

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 502

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RIN 3090–AK60

General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Packaging; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: GSA is issuing a correction to GSAR Case 2022–G517, “Reduction of Single-use Plastic Packaging,” which published in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2024. This correction makes an update to the definition “Packaging”.

DATES: Effective July 8, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

■ In rule FR Doc. 2024–12192, published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 48330, on June 6, 2024, on page 48336, in the second column, amendatory instruction 2, section 502.101, correct paragraph 3 of the definition of *Packaging* to read as follows:

502.101 [Corrected]

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Packaging * * *

(3) Shipping packaging means packaging that serves as protection for the goods to ensure safe transport to the end customer, including:

(i) Ancillary packaging or transport packaging or tertiary packaging means packaging intended to secure the product, such as packing peanuts, wrapping materials, or molded materials. Ancillary packaging (or all shipping packaging) is typically outside of brand packaging.

(ii) Redundant packaging or unnecessary packaging means packaging that does not add any measurable protection to the supply being shipped, such as multiple layers of bubble wrap to an already durable product that is encased in a cardboard box. An example of this is a home testing kit with all plastic components already packaged in a cardboard box with cardboard inserts to absorb shock, that is then shipped in multiple layers of bubble wrap. In this

example the bubble wrap is the redundant single-use plastic packaging.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 229

[Docket No. 240624–0175]

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Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Amendment to the Atlantic Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan

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

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, are delaying the effective date of terminal gear requirements that amend the Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan (PLTRP) regulations in a final rule that published on June 6, 2023.

DATES: The effective date of the regulatory requirements contained in 50 CFR 229.36(d) that was published in a final rule at 88 FR 36965 on June 6, 2023, is delayed until January 1, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2023, we published a final rule to amend the PLTRP (88 FR 36965). The PLTRP is required under section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to reduce mortality and serious injury (M/SI) of short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*) incidental to the Atlantic portion of the Category I Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico large pelagics longline fishery. Regulatory requirements in the

amended PLTRP were effective on July 6, 2023, except for the requirements contained in 50 CFR 229.36(d), implementing terminal gear restrictions, which were to become effective on July 8, 2024 (88 FR 36965).

The terminal gear requirements contained in 50 CFR 229.36(d) require: (1) circle hooks must have a round wire diameter not to exceed 4.05 millimeters (mm; 0.159 inches (in)) if the hooks are size 16/0, or 4.40 mm (0.173 in) if the hooks are size 18/0, and must have a straightening force not to exceed 300 pounds (lb; 136.08 kilograms (kg)); and (2) monofilament leaders and branch lines (*i.e.*, gangions) must have a minimum diameter of 1.8 mm (0.071 in) and a breaking strength of at least 300 lb (136.08 kg). These requirements apply to the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) portions of the Northeast Coastal (NEC), Mid-Atlantic Bight (MAB), South Atlantic Bight (SAB), and Florida East Coast (FEC) pelagic longline statistical areas, which together compose the entirety of the U.S. Atlantic EEZ (east of the line of demarcation between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico as defined in 50 CFR 600.105(c)).

In the proposed rule to amend the PLTRP, we sought comments on the length of time necessary for manufacturers and industry to implement the new terminal gear regulations. Two commenters noted that manufacturers may need time to produce new hooks, but were concerned about additional delays to implementing regulations. Two additional commenters suggested that at least 1 full year was needed to plan and implement the hook design and allow fishermen time to work through existing inventories of hooks that would not meet the new regulatory requirements. These same commenters recommended that the fishery be given no less than 18 months following the publication of the final rule to implement the new hook requirements. In an effort to balance the conservation needs for the species and the practical and economic needs of the pelagic longline industry, we decided to delay the implementation of these terminal gear requirements by 12 months. Our final rule, which was published on June 6, 2023, and became effective on July 6, 2023, specified an effective date for the new terminal gear requirements of July 8, 2024.

Currently, some hooks that meet the specifications contained in 50 CFR 229.36(d) are available, although they are available in limited quantities and are not preferred broadly across the fishery. A primary hook manufacturer for the Atlantic pelagic longline fishing