hours.

Number of vehicle models—600

Number of hours per vehicle model—15

Total annual burden hours—9,000 = (15 hours/model × 600 models)

TABLE 1—BURDEN HOUR ESTIMATES

	Vehicle models per year	Estimated hours per vehicle	Estimated total annual burden hours
Preparation of Response	600	15	9,000

NHTSA estimates that the fifteen hours for each vehicle model will involve 6 hours of data entry (40% of the total), 7.5 hours for technical information validation (50% of the total), and 1.5 hours for technical content approval (10% of the total). Therefore, NHTSA estimates that the total annual submission will require 3,600 data entry hours, 4,500 technical information validation hours, and 900 technical content approval hours, for an annual total of 9,000 burden hours.

A breakdown of the total annual burden hours (9,000) for this collection of information by labor type is as follows:

Burden hours for data entry = 9,000 hours × 40 percent = 3,600 hours

Burden hours for technical information validation = 9,000 hours × 50 percent = 4,500 hours

Burden hours for technical content approval = 9,000 hours × 10 percent = 900 hours

TABLE 2—BURDEN HOUR BY LABOR TYPE ESTIMATES

	Hours by labor type	
	Percentage of total hours	Number of hours
Data Entry	40	3,600
Technical Information Validation	50	4,500
Technical Content Approval	10	900

NHTSA estimates the total labor costs associated with the burden hours by looking at estimates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for the average hourly wages for Business Operations Specialists (BLS Occupation code 13–1000), Mechanical Engineers (BLS Occupation code 17–2141), and General and Operations Managers (BLS Occupation code 11–1021) in the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Industry. The labor cost (by labor type) associated with this collection of information is derived by (1) applying appropriate *average hourly labor rate* published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, (2) dividing by 0.705 [2] to obtain the total compensation rate for private industry workers, and (3) multiplying by the estimated labor hours for each labor type.

Cost associated with data entry = 3,600 hours × $47.59 [3] per hour/0.705 = $243,013

Cost associated with technical information validation = 4,500 hours x $54.82 [4] per hour/0.705 = $349,915

Cost associated with technical content approval = 900 hours × $77.54 [5] per hour/0.705 = $98,987

The percent of total compensation for private industry workers has been updated from 70.3 percent in the 60-day notice (89 FR 107192) to 70.5 percent in this 30-day notice to reflect the new compensation rate from the BLS as of March 14, 2025.[6] Thus, the difference in the estimated annual labor cost from the previously reported estimated cost in the 60-day notice is due to the change in the percent of total compensation for private industry workers—as previously discussed and shown in Table 3 below.

Total annual cost associated with this collection of information is $691,915 ($243,013 + $349,915 + $98,987).

[1] NHTSA believes that the hours estimated is appropriate because the Agency has already taken steps to significantly reduce the number of questions and the total amount of data needed in the worksheet for each manufacturer's submission.

[2] See Table 1. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation by ownership (December 2024), available at *https://www.bls.gov/bls/news-release/ecec.htm,* last accessed March 19, 2025.

[3] ''Motor Vehicle Manufacturing—May 2023 OEWS Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates.'' April 3, 2024. *Business Operations Specialists, Occupation Code 13–1000;* Mean Hourly Wage = $47.59. *https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_336100.htm.* Accessed March 11, 2025.

[4] ''Motor Vehicle Manufacturing—May 2023 OEWS Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates.'' April 3, 2024. *Mechanical Engineers, Occupation Code 17–2141;* Mean Hourly Wage = $54.82. *https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_336100.htm.* Accessed March 11, 2025.

[5] ''Motor Vehicle Manufacturing—May 2023 OEWS Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates.'' April 3, 2024. *General and Operations Managers, Occupation Code 11–1021;* Mean Hourly Wage = $77.54. *https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_336100.htm.* Accessed March 11, 2025.

[6] See Table 1. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation by ownership (December 2024), available at *https://www.bls.gov/bls/news-release/ecec.htm*, last a ccessed March 19, 2025.

TABLE 3—ESTIMATE ANNUAL LABOR COST

	Average wage	Percent of total compensation	Total compensation rate	Annual hours	Annual labor cost
Data Entry	$47.59	70.5	$67.60	3,600	$243,013
Technical Information Validation	54.82	70.5	77.87	4,500	349,915
Technical Content Approval	77.54	70.5	110.14	900	98,987
Estimated Annual Labor Cost for This Information Collection	.....	.....	.....	.....	691,915

Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost: There are no costs associated with this collection other than the labor costs associated with the burden hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29A.

David M. Hines

Acting Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2025–0053]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; 49 CFR Part 585; Phase-In Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on a request for reinstatement with modification of a previously approved information collection.

SUMMARY: NHTSA invites public comments about our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a reinstatement with modification of a previously-approved information collection. Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from OMB. Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval on phase-in reporting requirements as part of a final rule in which NHTSA amended Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, ''Occupant crash protection.''

