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	Memorandum for the Secretary of State[,] the Secretary of Defense[,] the Secretary of Health and Human Services[, and] the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development		
I hereby revoke the Presidential Memorandum of January 28, 202 the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of I and Human Services, and the Administrator of the United States A for International Development (Protecting Women's Health at Hom Abroad), and reinstate the Presidential Memorandum of January 23, for the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Sen and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Dev ment (The Mexico City Policy).			
	I direct the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to the extent allowable by law, to implement a plan to extend the requirements of the reinstated Memorandum to global health assistance furnished by all departments or agencies.		
	I further direct the Secretary of State to take all necessary actions, to the extent permitted by law, to ensure that U.S. taxpayer dollars do not fund organizations or programs that support or participate in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.		
	This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.		

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, January 24, 2025

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## **Presidential Documents**

Proclamation 10889 of January 27, 2025

## National Day of Remembrance of the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz, 2025

#### By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

Today marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi concentration camp in Poland that stood at the center of the Holocaust and focus for their systematic slaughter of the Jewish people.

Between 1940 and 1945, more than one million Jews, religious leaders, disabled persons, and other innocent victims were viciously and mercilessly executed in Auschwitz at the hands of the evil Nazi regime—culminating in one of the darkest chapters in human history. On this solemn day, America joins the Jewish community, the people of Poland, and the entire world in mourning the lives lost, the souls battered, the heroes forgotten, and the countless men and women who gave their lives for the cause of freedom.

Over those 5 gruesome years at Auschwitz, mothers and fathers lost their children, daughters and sons lost their parents, and wives and husbands lost their soulmates to the deadly scourge of anti-Semitism—leaving an unfillable void in their hearts. To those who lost family members and loved ones, we pray that Almighty God will grant you comfort and strength. To those who survived the atrocities at Auschwitz, we honor your courage, we salute your sacrifice, and we offer you our enduring love and unceasing gratitude. And to every person touched by the calamities of the Holocaust, we give you our unwavering devotion and eternal promise to never forget the evils that took place during that dark time in history.

Sadly, despite decades of wisdom shared by survivors, years of reflection on the depravities committed, and decades of progress towards peace, the poison of anti-Semitism still courses through the veins of cowards in dark corners of the world. So today, we renew our promise that anti-Semitism has no place in a civilized society, no place in our foreign policy, and no place in the United States of America.

In the years since the liberation of Auschwitz on this day eight decades ago, the grave offenses that took place during the Holocaust and the cries of the Jewish people have echoed throughout the halls of history. In the wake of the oppression, persecution, and injustice committed at Auschwitz and elsewhere in Europe, the Jewish people gallantly persevered to refound their homeland in the modern State of Israel—our mighty friend. To this day, the Jewish people proudly represent the peak of human tenacity and the pinnacle of human triumph.

As we commemorate this somber occasion, we pay tribute to the undying spirit of the Jewish community. We reaffirm our commitment to educating our children and every future generation about the horrors that took place within the confines of Auschwitz and other concentration and death camps. We renew our resolve to end anti-Semitism and religious bigotry of all forms. We proudly reassert our strong bonds of friendship with the State of Israel. And we declare the timeless truth that every human being is a child of God and inherently worthy of dignity and respect. NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2025, as a National Day of Remembrance of the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz. On this day, I call upon every American citizen to observe this day with programs, ceremonies, and prayers commemorating the victims of the Holocaust and honoring the sacrifices of the men and women who helped liberate the victims of the Nazis at Auschwitz.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of January, 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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## **Presidential Documents**

#### Executive Order 14183 of January 27, 2025

### **Prioritizing Military Excellence and Readiness**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, and to ensure the readiness and effectiveness of our Armed Forces, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1**. *Purpose.* The United States military has a clear mission: to protect the American people and our homeland as the world's most lethal and effective fighting force. Success in this existential mission requires a singular focus on developing the requisite warrior ethos, and the pursuit of military excellence cannot be diluted to accommodate political agendas or other ideologies harmful to unit cohesion.

Recently, however, the Armed Forces have been afflicted with radical gender ideology to appease activists unconcerned with the requirements of military service like physical and mental health, selflessness, and unit cohesion. Longstanding Department of Defense (DoD) policy (DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6130.03) provides that it is the policy of the DoD to ensure that service members are "[f]ree of medical conditions or physical defects that may reasonably be expected to require excessive time lost from duty for necessary treatment or hospitalization." As a result, many mental and physical health conditions are incompatible with active duty, from conditions that require substantial medication or medical treatment to bipolar and related disorders, eating disorders, suicidality, and prior psychiatric hospitalization.

Consistent with the military mission and longstanding DoD policy, expressing a false "gender identity" divergent from an individual's sex cannot satisfy the rigorous standards necessary for military service. Beyond the hormonal and surgical medical interventions involved, adoption of a gender identity inconsistent with an individual's sex conflicts with a soldier's commitment to an honorable, truthful, and disciplined lifestyle, even in one's personal life. A man's assertion that he is a woman, and his requirement that others honor this falsehood, is not consistent with the humility and selflessness required of a service member.

For the sake of our Nation and the patriotic Americans who volunteer to serve it, military service must be reserved for those mentally and physically fit for duty. The Armed Forces must adhere to high mental and physical health standards to ensure our military can deploy, fight, and win, including in austere conditions and without the benefit of routine medical treatment or special provisions.

**Sec. 2**. *Policy*. It is the policy of the United States Government to establish high standards for troop readiness, lethality, cohesion, honesty, humility, uniformity, and integrity. This policy is inconsistent with the medical, surgical, and mental health constraints on individuals with gender dysphoria. This policy is also inconsistent with shifting pronoun usage or use of pronouns that inaccurately reflect an individual's sex.

**Sec. 3**. *Definitions.* The definitions in the Executive Order of January 20, 2025 (Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government) shall apply to this order.

**Sec. 4**. *Implementation.* (a) Within 60 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Defense (Secretary) shall update DoDI 6130.03 Volume 1 (Medical Standards for Military Service: Appointment, Enlistment, or Induction

(May 6, 2018), Incorporating Change 5 of May 28, 2024) and DoDI 6130.03 Volume 2 (Medical Standards for Military Service: Retention (September 4, 2020), Incorporating Change 1 of June 6, 2022) to reflect the purpose and policy of this Order.

(b) The Secretary shall promptly issue directives for DoD to end invented and identification-based pronoun usage to best achieve the policy outlined in section 2 of this order.

(c) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the Secretary shall:

(i) identify all additional steps and issue guidance necessary to fully implement this order; and

(ii) submit to the President through the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs a report that summarizes these steps.

(d) Absent extraordinary operational necessity, the Armed Forces shall neither allow males to use or share sleeping, changing, or bathing facilities designated for females, nor allow females to use or share sleeping, changing, or bathing facilities designated for males.

(e) Within 30 days of the issuance of the respective updates, directives, and guidance under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, with respect to the Coast Guard, issue updates, directives, and guidance consistent with the updates, directives, and guidance issued under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section.

**Sec. 5**. Implementing the Revocation of Executive Order 14004. (a) Pursuant to the Executive Order of January 20, 2025 (Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions), Executive Order 14004 of January 25, 2021 (Enabling All Qualified Americans To Serve Their Country in Uniform), has been revoked. Accordingly, all policies, directives, and guidance issued pursuant to Executive Order 14004 shall be rescinded to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this order.

(b) The Secretary and, with respect to the Coast Guard, the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall take all necessary steps to implement the revocations described in subsection (a) of this section and ensure that all military departments and services fully comply with the provisions of this order. **Sec. 6**. *Severability.* If any provision of this order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this order and the application of its provisions to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec.** 7. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 27, 2025.

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## **Presidential Documents**

#### Executive Order 14184 of January 27, 2025

## **Reinstating Service Members Discharged Under the Military's** COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1**. *Purpose and Policy.* On August 24, 2021, the Secretary of Defense mandated that all service members receive the COVID–19 vaccine. The Secretary of Defense later rescinded the mandate on January 10, 2023. The vaccine mandate was an unfair, overbroad, and completely unnecessary burden on our service members. Further, the military unjustly discharged those who refused the vaccine, regardless of the years of service given to our Nation, after failing to grant many of them an exemption that they should have received. Federal Government redress of any wrongful dismissals is overdue.

**Sec. 2**. *Redress.* Consistent with the policies announced in section 1 of this order, the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Homeland Security, as appropriate, shall take all necessary action permitted by law to:

(a) make reinstatement available to all members of the military (active and reserve) who were discharged solely for refusal to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and who request to be reinstated;

(b) enable those service members reinstated under this section to revert to their former rank and receive full back pay, benefits, bonus payments, or compensation; and

(c) allow any service members who provide a written and sworn attestation that they voluntarily left the service or allowed their service to lapse according to appropriate procedures, rather than be vaccinated under the vaccine mandate, to return to service with no impact on their service status, rank, or pay.

**Sec. 3**. Additional Agency Responsibilities. (a) Nothing in this order precludes disciplinary or administrative action for conduct that is proscribed by chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. 801–946a).

(b) Within 60 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall report to the President through the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs on their progress in implementing this order.

**Sec. 4**. *Severability.* If any provision of this order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this order and the application of its provisions to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 5**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 27, 2025.

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## **Presidential Documents**

#### Executive Order 14185 of January 27, 2025

### **Restoring America's Fighting Force**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1**. *Purpose.* As Chief Executive and as Commander in Chief, I am committed to meritocracy and to the elimination of race-based and sexbased discrimination within the Armed Forces of the United States. No individual or group within our Armed Forces should be preferred or disadvantaged on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, color, or creed.

Unfortunately, in recent years civilian and uniformed leadership alike have implemented Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs and their attendant race and sex preferences within the Armed Forces. These actions undermine leadership, merit, and unit cohesion, thereby eroding lethality and force readiness. They also violate Americans' consciences by engaging in invidious race and sex discrimination.

**Sec. 2**. *Policy.* It is the policy of my Administration that the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security with regard to the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and every element of the Armed Forces should operate free from any preference based on race or sex.