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Docket No. NHTSA–2025–0053 through any of the following methods:

- *Electronic submissions:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to *http://www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit *https://www.transportation.gov/privacy.*

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets via internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Ms. Carla Rush at (202) 366–1810. Address: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following: (a) whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collection of information for which the agency is seeking approval from OMB.

Title: 49 CFR part 585; Phase-In Reporting Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2127–0535.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with modification of a previously approved information collection.[1]

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: 3 years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: On August 22, 2024, NHTSA published a final rule amending FMVSS No. 208, ''Occupant crash protection.'' [2] Among other requirements, FMVSS No. 208 mandates that motor vehicles be equipped with advanced air bag systems capable of deactivating or adjusting the force with which the air bags deploy depending on size of the occupant seated in positions with frontal air bags. Manufacturers must certify that their advanced air bag systems comply with the requirements when certain child restraint systems (CRSs) are installed in their vehicles with specific dummies listed in the standard. These specific CRSs are listed in Appendix A–1 of FMVSS No. 208, and the August 2024 final rule updated the list of CRSs listed in Appendix A–1 to ensure the CRSs being used for testing are representative of the current CRS market.

As part of the update to FMVSS No. 208, there is a phase-in of the requirements for testing with the new CRSs listed in Appendix A–1. As with all phase-ins, the agency is adopting a reporting and recordkeeping requirement to facilitate the agency's enforcement of the standard by aiding NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer has complied with the phase-in requirements during the phase-in period. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements require that manufacturers submit an annual production report to NHTSA that includes the number of vehicles manufactured in the current production year and the production of complying vehicles and retain records of compliance with the phase-in requirements for five years. NHTSA estimates this collection will impact 22 manufacturers each year and will have a total annual burden of 22 hours and $0 in total annual cost.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: The purpose of the reporting requirements is to aid NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer has complied with the phase-in requirements during the phase-in period. Without the reporting requirements, NHTSA would have no way of knowing whether a manufacturer has complied with the phase-in requirements during the phase-in period.

Affected Public: The only required respondents for the reporting requirements are applicable light vehicle manufacturers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The agency expects 22 vehicle manufacturers to be required to respond to the information collection request.

Frequency: The final rule requires the following implementation schedule: Forty percent of all of a manufacturer's light vehicles must comply with the revised appendix by September 1, 2025, and all light vehicles must be fully compliant no later than September 1, 2026. The phase-in plan requires manufacturers to report achievement of the annual production quota in the phase-in period. These requirements are found in 49 CFR part 585, ''Phase-In Reporting Requirements.'' The reporting and recordkeeping requirements require that manufacturers submit an annual production report to NHTSA that includes the number of vehicles manufactured in the current production year and the production of complying vehicles and that they retain records of compliance with the phase-in requirements for five years. The report is due within 60 days after the end of the production year ending August 31, 2026. After the report is received, requirements will cease and no further report will be required during that year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The annual burden involves the tasks of collection of the information required by the annual report as well as placing the information in a form suitable for record keeping and data retrieval. Since almost all of the information required is already recorded by the manufacturers as part of their production control and tracking systems, a nominal assessment of half a burden hour per respondent is estimated for data retrieval and report preparation and half a burden hour per respondent for the record keeping of the data.

NHTSA estimates the labor costs associated with these labor hours using hourly labor rates published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). BLS estimates that hourly wages represent approximately 70.5 percent of total compensation for private industry workers.[3] For the labor costs associated with this ICR, NHTSA uses the mean hourly wage of $40.64 per hour for ''Technical Writers'' (occupational code 27–3042) for the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Industry [4] and applies the 70.5 percent factor to find the total compensation rate of $57.65 per hour ($40.64 per hour divided by 0.705). The total annual labor cost associated with the burden hours is estimated to be $1,268.20 (time burden of 22 hours × $57.65 cost per hour).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost: $0. There are no additional costs to respondents other than the labor cost associated with the burden hours described above.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29A.

David Hines,

Acting Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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[1] This information collection request (ICR) is to request a reinstatement with modification of a previously approved information collection for mandatory phase-in reporting for vehicle manufacturers (OMB Control No. 2127–0535) and requesting that it be renamed as ''49 CFR part 585; Phase-In Reporting Requirements.'' This ICR will be used to consolidate all phase-in reporting requirements that are included in 49 CFR part 585 and was chosen because the OMB Control Number is currently listed in 49 CFR 509 as being associated with information collections contained in part 585.

[2] 89 FR 67869.

[3] *See* Table 1. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation by ownership (Dec. 2024), available at *https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecec.pdf* (accessed April 1, 2025).

[4] *See* May 2023 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, NAICS 336100—Motor Vehicle Manufacturing, available at *https://www.bls.gov/oes/2023/may/naics4_336100.htm#27-0000* (accessed April 1, 2025).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. Additionally, OFAC is updating the identifying information of one person currently included on the SDN List.

DATES: This action was issued on May 21, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202–622–2420; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202–622–2490 or *https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: *https://ofac.treasury.gov.*

Notice of OFAC Action

On May 21, 2025, OFAC determined that the persons identified below meet one or more of the criteria for the imposition of sanctions set forth in section 1(a)–(c) of Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, ''Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade,'' 86 FR 71549 (December 17, 2021) (E.O. 14059). OFAC has selected to impose blocking sanctions pursuant to section 2(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 on the persons identified below.

OFAC further determined that the persons identified below meet one or more of the criteria for designation pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, ''Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism,'' 66 FR 49079, as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, ''Modernizing Sanctions To Combat Terrorism,'' 84 FR 48041 (E.O. 13224, as amended).

As a result, the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

Individuals

1. DE ANDA LEDEZMA, Miguel Angel (a.k.a. ''Miguelon''), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 16 Sep 1984; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. AALM840916HTSNDG02 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLICIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(iii) of E.O. 14059 for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person sanctioned pursuant to E.O. 14059.

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13224, as amended, for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

2. GONZALEZ SAUCEDA, Ricardo (a.k.a. ''El Ricky''; a.k.a. ''Mando R''; a.k.a. ''Mando Ricky''), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 21 Jan 1998; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. GOSR980121HTSNCC04 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLICIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(iii) of E.O. 14059 for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person sanctioned pursuant to E.O. 14059.

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13224, as amended, for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

On May 21, 2025, OFAC updated the entry on the SDN List for the following person, whose property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction continue to be blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

Entity

3. LOS ZETAS (a.k.a. CARTEL DEL NORESTE; a.k.a. ''CDN''; a.k.a. ''NORTHEAST CARTEL''), Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Type: Transnational Terrorist Group; Target Type Criminal Organization [SDNTK] [FTO] [SDGT] [TCO] [ILLICIT–DRUGS–EO14059].

The listing for the individual now appears as follows:

CARTEL DEL NORESTE (a.k.a. ''CDN''; a.k.a. ''LOS ZETAS''; a.k.a. ''NORTHEAST CARTEL''), Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Type: Transnational Terrorist Group ; Target Type Criminal Organization [SDNTK] [FTO] [SDGT] [TCO] [ILLICIT–DRUGS–EO14059].

Dated: May 21, 2025.

Lisa M. Palluconi,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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National Maritime Day, 2025

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

More than 200 years ago, the American steamship S.S. Savannah set sail across the Atlantic, becoming the first vessel of its kind to complete the journey. That daring voyage marked the start of American maritime excellence. From that first crossing to the increasingly important shipping lanes of today, America's strength at sea has always been driven by the United States Merchant Marine and the skilled merchant mariners who support our economy and readiness in times of peace, crisis, and war.

Merchant mariners play a vital role in our national defense, standing ready to support military operations whenever they are needed. As civilian seafarers, they deliver troops, weapons, and supplies through dangerous conditions to sustain our Armed Forces in times of conflict. During World War II, more than 243,000 merchant mariners risked their lives to aid the war effort and help secure victory and freedom. Their service came at a price as these merchant mariners suffered a higher casualty rate than all branches of the United States military during the war. Their courage and heroism reflect a deep commitment to the Nation that we hold in the highest honor and shall never forget.

Beyond their role in national defense, merchant mariners help drive American economic strength. They operate the vessels that transport goods, energy, and raw materials to and from our shores, supporting global trade and connecting United States producers with international markets. Their work supports key industries across the American economy, including shipping, shipbuilding, logistics, and energy.

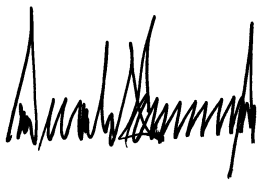
The United States is a proud maritime nation, and as President, I am bringing a renewed focus to reestablishing our dominance at sea. Last month, I signed an Executive Order on Restoring America's Maritime Dominance to spur investment in American shipbuilding, eliminate outdated regulations, and expand merchant mariner training and education. These reforms are critical to securing supply chains, protecting key trade routes, and countering growing threats from foreign adversaries.

Today, we celebrate the men and women of the United States Merchant Marine and all those who support our maritime industry. Their dedication upholds our national defense, fuels our economy, and continues a proud tradition that has shaped our Nation since its earliest days.

The Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933, has designated May 22 of each year as ''National Maritime Day,'' to commemorate the first transoceanic voyage by a steamship, in 1819 by the S.S. Savannah. By this resolution, the Congress has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2025, as National Maritime Day. I call upon the people of the United States to mark this observance and to display the flag of the United States at their homes and in their communities. I also request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.



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