**Sec. 3**. *Definitions.* (a) A "DEI office" means an office, division, job, or other unit of an institution established for the purpose of:

(i) influencing hiring or employment practices at the institution with respect to race, sex, color, or ethnicity, other than through the use of color-blind and sex-neutral hiring processes; or

(ii) promoting differential treatment of or providing special benefits to individuals on the basis of race, sex, color, or ethnicity.

(b) The term "gender ideology" has the meaning given to that term in section 2(f) of the Executive Order of January 20, 2025, (Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government).

(c) The term "divisive concepts" has the meaning given to that term in section 2(a) of Executive Order 13950 of September 22, 2020 (Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping).

**Sec. 4**. Abolishing the DEI Bureaucracy. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall abolish every DEI office within the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security with regard to the USCG, respectively, including any vestiges of DEI offices, such as sub-offices, programs, elements, or initiatives established to promote a race-based preferences system that subverts meritocracy, perpetuates unconstitutional discrimination, and promotes divisive concepts or gender ideology.

**Sec. 5**. Department of Defense Internal Review. The Secretary of Defense shall conduct an internal review that documents actions taken in pursuit of DEI initiatives, including all instances of race and sex discrimination and activities designed to promote a race- or sex-based preferences system. The report shall be delivered to the Secretary of Defense within 90 days of the date of this order.

**Sec. 6**. *Protecting American Values.* (a) The Department of Defense and the Armed Forces, including any educational institution operated or controlled thereby, are prohibited from promoting, advancing, or otherwise inculcating the following un-American, divisive, discriminatory, radical, extremist, and irrational theories:

(i) "divisive concepts," as defined in section 3(c) of this order, and "race or sex stereotyping," or "race or sex scapegoating" as both terms are defined in section 2 of Executive Order 13950, as amended;

(ii) that America's founding documents are racist or sexist; and

(iii) "gender ideology," as defined in section 3(b) of this order.

(b) The Department of Defense and the Armed Forces shall not hire employees, contractors, or consultants to teach the theories set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall carefully review the leadership, curriculum, and instructors of the United States Service Academies and other defense academic institutions associated with their respective Departments to ensure alignment with this order. In addition, these institutions shall be required to teach that America and its founding documents remain the most powerful force for good in human history.

**Sec. 7**. *Implementation.* (a) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue detailed guidance for the implementation of this order to their respective departments within 30 days of the date of this order.

(b) Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report through the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy documenting the progress of their respective Departments in implementing this order, and any recommendations for action to fulfill the objectives of this order.

**Sec. 8**. *Severability.* If any provision of this order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this order and the application of its provisions to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 9**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 27, 2025.

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## **Presidential Documents**

#### Executive Order 14186 of January 27, 2025

### The Iron Dome for America

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including my authority as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1**. *Purpose.* The threat of attack by ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles, and other advanced aerial attacks, remains the most catastrophic threat facing the United States.

President Ronald Reagan endeavored to build an effective defense against nuclear attacks, and while this program resulted in many technological advances, it was canceled before its goal could be realized. And since the United States withdrew from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in 2002 and initiated development of limited homeland missile defense, official United States homeland missile defense policy has remained only to stay ahead of rogue-nation threats and accidental or unauthorized missile launches.

Over the past 40 years, rather than lessening, the threat from next-generation strategic weapons has become more intense and complex with the development by peer and near-peer adversaries of next-generation delivery systems and their own homeland integrated air and missile defense capabilities.

**Sec. 2**. *Policy.* To further the goal of peace through strength, it is the policy of the United States that:

(a) The United States will provide for the common defense of its citizens and the Nation by deploying and maintaining a next-generation missile defense shield;

(b) The United States will deter—and defend its citizens and critical infrastructure against—any foreign aerial attack on the Homeland; and

(c) The United States will guarantee its secure second-strike capability. **Sec. 3**. *Implementation.* Within 60 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Defense shall:

(a) Submit to the President a reference architecture, capabilities-based requirements, and an implementation plan for the next-generation missile defense shield. The architecture shall include, at a minimum, plans for:

(i) Defense of the United States against ballistic, hypersonic, advanced cruise missiles, and other next-generation aerial attacks from peer, near-peer, and rogue adversaries;

(ii) Acceleration of the deployment of the Hypersonic and Ballistic Tracking Space Sensor layer;

(iii) Development and deployment of proliferated space-based interceptors capable of boost-phase intercept;

(iv) Deployment of underlayer and terminal-phase intercept capabilities postured to defeat a countervalue attack;

(v) Development and deployment of a custody layer of the Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture;

(vi) Development and deployment of capabilities to defeat missile attacks prior to launch and in the boost phase;

(vii) Development and deployment of a secure supply chain for all components with next-generation security and resilience features; and (viii) Development and deployment of non-kinetic capabilities to augment the kinetic defeat of ballistic, hypersonic, advanced cruise missiles, and other next-generation aerial attacks;

(b) Review relevant authorities and organization of the Department of Defense to develop and deploy capabilities at the necessary speed to implement this directive;

(c) Jointly with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submit to the President a plan to fund this directive, allowing sufficient time for consideration by the President before finalization of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget; and

(d) In cooperation with United States Strategic Command and United States Northern Command, submit to the President:

(i) An updated assessment of the strategic missile threat to the Homeland; and

(ii) A prioritized set of locations to progressively defend against a countervalue attack by nuclear adversaries.

**Sec. 4**. Allied and Theater Missile Defense Review. The United States continues to cooperate on missile defense with its allies and partners to aid in the defense of ally populations and troops and of forward-deployed United States troops. Following the submission to the President of the nextgeneration missile defense reference architecture under section 3(a) of this order, the Secretary of Defense shall direct a review of theater missile defense posture and initiatives to identify ways in which the United States and its allies and partners can:

(a) Increase bilateral and multilateral cooperation on missile defense technology development, capabilities, and operations;

(b) Improve theater missile defenses of forward-deployed United States troops and allied territories, troops, and populations; and

(c) Increase and accelerate the provision of United States missile defense capabilities to allies and partners.

**Sec. 5**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 27, 2025.

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## **Presidential Documents**

#### Executive Order 14187 of January 28, 2025

### Protecting Children From Chemical and Surgical Mutilation

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1.** *Policy and Purpose.* Across the country today, medical professionals are maiming and sterilizing a growing number of impressionable children under the radical and false claim that adults can change a child's sex through a series of irreversible medical interventions. This dangerous trend will be a stain on our Nation's history, and it must end.

Countless children soon regret that they have been mutilated and begin to grasp the horrifying tragedy that they will never be able to conceive children of their own or nurture their children through breastfeeding. Moreover, these vulnerable youths' medical bills may rise throughout their lifetimes, as they are often trapped with lifelong medical complications, a losing war with their own bodies, and, tragically, sterilization.

Accordingly, it is the policy of the United States that it will not fund, sponsor, promote, assist, or support the so-called "transition" of a child from one sex to another, and it will rigorously enforce all laws that prohibit or limit these destructive and life-altering procedures.

Sec. 2. *Definitions.* For the purposes of this order:

(a) The term "child" or "children" means an individual or individuals under 19 years of age.

(b) The term "pediatric" means relating to the medical care of a child.

(c) The phrase "chemical and surgical mutilation" means the use of puberty blockers, including GnRH agonists and other interventions, to delay the onset or progression of normally timed puberty in an individual who does not identify as his or her sex; the use of sex hormones, such as androgen blockers, estrogen, progesterone, or testosterone, to align an individual's physical appearance with an identity that differs from his or her sex; and surgical procedures that attempt to transform an individual's physical appearance to align with an identity that differs from his or her sex or that attempt to alter or remove an individual's sexual organs to minimize or destroy their natural biological functions. This phrase sometimes is referred to as "gender affirming care."

**Sec. 3**. Ending Reliance on Junk Science. (a) The blatant harm done to children by chemical and surgical mutilation cloaks itself in medical necessity, spurred by guidance from the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), which lacks scientific integrity. In light of the scientific concerns with the WPATH guidance:

(i) agencies shall rescind or amend all policies that rely on WPATH guidance, including WPATH's "Standards of Care Version 8"; and

(ii) within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall publish a review of the existing literature on best practices for promoting the health of children who assert gender dysphoria, rapid-onset gender dysphoria, or other identity-based confusion.

(b) The Secretary of HHS, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, shall use all available methods to increase the quality of data to guide practices for improving the health of minors with gender dysphoria, rapidonset gender dysphoria, or other identity-based confusion, or who otherwise seek chemical or surgical mutilation. **Sec. 4**. *Defunding Chemical and Surgical Mutilation*. The head of each executive department or agency (agency) that provides research or education grants to medical institutions, including medical schools and hospitals, shall, consistent with applicable law and in coordination with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, immediately take appropriate steps to ensure that institutions receiving Federal research or education grants end the chemical and surgical mutilation of children.

**Sec. 5**. Additional Directives to the Secretary of HHS. (a) The Secretary of HHS shall, consistent with applicable law, take all appropriate actions to end the chemical and surgical mutilation of children, including regulatory and sub-regulatory actions, which may involve the following laws, programs, issues, or documents:

(i) Medicare or Medicaid conditions of participation or conditions for coverage;

(ii) clinical-abuse or inappropriate-use assessments relevant to State Medicaid programs;

(iii) mandatory drug use reviews;

(iv) section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

(v) quality, safety, and oversight memoranda;

(vi) essential health benefits requirements; and

(vii) the Eleventh Revision of the International Classification of Diseases and other federally funded manuals, including the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition.

(b) The Secretary of HHS shall promptly withdraw HHS's March 2, 2022, guidance document titled "HHS Notice and Guidance on Gender Affirming Care, Civil Rights and Patient Privacy" and, in consultation with the Attorney General, issue new guidance protecting whistleblowers who take action related to ensuring compliance with this order.

**Sec. 6.** *TRICARE.* The Department of Defense provides health insurance, through TRICARE, to nearly 2 million individuals under the age of 18. As appropriate and consistent with applicable law, the Secretary of Defense shall commence a rulemaking or sub-regulatory action to exclude chemical and surgical mutilation of children from TRICARE coverage and amend the TRICARE provider handbook to exclude chemical and surgical mutilation of children.

**Sec. 7**. *Requirements for Insurance Carriers.* The Director of the Office of Personnel Management, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, shall:

(a) include provisions in the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) and Postal Service Health Benefits (PSHB) programs call letter for the 2026 Plan Year specifying that eligible carriers, including the Foreign Service Benefit Plan, will exclude coverage for pediatric transgender surgeries or hormone treatments; and

(b) negotiate to obtain appropriate corresponding reductions in FEHB and PSHB premiums.

Sec. 8. Directives to the Department of Justice. The Attorney General shall:

(a) review Department of Justice enforcement of section 116 of title 18, United States Code, and prioritize enforcement of protections against female genital mutilation;

(b) convene States' Attorneys General and other law enforcement officers to coordinate the enforcement of laws against female genital mutilation across all American States and Territories;

(c) prioritize investigations and take appropriate action to end deception of consumers, fraud, and violations of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act by any entity that may be misleading the public about long-term side effects of chemical and surgical mutilation;

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(d) in consultation with the Congress, work to draft, propose, and promote legislation to enact a private right of action for children and the parents of children whose healthy body parts have been damaged by medical professionals practicing chemical and surgical mutilation, which should include a lengthy statute of limitations; and

(e) prioritize investigations and take appropriate action to end child-abusive practices by so-called sanctuary States that facilitate stripping custody from parents who support the healthy development of their own children, including by considering the application of the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act and recognized constitutional rights.

**Sec. 9.** Enforcing Adequate Progress. Within 60 days of the date of this order, the heads of agencies with responsibilities under this order shall submit a single, combined report to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, detailing progress in implementing this order and a timeline for future action. The Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy shall regularly convene the heads of agencies with responsibilities under this order this order (or their designees) to coordinate and prepare for this submission.

**Sec. 10**. Severability. If any provision of this order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstances, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this order and the application of any of its other provisions to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 11**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 28, 2025.

## **Rules and Regulations**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2024–1157; Airspace Docket No. 24–AEA–2]

#### RIN 2120-AA66

#### Establishment and Amendment of Multiple United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Eastern United States

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T–553 and amends RNAV Routes T– 356, T–358, and T–479 in the eastern United States. This action supports FAA Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) efforts to provide a modern RNAV route structure to improve the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS).

**DATES:** Effective date 0901 UTC, April 17, 2025. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

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

FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air\_traffic/ publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Policy Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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#### 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 NAS.

#### History

The FAA published a NPRM for Docket No. FAA 2024–1157 in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 42401; May 15, 2024), proposing to establish RNAV Route T–553 and amend RNAV Routes T–356, T–358, and T–479 in the eastern United States. 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**

United States Area Navigation routes are published in paragraph 6011 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. FAA Order JO 7400.11J is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. 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 by establishing RNAV Route T–553 and amending RNAV Routes T–356, T–358, and T–479 in the eastern United States. This action supports the FAA's NextGen efforts to provide a modern RNAV route structure to improve the safety and efficiency of the NAS. The amendments are described below.

T-356: Prior to this final rule, T-356 extended between the TWIRK. MD. waypoint (WP), and the WIGGZ, PA, WP. The FAA extends T–356 to the south between the Greensboro, NC (GSO), Very High Frequency **Omnidirectional Range/Tactical Air** Navigation (VORTAC) and the TWIRK WP. The route overlays VOR Federal Airway V-143 between the Greensboro VORTAC and the Martinsburg, WV (MRB), VORTAC. The route extension provides RNAV connectivity between the Greensboro, NC area and the Washington, DC area. As amended, the route extends between the Greensboro VORTAC and the WIGGZ WP.

*T–358:* Prior to this final rule, T–358 extended between the Martinsburg, WV (MRB), VORTAC and the Augusta, ME (AUG), VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME). The FAA extends T-358 to the south between the Greensboro, NC (GSO), VORTAC and the Martinsburg VORTAC. The route overlays VOR Federal Airway V-143 between the Greensboro VORTAC and the Martinsburg VORTAC. The route extension provides additional RNAV connectivity between the Greensboro, NC area and the Washington, DC area. As amended, the route extends between the Greensboro VORTAC and the Augusta VOR/DME.

T-479: Prior to this final rule, T-479 extended between the DNVIL, VA, WP and the Elkins, WV (EKN), VORTAC. The FAA removes the airway segment between the DBRAH, VA, WP and the Elkins VORTAC. RNAV navigation connectivity between the DBRAH WP and the Elkins VORTAC is retained as a portion of the proposed new RNAV Route T-553 in this docket. Additionally, the FAA extends T-479 to the west between the DBRAH WP and the JARLO, WV, WP. The route extension overlays VOR Federal Airway V-258 between the Roanoke, VA (ROA), VOR/DME and the Charleston, WV (HVQ), VOR/DME. As amended, the route extends between the DNVIL WP and the JARLO WP.

T-553: T-553 is a new RNAV route that extends between the Greensboro, NC (GSO), VORTAC and the Elkins, WV (EKN), VORTAC. The route overlays VOR Federal Airway V-103 between the Greensboro VORTAC and the Elkins VORTAC and provides RNAV connectivity between the Greensboro, NC area and the Elkins, WV area.

#### **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 airspace action of establishing RNAV Route T-553 and amending RNAV Routes T-356, T-358, and T-479 qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 5-6.5a, 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 5-6.5b, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review "Actions regarding establishment of jet routes and Federal airways (see 14 CFR 71.15, Designation of jet routes and VOR Federal airways) . . .". 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. Accordingly,

the FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

#### The Amendment

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

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

■ 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f); 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 6011 United States Area Navigation Routes.

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#### T-356 Greensboro, NC (GSO) to WIGGZ, PA [Amended]

1–556 Greensboro, NC (GSO) to WIGGZ, FA [Amendeu]						
Greensboro, NC (GSO)	VORTAC	(Lat. 36°02′44.50″ N, long. 079°58′34.94″ W)				
HURTT, VA	FIX	(Lat. 37°05'57.34" N, long. 079°19'58.97" W)				
AIROW, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°14'48.69" N, long. 079°13'47.48" W)				
ELLON, VA	FIX	(Lat. 37°30'06.59" N, long. 079°11'13.79" W)				
Montebello, VA (MOL)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 37°54'01.89" N, long. 079°06'24.80" W)				
CEROL, VA	FIX	(Lat. 38°18'59.12" N, long. 078°47'38.77" W)				
KERRE, VA	FIX	(Lat. 38°38′30.98″ N, long. 078°31′56.58″ W)				
CPTAL, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°32'16.02" N, long. 077°41'55.65" W)				
TWIRK, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°34′36.70″ N, long. 077°12′44.75″ W)				
BRILA, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°23′53.04″ N, long. 077°08′31.89″ W)				
WOOLY, MD	FIX	(Lat. 39°20'19.18" N, long. 077°02'11.17" W)				
DROSA, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°18′30.32″ N, long. 076°58′06.22″ W)				
OBWON, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°11′54.69″ N, long. 076°32′04.84″ W)				
SWANN, MD	FIX	(Lat. 39°09′05.28″ N, long. 076°13′43.94″ W)				
ODESA, MD	FIX	(Lat. 39°29′29.00″ N, long. 075°49′44.37″ W)				
APEER, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°37′32.94″ N, long. 075°50′25.39″ W)				
REESY, PA	WP	(Lat. 39°45′27.94″ N, long. 075°52′07.09″ W)				
FOLEZ, PA	WP	(Lat. 39°55′32.76″ N, long. 075°49′16.49″ W)				
PIKKE, PA	WP	(Lat. 40°05′27.21″ N, long. 075°52′12.11″ W)				
BOYER, PA	FIX	(Lat. 40°16′36.84″ N, long. 076°05′09.38″ W)				
Ravine, PA (RAV)	VORTAC	(Lat. 40°33′12.21″ N, long. 076°35′57.77″ W)				
Selinsgrove, PA (SEG)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 40°47′27.09″ N, long. 076°53′02.55″ W)				
WIGGZ, PA	WP	(Lat. 41°30′51.00″ N, long. 077°58′52.00″ W)				

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#### T-358 Greensboro, NC (GSO) to Augusta, ME [Amended]

Greensboro, NC (GSO)	VORTAC	(Lat. 36°02′44.50″ N, long. 079°58′34.94″ W)
DUNCE, VA	FIX	(Lat. 36°50'52.00" N, long. 079°29'18.20" W)
HURTT, VA	FIX	(Lat. 37°05'57.34" N, long. 079°19'58.97" W)
AIROW, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°14'48.69" N, long. 079°13'47.48" W)
ELLON, VA	FIX	(Lat. 37°30'06.59" N, long. 079°11'13.79" W)
CLYFF, VA	FIX	(Lat. 37°40'09.45" N, long. 079°09'12.76" W)
Montebello, VA (MOL)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 37°54′01.89″ N, long. 079°06′24.80″ W)

CEROL, VA	FIX	(Lat. 38°18′59.12″ N, long. 078°47′38.77″ W)
LURAY, VA	FIX	(Lat. 38°35'54.94" N, long. 078°34'00.23" W)
KERRE, VA	FIX	(Lat. 38°38'30.98" N, long. 078°31'56.58" W)
Martinsburg, WV (MRB)	VORTAC	(Lat. 39°23'08.06" N, long. 077°50'54.08" W)
CPTAL, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°32'16.02" N, long. 077°41'55.65" W)
TWIRK, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°34'36.70" N, long. 077°12'44.75" W)
HAMRR, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°30'03.42" N, long. 076°56'10.84" W)
DANII, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°17′46.42″ N, long. 076°42′19.36″ W)
OBWON, MD	WP	(Lat. 39°11′54.69″ N, long. 076°32′04.84″ W)
SWANN, MD	FIX	(Lat. 39°09'05.28" N, long. 076°13'43.94" W)
Smyrna, DE (ENO)	VORTAC	(Lat. 39°13′53.93″ N, long. 075°30′57.49″ W)
AVALO, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 39°16′54.52″ N, long. 074°30′50.75″ W)
MANTA, NJ	FIX	(Lat. 39°54'07.01" N, long. 073°32'31.63" W)
BEADS, NY	FIX	(Lat. 40°44'04.51" N, long. 072°32'34.21" W)
ORCHA, NY	WP	(Lat. 40°54'55.46" N, long. 072°18'43.64" W)
JORDN, NY	FIX	(Lat. 41°03'16.92" N, long. 071°54'52.66" W)
Sandy Point, RI (SEY)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 41°10'02.77" N, long. 071°34'33.91" W)
BURDY, MA	FIX	(Lat. 41°57'19.14" N, long. 070°57'07.45" W)
HAVNS, OA	WP	(Lat. 42°17′55.00″ N, long. 070°27′42.00″ W)
GRGIO, MA	WP	(Lat. 42°35'09.36" N, long. 070°33'54.40" W)
LBSTA, MA	FIX	(Lat. 42°48'00.00" N, long. 070°36'48.70" W)
MESHL, ME	FIX	(Lat. 43°19'12.07" N, long. 070°09'48.03" W)
Augusta, ME (AUG)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 44°19'12.07" N, long. 069°47'47.63" W)

T-479	DNVIL,	VA to JARLO, WV [Amended]	
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NVIL, VA	WP	(Lat. 36°33′49.53″ N, long. 079°19′53.54″ W)
IGGS, VA	FIX	(Lat. 36°56′01.81″ N, long. 079°42′40.61″ W)
BRAH, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°20'34.14" N, long. 080°04'10.75" W)
OOMS, WV	FIX	(Lat. 37°28'32.22" N, long. 080°35'06.70" W)
TTR, WV	WP	(Lat. 37°46'49.13" N, long. 081°07'23.70" W)
ARLO, WV	WP	(Lat. 38°20′58.85″ N, long. 081°46′11.68″ W)

T-553 Greensboro, NC (GSO) to Elkins, WV (EKN) [New]

Greensboro, NC (GSO)	VORTAC	(Lat. 36°02′44.50″ N, long. 079°58′34.94″ W)
DBRAH, VA	WP	(Lat. 37°20'34.14" N, long. 080°04'10.75" W
Elkins, WV (EKN)	VORTAC	(Lat. 38°54'51.97" N, long. 080°05'57.38" W

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Manager (A), Rules and Regulations Group. [FR Doc. 2025-02054 Filed 1-31-25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910-13-P

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### 14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 31587; Amdt. No. 4150]

#### Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; **Miscellaneous Amendments**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and **Obstacle Departure Procedures for** operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of

the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, adding new obstacles, or changing air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

DATES: This rule is effective February 3, 2025. The compliance date for each SIAP, associated Takeoff Minimums, and ODP is specified in the amendatory provisions.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Availability of matter incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

#### **For Examination**

1. U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Ops-M30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001;

2. The FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located;

3. The office of Aeronautical Information Services, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 or,

4. 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.

#### Availability

All SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs are available online free of charge. Visit the National Flight Data Center online at *nfdc.faa.gov* to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from the FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Nichols, Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal

Aviation Administration. Mailing Address: FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., STB Annex, Bldg. 26, Room 217, Oklahoma City, OK 73099. Telephone: (405) 954–1139.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule amends 14 CFR part 97 by amending the referenced SIAPs. The complete regulatory description of each SIAP is listed on the appropriate FAA Form 8260, as modified by the National Flight Data Center (NFDC)/Permanent Notice to Air Missions (P-NOTAM), and is incorporated by reference under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and 14 CFR 97.20. The large number of SIAPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make their verbatim publication in the Federal Register expensive and impractical. Further, pilots do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, but refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP contained on FAA form documents is unnecessary. This amendment provides the affected CFR sections, and specifies the SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs with their applicable effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure and the amendment number.

#### Availability and Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

The material incorporated by reference is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The material incorporated by reference describes SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs as identified in the amendatory language for part 97 of this final rule.

#### The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each

separate SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as amended in the transmittal. For safety and timeliness of change considerations, this amendment incorporates only specific changes contained for each SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as modified by FDC permanent NOTAMs.

The SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, as modified by FDC permanent NOTAM, and contained in this amendment are based on criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for **Terminal Instrument Procedures** (TERPS). In developing these changes to SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, the TERPS criteria were applied only to specific conditions existing at the affected airports. All SIAP amendments in this rule have been previously issued by the FAA in a FDC NOTAM as an emergency action of immediate flight safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts.

The circumstances that created the need for these SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP amendments require making them effective in less than 30 days.

Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), good cause exists for making these SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

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. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97

Air traffic control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 17, 2025.

#### Thomas J. Nichols,

Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration.

#### Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 14 CFR part 97 is amended by amending Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

#### PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

■ 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/ DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME or TACAN; § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, SDF, SDF/DME; § 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29 ILS, ILS/DME, MLS, MLS/DME, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33 RNAV SIAPs; and § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs, Identified as follows:

\* \* \* Effective Upon Publication

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Procedure name
20-Feb-25	МІ	Detroit	Coleman A. Young Muni	4/0888	12/26/2025	Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 7B.
20-Feb-25	IL	Bloomington/Normal	Central IL Rgnl/Bloomington- Normal.	4/0893	12/26/2025	ILS OR LOC RWY 20, ILS RWY 20 (CAT II), Amdt 4.
20-Feb-25	NY	Farmingdale	Republic	4/1099	12/27/2024	RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 14, Amdt 2F.
20-Feb-25	AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Rgnl (Dannelly Fld).	4/1305	12/27/2024	VOR–A, Amdt 4C.
20-Feb-25	AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Rgnl (Dannelly Fld).	4/1309	12/27/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 10, Amdt 1C.
20-Feb-25	AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Rgnl (Dannelly Fld).	4/1317	12/27/2024	ILS Z OR LOC Z RWY 10, Amdt 24A.
20-Feb-25	AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Rgnl (Dannelly Fld).	4/1318	12/27/2024	ILS Y OR LOC RWY 28, Amdt 11C.

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Procedure name
20-Feb-25	AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Rgnl (Dannelly Fld).	4/1359	12/27/2024	NDB RWY 10, Amdt 19A.
20-Feb-25	AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Rgnl (Dannelly Fld).	4/1361	12/27/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 3, Amdt 2A.
20-Feb-25	AL	Montgomery	Montgomery Rgnl (Dannelly Fld).	4/1363	12/27/2024	RNAV (GPS) RWY 28, Amdt 1B.
20-Feb-25	AK	Homer	Homer	4/1379	1/6/2025	RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 4, Amdt 1C.
20-Feb-25	ТΧ	Wink	Winkler County	4/1405	12/27/2025	RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Amdt 1C.
20–Feb–25	TX	Wink	Winkler County	4/1407	12/27/2025	VOR RWY 13, Amdt 10A.
20–Feb–25	ID	Mc Call	Mc Call Muni	4/1409	1/6/2025	RNAV (GPS) RWY 34, Amdt 1B.
20-Feb-25	WA	Seattle	Boeing Fld/King County Intl	5/0729	1/8/2025	RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 14R, Orig.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 31586; Amdt. No. 4149]

#### Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule establishes, amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPS) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure procedures (ODPs) for operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, adding new obstacles, or changing air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

**DATES:** This rule is effective February 3, 2025. The compliance date for each SIAP, associated Takeoff Minimums, and ODP is specified in the amendatory provisions.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Availability of matters incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

#### **For Examination**

1. U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Ops–M30. 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

2. The FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located;

3. The office of Aeronautical Information Services, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 or,

4. 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.

#### Availability

All SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs are available online free of charge. Visit the National Flight Data Center at *nfdc.faa.gov* to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from the FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Nichols, Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration. Mailing Address: FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., STB Annex, Bldg. 26, Room 217, Oklahoma City, OK 73099. Telephone (405) 954–1139.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule amends 14 CFR part 97 by establishing, amending, suspending, or removes SIAPS, Takeoff Minimums and/or ODPS. The complete regulatory description of each SIAP and its associated Takeoff Minimums or ODP for an identified airport is listed on FAA form documents which are incorporated by reference in this amendment under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and 14 CFR 97.20. The applicable FAA Forms are 8260–3, 8260–4, 8260–5, 8260–15A, 8260–15B, when required by an entry on 8260–15A, and 8260–15C.

The large number of SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make publication in the Federal **Register** expensive and impractical. Further, pilots do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums or ODPs, but instead refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP, Takeoff Minimums and ODP listed on FAA form documents is unnecessary. This amendment provides the affected CFR sections and specifies the types of SIAPS, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs with their applicable effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure, and the amendment number.

#### Availability and Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

The material incorporated by reference is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The material incorporated by reference describes SIAPS, Takeoff Minimums and/or ODPs as identified in the amendatory language for part 97 of this final rule.

#### The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP, Takeoff Minimums and ODP as amended in the transmittal. Some SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and textual ODP amendments may have been issued previously by the FAA in a Flight Data Center (FDC) Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) as an emergency action of immediate flights safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts. The circumstances that created the need for some SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP amendments may require making them effective in less than 30 days. For the remaining SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, an effective date at least 30 days after publication is provided.

Further, the SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs contained in this amendment are based on the criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for **Terminal Instrument Procedures** (TERPS). In developing these SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, the TERPS criteria were applied to the conditions existing or anticipated at the affected airports. Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), good cause exists for making some SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

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. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97

Air traffic control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 17, 2025.

#### Thomas J. Nichols,

Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration.

#### Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 14 CFR part 97 is amended by establishing, amending, suspending, or removing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and/or Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

#### Part 97—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures

■ 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

■ 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

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- Hayward, CA, HWD, LOC RWY 28L, Amdt 3E
- Hayward, CA, HWD, RNAV (GPS) RWY 28L, Amdt 1E
- Hayward, CA, HWD, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 1A
- Colorado Springs, CO, FLY, RNAV (GPS) RWY 15, Amdt 1
- Naples, FL, APF, VOR RWY 5, Amdt 5C, CANCELED
- Naples, FL, APF, VOR RWY 23, Amdt 6F, CANCELED
- Reidsville, GA, KRVJ, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2
- Kailua-Kona, HI, KOA/PHKO, RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Amdt 3
- Kailua-Kona, HI, KOA/PHKO, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 17, Amdt 2
- Kailua-Kona, HI, KOA/PHKO, VOR OR TACAN RWY 17, Amdt 1
- Kailua-Kona, HI, KOA/PHKO, VOR OR TACAN RWY 35, Amdt 1
- Buffalo, MN, KCFE, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 1
- Superior, NE, 12K, RNAV (GPS) RWY 14, Orig-C
- Superior, NE, 12K, RNAV (GPS) RWY 32, Orig-C
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, ILS OR LOC RWY 16L, ILS RWY 16L (CAT II), ILS RWY 16L (CAT III), Amdt 4
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, ILS OR LOC RWY 16R, ILS RWY 16R (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 16R (CAT II), ILS RWY 16R (CAT III), Amdt 4
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, ILS OR LOC RWY 17, ILS RWY 17 (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 17 (SA CAT II), Amdt 15
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, ILS OR LOC RWY 34L, ILS RWY 34L (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 34L (CAT II), ILS RWY 34L (CAT III), Amdt 4
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, ILS OR LOC RWY 34R, ILS RWY 34R (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 34R (CAT II), ILS RWY 34R (CAT III), Amdt 5
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, LDA RWY 35, Amdt 1
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 16L, Amdt 3
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 16R, Amdt 3 Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY
- 17, Amdt 3
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 34L, Amdt 2
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 34R, Amdt 2
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 35, Amdt 4

- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 16L, Orig
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 16R, Orig
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 17, Orig
- Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 34L, Orig
- Salt Lake Čity, UT, SLC, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 34R, Orig
- Salt Lake Čity, UT, SLC, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 35, Orig
- Seattle, WA, KBFI, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 14R, Orig-A
- Seattle, WA, KBFI, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 32L, Orig-A
- Waukesha, WI, UES, ILS OR LOC RWY 10, Amdt 3
- Waukesha, WI, UES, RNAV (GPS) RWY 28, Amdt 1

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, and 982

[Docket No. FR-6144-F-04]

RIN 2506-AC50

#### HOME Investment Partnerships Program: Program Updates and Streamlining—Delay of Effective Date

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Final rule; delay of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** On January 6, 2025, HUD published the "HOME Investment Partnerships Program: Program Updates and Streamlining" final rule (HOME Final Rule) in the **Federal Register**. The HOME Final Rule provides for the rule to take effect on February 5, 2025. Consistent with the President's January 20, 2025, memorandum titled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review", this notice announces that HUD is delaying the effective date for the HOME Final Rule until April 20, 2025.

**DATES:** The effective date for the HOME Final Rule, published at 90 FR 746 (January 6, 2025), is delayed from February 5, 2025, until April 20, 2025.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7160, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number (202) 708–2684 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/ telecommunications-relay-service-trs.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

On January 6, 2025 (90 FR 746), HUD published the HOME Final Rule in the Federal Register. The HOME Final Rule revises the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME program) regulations to update, simplify, or streamline requirements, better align the program with other Federal housing programs, and implement recent amendments to the HOME program statute.<sup>1</sup> The HOME Final Rule also includes minor revisions to the regulations for the Community Development Block Grant and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs consistent with the implementation of the changes to the HOME program. The January 6, 2025, HOME Final Rule provides for the rule to take effect on February 5, 2025.

On January 20, 2025, the President issued a memorandum titled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review" to executive departments and agencies.<sup>2</sup> The memorandum, among other things, asks executive departments and agencies to consider postponing for 60 days from the date of the memorandum the effective date of rules that have been published in the Federal Register but that have not yet taken effect. This postponement of the effective date of rules that have not yet taken effect is to allow executive departments and agencies time to review any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise.

#### II. Delayed Effective Date of HOME Final Rule

HUD is delaying the effective date of the HOME Final Rule by 90 days from January 20, 2025. With this delay, the effective date for the HOME Final Rule is now April 20, 2025.

This delay will provide HUD time to review the HOME Final Rule for any

questions of fact, law, and policy that the HOME Final Rule may raise, as directed by the memorandum.

Accordingly, the HOME Final Rule published on January 6, 2025, at 90 FR 746 will take effect on April 20, 2025.

#### Matthew Ammon,

Acting Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### 45 CFR Part 5b

[Docket Number ACF-2024-0015]

RIN 0970-AD15

#### **Privacy Act; Implementation**

**AGENCY:** Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). **ACTION:** Direct final rule; delay of effective date and reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or Department) published a direct final rule in the Federal Register on December 23, 2024, which was to become effective February 6, 2025. As a result of administrative technical issues, including an incorrect email address, HHS is reopening the public comment period with a new email address for the public to submit comments and delaying the effective date to March 21, 2025. The purpose of the direct final rule was to exempt a new Privacy Act system of records maintained by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Unaccompanied Children Bureau (UCB), System No. 09-80-0323, "ORR Unaccompanied Children Bureau (UCB) Child Abuse or Neglect Investigation Records and Central Registry," from certain requirements of the Privacy Act, in accordance with subsection (k)(2) of the Privacy Act.

**DATES:** The comment period for the direct final rule published at 89 FR 104450 on December 23, 2024, is reopened. Comments should be received on or before March 5, 2025. As of February 3, 2025, the effective date for the direct final rule published at 89 FR 104450 on December 23, 2024, is delayed to March 21, 2025, without

further action, unless adverse comments are received. If adverse comments are received, a timely notification of withdrawal will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, identified by agency name and Docket No. ACF-2024-0015, by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

#### Written Submissions

Submit written submissions in the following ways:

• *Mail:* ORR UC Bureau Regulatory Affairs, at Administration for Children and Families, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201.

• *Email:* ORR UC Bureau Regulatory Affairs, at *ucpolicy-regulatoryaffairs@ acf.hhs.gov.* 

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket No. for this rulemaking. All comments received may 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* and follow the instructions provided for conducting a search, using the docket number(s) found in brackets in the heading of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Toby Biswas, ORR UC Bureau Regulatory Affairs, by phone at 202– 205–4440 or by email at *ucpolicyregulatoryaffairs@acf.hhs.gov.* 

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department published a direct final rule in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 104450 on December 23, 2024. For the reasons stated in the **SUMMARY**, HHS is reopening the public comment period and delaying the effective date for the direct final rule.

#### Dorothy A. Fink,

Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services. [FR Doc. 2025–02158 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4184–45–P

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The HOME program is authorized by title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 *et seq.*) and has been in operation since 1992.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The memorandum is available on the White House's website, https://www.whitehouse.gov/ presidential-actions/2025/01/regulatory-freezepending-review/.

## **Proposed Rules**

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.

#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52

[NRC-2024-0203]

#### Draft Regulatory Guide: Acceptability of ASME Code, Section III, Division 5, "High Temperature Reactors"

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft guide; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 13, 2024, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) solicited comments on draft Regulatory Guide (DG) DG–1436, "Acceptability of ASME Code, Section III, Division 5, 'High Temperature Reactors.'" The public comment period closed on January 27, 2025. The NRC has decided to reopen the public comment period to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.

**DATES:** The comment period for the document published on December 13, 2024 (89 FR 100921) has been reopened. Comments should be submitted no later than February 26, 2025. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

• Federal rulemaking website: Go to https://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0203. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

• *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–7–

A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555– 0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ramón L Gascot, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301– 415–2004; email: *Ramon.Gascot@ nrc.gov;* Joseph Bass, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301– 415–0770; email: *Joseph.Bass@nrc.gov;* and Margaret Audrain, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone: 301– 415–2133; email: *Margaret.Audrain@ nrc.gov.* All are staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

#### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024– 0203 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Website: Go to https://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2024–0203.

• NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/ adams.html. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The DG, entitled "Acceptability of ASME Code, Section III, Division 5, 'High Temperature Reactors,'" is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML24275A266.

• *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov* or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–

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4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (*https:// www.regulations.gov*). Please include Docket ID NRC–2024–0203 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at *https:// www.regulations.gov* as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

#### **II. Discussion**

On December 13, 2024, the NRC solicited comments on DG–1436 "Acceptability of ASME Code, Section III, Division 5, 'High Temperature Reactors.'" The public comment period closed on January 27, 2025. The NRC has decided to reopen the public comment period on this document until February 26, 2025, to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.

As noted in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 2022 (87 FR 75671), this document is being published in the "Proposed Rules" section of the **Federal Register** to comply with publication requirements under chapter I of title 1 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

#### III. Submitting Suggestions for Improvement of Regulatory Guides

A member of the public may, at any time, submit suggestions to the NRC for improvement of existing Regulatory Guides (RGs) or for the development of new RGs. Suggestions can be submitted on the NRC's public website at *https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/contactus.html.* Suggestions will be considered in future updates and enhancements to the "Regulatory Guide" series.

Dated: January 28, 2025.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Meraj Rahimi,

Chief, Regulatory Guide and Programs Management Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. [FR Doc. 2025–02036 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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## Notices

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.

#### **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

#### Notice of Public Meeting of the Florida Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the Florida Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meeting via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, February 27, 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Committee's project, Voting Rights in Florida. DATES: Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual): https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/ register/WN\_YuhXjoTDRZ-Bp7hE6-SL7w.

*Join by Phone (Audio Only):* (833) 435–1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 161 076 8672.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski, Designated Federal Officer, at *mwojnaroski@usccr.gov* or (202) 618–4158.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Liliana Schiller, Support Services Specialist, at *lschiller@usccr.gov* at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Melissa Wojnaroski at *mwojnaroski@usccr.gov.* Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at (202) 618–4158.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via the file sharing website, *www.box.com*. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, *http:// www.usccr.gov*, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at the above phone number.

#### Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Committee Discussion
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Adjournment
- Dated: January 29, 2025.

#### David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit. [FR Doc. 2025–02141 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE P

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### International Trade Administration

#### Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce. Federal Register Vol. 90, No. 21 Monday, February 3, 2025

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by March 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing. All comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https:// www.regulations.gov, Docket No. ITA-2020–0005. The materials in the docket will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and Commerce cautions against including any information in an electronic submission that the submitter does not want publicly disclosed. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF formats only.

All comments should be addressed to Abdelali Elouaradia, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Brummitt, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–7851. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On October 28, 2024, pursuant to section 702(h) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (the Act), Commerce published the quarterly update to the annual listing of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty covering the period April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.<sup>1</sup> In the Second Quarter 2024 Update, we requested that any party that had information on foreign government subsidy programs that benefited articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty submit such information to Commerce.<sup>2</sup> We received no comments, information, or requests for consultation from any party.

Pursuant to section 702(h) of the Act, we hereby provide Commerce's update

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty, 89 FR 85505 (October 28, 2024) (Second Quarter 2024 Update). <sup>2</sup> Id.

of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the period July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available. Commerce will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

#### **Notification to Interested Parties**

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: January 28, 2025. Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

#### Appendix

#### SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross <sup>3</sup> subsidy (\$/lb.)	Net <sup>4</sup> subsidy (\$/lb.)
27 European Union Member States <sup>5</sup> Canada Norway	European Union Restitution Payments Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese Indirect (Milk) Subsidy Consumer Subsidy	\$0.00 0.47 0.00 0.00	\$0.00 0.47 0.00 0.00
Switzerland	Total Deficiency Payments	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### International Trade Administration

#### Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List

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

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda E. Brown, Office of AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–4735.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping duty (AD) or countervailing duty (CVD) order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) conduct an administrative review of that AD or CVD order, finding, or suspended investigation. All deadlines for the submission of comments or actions by Commerce discussed below refer to the number of calendar days from the applicable starting date.

#### **Respondent Selection**

In the event Commerce limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews initiated pursuant to requests made for the orders identified below, Commerce intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the period of review (POR). We intend to release the CBP data under Administrative Protective Order (APO) to all parties having an APO within five days of publication of the initiation notice and to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 35 days of publication of the initiation Federal Register notice. Therefore, we encourage all parties interested in commenting on respondent selection to submit their APO applications on the date of publication of the initiation notice, or as soon thereafter as possible. Commerce invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within five days of placement of the CBP data on the record of the review.

In the event Commerce decides it is necessary to limit individual examination of respondents and conduct respondent selection under section 777A(c)(2) of the Act:

In general, Commerce finds that determinations concerning whether particular companies should be

"collapsed" (*i.e.*, treated as a single entity for purposes of calculating AD rates) require a substantial amount of detailed information and analysis, which often require follow-up questions and analysis. Accordingly, Commerce will not conduct collapsing analyses at the respondent selection phase of a review and will not collapse companies at the respondent selection phase unless there has been a determination to collapse certain companies in a previous segment of this AD proceeding (*i.e.*, investigation, administrative review, new shipper review, or changed circumstances review). For any company subject to a review, if Commerce determined, or continued to treat, that company as collapsed with others, Commerce will assume that such companies continue to operate in the same manner and will collapse them for respondent selection purposes. Otherwise, Commerce will not collapse companies for purposes of respondent selection. Parties are requested to: (a) identify which companies subject to review previously were collapsed; and (b) provide a citation to the proceeding in which they were collapsed. Further, if companies are requested to complete a Quantity and Value Questionnaire for purposes of respondent selection, in general each company must report volume and value data separately for itself. Parties should not include data for any other party, even if they believe they should be treated as a single entity with that other party. If a company was collapsed with another company or companies in the most recently

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The 27 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia,

Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

completed segment of a proceeding where Commerce considered collapsing that entity, complete quantity and value data for that collapsed entity must be submitted.

## Deadline for Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), a party that requests a review may withdraw that request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The regulation provides that Commerce may extend this time if it is reasonable to do so. Determinations by Commerce to extend the 90-day deadline will be made on a case-by-case basis.

#### Deadline for Particular Market Situation Allegation

Section 504 of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015 amended the Act

by adding the concept of particular market situation (PMS) for purposes of constructed value under section 773(e) of the Act.<sup>1</sup> Section 773(e) of the Act states that "if a particular market situation exists such that the cost of materials and fabrication or other processing of any kind does not accurately reflect the cost of production in the ordinary course of trade, the administering authority may use another calculation methodology under this subtitle or any other calculation methodology." When an interested party submits a PMS allegation pursuant to section 773(e) of the Act, Commerce will respond to such a submission consistent with 19 CFR 351.301(c)(2)(v). If Commerce finds that a PMS exists under section 773(e) of the Act, then it will modify its dumping calculations appropriately.

Neither section 773(e) of the Act nor 19 CFR 351.301(c)(2)(v) set a deadline for the submission of PMS allegations and supporting factual information. However, in order to administer section 773(e) of the Act, Commerce must receive PMS allegations and supporting factual information with enough time to consider the submission. Thus, should an interested party wish to submit a PMS allegation and supporting new factual information pursuant to section 773(e) of the Act, it must do so no later than 20 days after submission of initial Section D responses.

*Opportunity To Request a Review:* Not later than the last day of February 2025,<sup>2</sup> interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended investigations, with anniversary dates in February for the following periods:

	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
ARGENTINA: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A-357-822 BRAZIL:	2/1/24–1/31/25
Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate, A–351–847 Lemon Juice, A–351–858 COLOMBIA: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A–301–804 EGYPT: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A–729–804 INDIA:	2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25
Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A–533–817 Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A–533–813 Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A–533–840 Sodium Nitrite, A–533–906 Stainless Steel Bar, A–533–810 INDONESIA:	2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25
Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A–560–805 Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A–560–802 ITALY: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A–475–828 JAPAN: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A–588–602 MALAYSIA: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A–557–809 MEXICO: Large Residential Washers, A–201–842 PHILIPPINES: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A–565–801 REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A–580–836 SAUDI ARABIA: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A–517–806 SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A–552–802	2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25
Steel Wire Garment Hangers, A–552–812 Utility Scale Wind Towers, A–552–814 SOUTH AFRICA: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate, A–791–822	2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25
Lemon Juice, A-791-827 TAIWAN: Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod, A-583-865 Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products, A-583-853 Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A-583-868 THAILAND: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A-549-822 THE NETHERLANDS: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A-421-814	2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A–570–851 Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet, A–570–073 Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products, A–570–010 Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A–570–893 Gas Powered Pressure Washers, A–570–148 Heavy Forged Hand Tools, With or Without Handles, A–570–803 Large Residential Washers, A–570–033	2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 8/3/23–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25 2/1/24–1/31/25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, Public Law 114–27, 129 Stat. 362 (2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Or the next business day, if the deadline falls on a weekend, Federal holiday or any other day when Commerce is closed.

	Period
Rubber Bands, A-570-069	2/1/24-1/31/25
Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes, A-570-929	2/1/24-1/31/25
Truck and Bus Tires, A–570–040	2/1/24-1/31/25
Uncovered Innerspring Units, A–570–928	2/1/24-1/31/25
Utility Scale Wind Towers, A–570–981	2/1/24-1/31/25
Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products, A-570-117	2/1/24-1/31/25
TURKEY:	
Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate, A-489-828	2/1/24-1/31/25
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A-489-842	2/1/24–1/31/25
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A-520-809	2/1/24–1/31/25
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
INDIA:	
Brass Rod, C-533-916	9/29/23-12/31/24
Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, C-533-818	1/1/24–12/31/24
Certain Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing of Carbon and Alloy Steel, C-533-874	1/1/24–12/31/24
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, C–533–829	1/1/24–12/31/24
Sodium Nitrite, C–533–907	1/1/24–12/31/24
INDONESIA: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, C-560-806	1/1/24–12/31/24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, C-580-837	1/1/24–12/31/24
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: Steel Wire Garment Hangers, C-552-813	1/1/24–12/31/24
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:	
Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing, C–570–059	1/1/24–12/31/24
Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet, C–570–074	1/1/24–12/31/24
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products, C–570–011	1/1/24–12/31/24
Gas Powered Pressure Washers, C–570–149	6/5/23-12/31/24
Rubber Bands, C–570–070	1/1/24-12/31/24
Truck and Bus Tires, C–570–041	1/1/24–12/31/24
Utility Scale Wind Towers, C–570–982	1/1/24–12/31/23
Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products, C–570–118	1/1/24-12/31/24
TURKEY: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, C-489-843	1/1/24–12/31/24

#### **Suspension Agreements**

#### None.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), an interested party as defined by section 771(9) of the Act may request in writing that Commerce conduct an administrative review. For both AD and CVD reviews, the interested party must specify the individual producers or exporters covered by an AD finding or an AD or CVD order or suspension agreement for which it is requesting a review. In addition, a domestic interested party or an interested party described in section 771(9)(B) of the Act must state why it desires Commerce to review those particular producers or exporters. If the interested party intends for Commerce to review sales of merchandise by an exporter (or a producer if that producer also exports merchandise from other suppliers) which was produced in more than one country of origin and each country of origin is subject to a separate order, then the interested party must state specifically, on an order-by-order basis, which exporter(s) the request is intended to cover.

Note that, for any party Commerce was unable to locate in prior segments, Commerce will not accept a request for an administrative review of that party absent new information as to the party's location. Moreover, if the interested party who files a request for review is unable to locate the producer or exporter for which it requested the review, the interested party must provide an explanation of the attempts it made to locate the producer or exporter at the same time it files its request for review, in order for Commerce to determine if the interested party's attempts were reasonable, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.303(f)(3)(ii).

As explained in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003), and Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011), Commerce clarified its practice with respect to the collection of final antidumping duties on imports of merchandise where intermediate firms are involved. The public should be aware of this clarification in determining whether to request an administrative review of merchandise subject to antidumping findings and orders.<sup>3</sup>

Commerce no longer considers the non-market economy (NME) entity as an exporter conditionally subject to an AD administrative review.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly,

the NME entity will not be under review unless Commerce specifically receives a request for, or self-initiates, a review of the NME entity.<sup>5</sup> In administrative reviews of AD orders on merchandise from NME countries where a review of the NME entity has not been initiated, but where an individual exporter for which a review was initiated does not qualify for a separate rate, Commerce will issue a final decision indicating that the company in question is part of the NME entity. However, in that situation, because no review of the NME entity was conducted, the NME entity's entries were not subject to the review and the rate for the NME entity is not subject to change as a result of that review (although the rate for the individual exporter may change as a function of the finding that the exporter is part of the NME entity). Following initiation of an AD administrative review when there is no review requested of the NME entity, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate entries for all exporters not named in the initiation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the Enforcement and Compliance website at https://www.trade.gov/us-antidumping-andcountervailing-duties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent

Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

 $<sup>{}^{5}</sup>$ In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), parties should specify that they are requesting a review of entries from exporters comprising the entity, and to the extent possible, include the names of such exporters in their request.

notice, including those that were suspended at the NME entity rate.

All requests must be filed electronically in Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) on Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS website at *https://access.trade.gov.*<sup>6</sup> Further, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f)(l)(i), a copy of each request must be served on the petitioner and each exporter or producer specified in the request. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>7</sup>

Commerce will publish in the Federal **Register** a notice of "Initiation of Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation" for requests received by the last day of February 2025. If Commerce does not receive, by the last day of February 2025, a request for review of entries covered by an order, finding, or suspended investigation listed in this notice and for the period identified above, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping or countervailing duties on those entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping or countervailing duties required on those entries at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption and to continue to collect the cash deposit previously ordered.

For the first administrative review of any order, there will be no assessment of antidumping or countervailing duties on entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the relevant provisional-measures "gap" period of the order, if such a gap period is applicable to the period of review.

#### Establishment of and Updates to the Annual Inquiry Service List

On September 20, 2021, Commerce published the final rule titled "Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws" in the Federal Register.<sup>8</sup> On September 27, 2021, Commerce also published the

notice entitled "Scope Ruling Application: Annual Inquiry Service *List; and Informational Sessions*" in the Federal Register.<sup>9</sup> The Final Rule and Procedural Guidance provide that Commerce will maintain an annual inquiry service list for each order or suspended investigation, and any interested party submitting a scope ruling application or request for circumvention inquiry shall serve a copy of the application or request on the persons on the annual inquiry service list for that order, as well as any companion order covering the same merchandise from the same country of origin.10

In accordance with the *Procedural* Guidance, for orders published in the Federal Register before November 4, 2021, Commerce created an annual inquiry service list segment for each order and suspended investigation. Interested parties who wished to be added to the annual inquiry service list for an order submitted an entry of appearance to the annual inquiry service list segment for the order in ACCESS and, on November 4, 2021, Commerce finalized the initial annual inquiry service lists for each order and suspended investigation. Each annual inquiry service list has been saved as a public service list in ACCESS, under each case number, and under a specific segment type called "AISL-Annual Inquiry Service List." 11

As mentioned in the *Procedural* Guidance, beginning in January 2022, Commerce will update these annual inquiry service lists on an annual basis when the Opportunity Notice for the anniversary month of the order or suspended investigation is published in the Federal Register.<sup>12</sup> Accordingly, Commerce will update the annual inquiry service lists for the above-listed AD and CVD proceedings. All interested parties wishing to appear on the updated annual inquiry service list must take one of the two following actions: (1) new interested parties who did not previously submit an entry of

<sup>12</sup> See Procedural Guidance, 86 FR at 53206.

appearance must submit a new entry of appearance at this time; (2) interested parties who were included in the preceding annual inquiry service list must submit an amended entry of appearance to be included in the next year's annual inquiry service list. For these interested parties, Commerce will change the entry of appearance status from "Active" to "Needs Amendment" for the annual inquiry service lists corresponding to the above-listed proceedings. This will allow those interested parties to make any necessary amendments and resubmit their entries of appearance. If no amendments need to be made, the interested party should indicate in the area on the ACCESS form requesting an explanation for the amendment that it is resubmitting its entry of appearance for inclusion in the annual inquiry service list for the following year. As mentioned in the Final Rule,<sup>13</sup> once the petitioners and foreign governments have submitted an entry of appearance for the first time, they will automatically be added to the updated annual inquiry service list each year.

Interested parties have 30 days after the date of this notice to submit new or amended entries of appearance. Commerce will then finalize the annual inquiry service lists five business days thereafter. For ease of administration, please note that Commerce requests that law firms with more than one attorney representing interested parties in a proceeding designate a lead attorney to be included on the annual inquiry service list.

Commerce may update an annual inquiry service list at any time as needed based on interested parties' amendments to their entries of appearance to remove or otherwise modify their list of members and representatives, or to update contact information. Any changes or announcements pertaining to these procedures will be posted to the ACCESS website at *https://access. trade.gov.* 

### Special Instructions for Petitioners and Foreign Governments

In the *Final Rule,* Commerce stated that, "after an initial request and placement on the annual inquiry service list, both petitioners and foreign governments will automatically be placed on the annual inquiry service list in the years that follow."<sup>14</sup> Accordingly, as stated above and pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(n)(3), the petitioners and foreign governments

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws, 86 FR 52300 (September 20, 2021) (Final Rule).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions, 86 FR
 53205 (September 27, 2021) (Procedural Guidance).
 <sup>10</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This segment has been combined with the ACCESS Segment Specific Information (SSI) field which will display the month in which the notice of the order or suspended investigation was published in the **Federal Register**, also known as the anniversary month. For example, for an order under case number A-000-000 that was published in the **Federal Register** in January, the relevant segment and SSI combination will appear in ACCESS as "AISL-January Anniversary." Note that there will be only one annual inquiry service list segment per case number, and the anniversary month will be pre-populated in ACCESS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Final Rule, 86 FR at 52335.

<sup>14</sup> Id.

will not need to resubmit their entries of appearance each year to continue to be included on the annual inquiry service list. However, the petitioners and foreign governments are responsible for making amendments to their entries of appearance during the annual update to the annual inquiry service list in accordance with the procedures described above.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: January 24, 2025.

#### Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

#### Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Advance Notification of Sunset Review

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Every five years, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission automatically initiate and conduct reviews to determine whether revocation of a countervailing or antidumping duty order or termination of an investigation suspended under section 704 or 734 of the Act would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or a countervailable subsidy (as the case may be) and of material injury.

### Upcoming Sunset Reviews for March 2025

Pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, the following Sunset Reviews are scheduled for initiation in March 2025 and will appear in that month's *Notice of Initiation of Five-Year Sunset Reviews* (Sunset Review).

Department contact

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Antidumping Duty Proceedings			
Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from China, A–570–929 (3rd Review) Sugar from China, A–201–845 (2nd Review)	Mary Kolberg, (202) 482–1785. Jacqueline Arrowsmith, (202) 482–5255.		
	Mary Kolberg, (202) 482–1785.		
Countervailing Duty Proceedings			
Sugar from Mexico, C-201-846 (2nd Review)	Jacqueline Arrowsmith, (202) 482-5255.		
Wooden Cabinets and Vanities and Components Thereof from China, C-570-107 (1st Review)	Mary Kolberg, (202) 482–1785.		

#### Suspended Investigations

No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in March 2025.

Commerce's procedures for the conduct of Sunset Review are set forth in 19 CFR 351.218. The *Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review* provides further information regarding what is required of all parties to participate in Sunset Review.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.103(c), Commerce will maintain and make available a service list for these proceedings. To facilitate the timely preparation of the service list(s), it is requested that those seeking recognition as interested parties to a proceeding contact Commerce in writing within 10 days of the publication of the Notice of Initiation.

Please note that if Commerce receives a Notice of Intent to Participate from a member of the domestic industry within 15 days of the date of initiation, the review will continue.

Thereafter, any interested party wishing to participate in the Sunset Review must provide substantive comments in response to the notice of initiation no later than 30 days after the date of initiation. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>1</sup> An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the day on which it is due.

In prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their comments, including footnotes. In these sunset reviews, we request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their comments, an executive summary for each issue raised in their comments. 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 decision memorandum that will accompany the notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Finally, we request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community. Dated: January 23, 2025.

#### Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations. [FR Doc. 2025–02120 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–DS–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### International Trade Administration

#### Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is automatically initiating the five-year reviews (Sunset Reviews) of the antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) order(s) and suspended investigation(s) listed below. The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is publishing concurrently with this notice its notice of *Institution of Five-Year Reviews* which covers the same order(s) and suspended investigation(s).

DATES: Applicable February 3, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commerce official identified in the *Initiation of Review* section below at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. For information from the ITC, contact Mary Messer, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission at (202) 205–3193.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Commerce's procedures for the conduct of Sunset Reviews are set forth in its *Procedures for Conducting Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) and 70 FR 62061 (October 28, 2005). Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to Commerce's conduct of Sunset Reviews is set forth in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation*  of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Duty Proceedings; Final Modification, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012).

#### **Initiation of Review**

In accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c), we are initiating the Sunset Reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty order(s) and suspended investigation(s):

DOC case No.	ITC case No.	Country	Product	Commerce contact
A-570-882	731–TA–1022	China	Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide (4th Review).	Thomas Martin, (202) 482-3936.
A–570–932	731–TA–1145	China	Steel Threaded Rod (3rd Review)	Thomas Martin, (202) 482–3936.

#### **Filing Information**

As a courtesy, we are making information related to sunset proceedings, including copies of the pertinent statute and Commerce's regulations, Commerce's schedule for Sunset Reviews, a listing of past revocations and continuations, and current service lists, available to the public on Commerce's website at the following address: https://enforcement. trade.gov/sunset/. All submissions in these Sunset Reviews must be filed in accordance with Commerce's regulations regarding format, translation, and service of documents. These rules, including electronic filing requirements via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS), can be found at 19 CFR 351.303.

In accordance with section 782(b) of the Act, any party submitting factual information in an AD/CVD proceeding must certify to the accuracy and completeness of that information. Parties must use the certification formats provided in 19 CFR 351.303(g). Commerce intends to reject factual submissions if the submitting party does not comply with applicable revised certification requirements.

#### Letters of Appearance and Administrative Protective Orders

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.103(d), Commerce will maintain and make available a public service list for these proceedings. Parties wishing to participate in any of these five-year reviews must file letters of appearance as discussed at 19 CFR 351.103(d). To facilitate the timely preparation of the public service list, it is requested that those seeking recognition as interested parties to a proceeding submit an entry

of appearance within 10 days of the publication of the Notice of Initiation. Because deadlines in Sunset Reviews can be very short, we urge interested parties who want access to proprietary information under administrative protective order (APO) to file an APO application immediately following publication in the Federal Register of this notice of initiation. Commerce's regulations on submission of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304-306. Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.1

### Information Required From Interested Parties

Domestic interested parties, as defined in sections 771(9)(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b), wishing to participate in a Sunset Review must respond not later than 15 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register of this notice of initiation by filing a notice of intent to participate. The required contents of the notice of intent to participate are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(ii). In accordance with Commerce's regulations, if we do not receive a notice of intent to participate from at least one domestic interested party by the 15-day deadline, Commerce will automatically revoke the order without further review.<sup>2</sup>

If we receive an order-specific notice of intent to participate from a domestic

interested party, Commerce's regulations provide that all parties wishing to participate in a Sunset Review must file complete substantive responses not later than 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal **Register** of this notice of initiation. The required contents of a substantive response, on an order-specific basis, are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3). Note that certain information requirements differ for respondent and domestic parties. Also, note that Commerce's information requirements are distinct from the ITC's information requirements. Consult Commerce's regulations for information regarding Commerce's conduct of Sunset Reviews. Consult Commerce's regulations at 19 CFR part 351 for definitions of terms and for other general information concerning antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at Commerce.

Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>3</sup> An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the day on which it is due.

In prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their comments, including footnotes. In these sunset reviews, we request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their comments, an executive summary for each issue raised in their comments. Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID–19, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

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 decision memorandum that will accompany the notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Finally, we request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c).

Dated: January 23, 2025.

#### Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations. [FR Doc. 2025–02119 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### International Trade Administration

[A-580-911]

#### Thermal Paper From the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022– 2023

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that thermal paper from the Republic of Korea (Korea) was not sold in the United States at less than normal value during the period of review (POR) November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023.

DATES: Applicable February 3, 2025. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Beuley, AD/CVD Operations, Office IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3269. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On December 5, 2024, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* in the **Federal Register**.<sup>1</sup> We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*;<sup>2</sup> however, no interested party submitted comments. Accordingly, because we have made no changes to the *Preliminary Results*, the final results remain unchanged from the *Preliminary Results* and there is no decision memorandum accompanying this **Federal Register** notice.

On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline to issue the final results in this administrative review by 90 days.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the deadline for these final results is now July 3, 2025. Commerce conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

#### Scope of the Order<sup>4</sup>

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is thermal paper from Korea. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order, see* the *Preliminary Results.* 

#### **Final Results of Review**

We determine that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023:

Producer or exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)			
Hansol Paper Company	0.00			

#### Disclosure

Normally, Commerce discloses to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with the final results of review within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final results in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because Commerce made no changes from the *Preliminary Results*, there are no new calculations to disclose.

#### **Assessment Rates**

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review. Because the weighted-average dumping margin for Hansol Paper Company (Hansol) is zero, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. Commerce's "automatic assessment" practice will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by Hansol for which the reviewed company did not know that the merchandise it sold to the intermediary (*e.g.*, a reseller, trading company, or exporter) was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate (*i.e.*, 6.19 percent),<sup>5</sup> if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>6</sup>

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

#### **Cash Deposit Requirements**

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication in the Federal Register of these final results of administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the company listed above will be zero, as established in the final results of this review; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not covered by this review, the cash deposit will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the company participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the lessthan-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment for the producer of the subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will continue to be 6.19 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation.<sup>7</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### **Notification to Importers**

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Thermal Paper from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022–2023, 89 FR 96640 (December 5, 2024) (Preliminary Results), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id., 89 FR at 96641.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated December 9, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Thermal Paper from Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Spain: Antidumping Duty Order, 86 FR 66284 (November 22, 2021) (Order).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Order, 86 FR at 66286.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 68

FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Order, 86 FR at 66286.

under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

#### Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition 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 sanctionable violation.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: January 27, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE637]

#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will host a Best Fishing Practices Outreach Evaluation Workshop (Workshop) on February 20 and 21, 2025.

**DATES:** The Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., EDT on February 20, 2025 and from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on February 21, 2025.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The Workshop will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites

Charleston, Airport, 3020 W Montague Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (843) 990–5100.

The presentation and breakout group report-out sessions will also be available via webinar. Registration is required. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available two weeks prior to the meetings at *https:// safmc.net/workgroups/.* 

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina Wiegand, Fishery Social Scientist, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302– 8437 or toll free: (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: christina.wiegand@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Atlantic Council's Best Fishing Practices (BFP) Outreach Initiative was expanded in December 2022. Evaluation of the outreach efforts conducted is key in ensuring that the goal of increasing the use of BFP in the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery is achieved. Fortunately, in recent years, there has become increased interest in exploring stakeholder perception and usage of BFP, namely barotrauma mitigation tools like descending devices. This workshop will explore the relationship between perceptions, norms, and the use of best practices, the effectiveness of best fishing practices outreach and education efforts, and how evaluation efforts can be used to support science and management processes.

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: January 29, 2025.

#### **Rey Israel Marquez**,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 2025–02112 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### [RTID 0648-XE641]

#### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) will convene an online meeting of its Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG), which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The online meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pacific Time, or until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements, will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see *www.pcouncil.org*). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (*kris.kleinschmidt*@ *noaa.gov*) or contact him at (503) 820– 2412 for technical assistance.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gilly Lyons, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this online meeting is to provide a briefing for Pacific Council advisory body members and the public on the 2024–2025 California Current Ecosystem Status Report, which will be a topic on the Pacific Council's March 4–11, 2025 meeting agenda. In addition to providing this briefing, the EWG may discuss other items relevant to its work for the Pacific Council. A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (*kris.kleinschmidt@ noaa.gov;* (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date. *Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* 

Dated: January 29, 2025.

#### Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 2025–02114 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038–0075: Protection of Collateral of Counterparties to Uncleared Swaps; Treatment of Securities in a Portfolio Margining Account in a Commodity Broker Bankruptcy

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

#### ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission" or "CFTC") is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed renewal of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on the Commission's burden estimates associated with the requirements for swap dealers ("SDs") and major swap participants ("MSPs") to notify counterparties of their right to require segregation of initial margin, and to allow the counterparty to change that election by written notice to the SD or MSP, and to report quarterly to the counterparty that the back office procedures of the SD or MSP relating to margin and collateral requirements are in compliance with the agreement of the counterparties.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 4, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by "OMB Control No. 3038–0075" by any of the following methods:

• The Agency's website, at *https://comments.cftc.gov/*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

• *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

• *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Brescia, Attorney Advisor, Market Participants Division, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581; (202) 418–6236; email: *cbrescia@ cftc.gov.* 

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of Information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 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 provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the Commission is publishing notice of the proposed extension of the existing collection of information listed below. 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.

*Title:* Protection of Collateral of Counterparties to Uncleared Swaps; Treatment of Securities in a Portfolio Margining Account in a Commodity Broker Bankruptcy (OMB Control No. 3038–0075). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 4s(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act requires SDs and MSPs to notify uncleared swap counterparties that they have the right to require that any initial margin the counterparty provides in connection with such transaction be segregated, and to report quarterly to counterparties who have not requested segregated accounts that the back office procedures of the SD or MSP relating to margin and collateral comply with the agreement of the counterparties.

Regulations 23.701 and 23.704 establish reporting requirements that are mandated by Section 4s(l) and, thus, are necessary to implement the objectives of Section 4s(l). Regulation 23.701 requires that the SD or MSP notify the counterparty at the beginning of the swap trading relationship of the counterparty's right to require segregation of initial margin, and to permit the counterparty to change that election by written notice to the SD or MSP. Regulation 23.704 requires that, in certain circumstances, an SD or MSP must report to the counterparty, on a quarterly basis, that the back office procedures of the SD or MSP relating to margin and collateral requirements are in compliance with the agreement of the counterparties. The data required to be compiled and maintained pursuant to Regulations 23.701 and 23.704 would be used by uncleared swap counterparties (and, in some instances, the CFTC and self-regulatory organizations).

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

• Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;

• The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

• Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Ways to minimize the burden of 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.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to *https:// www.cftc.gov/*. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish for the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from https://www.cftc.gov that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the Information Collection Request will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

Burden Statement: The Commission is revising its estimate of the burden for this collection for 106 SDs. There are currently no registered MSPs. The respondents' burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

• Regulation 23.701:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 106.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Respondent: 600 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 63,600 hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* Beginning of the swap trading relationship with a counterparty.

• Regulation 23.704:

Estimated Number of Respondents:

106.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours per Respondent:* 806 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 85,436 hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* Quarterly (4 times per year).

• Total Annual Burden for the Collection: 149,036 hours.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)

Dated: January 29, 2025.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission. [FR Doc. 2025–02102 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6351–01–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Department of the Army

#### U.S. Army Science Board Partially Closed Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD. **ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce

the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the U.S. Army Science Board (ASB) Winter Plenary. This meeting is open to the public. **DATES:** Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 08:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Yulista Conference Center, 8600 Advanced Gateway SW, Huntsville AL 35808.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Army Science Board, Designated Federal Officer, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite, 7098, Arlington, VA 22202; Ms. Heather J. Gerard, the ASB 's Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at (703) 545–8652 or email: *heather.j.gerard.civ@army.mil* and Mr. Vinson L. Bullard, the ASB's Alternate Designated Federal Official at (703) 545–8647 or email: *vinson.l.bullard.civ@army.mil.* 

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer for the U.S. Army Science Board and the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army Science Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a) concerning its January 30, 2025, meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

The meeting will be held Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 1001–1014), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102–3.140 through 160.

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for ASB members to review, deliberate, and vote on the findings and recommendations presented for one Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 study and one FY 2025 study.

Agenda: The board will present findings and recommendations for deliberation and vote on the following studies:

"Data-Centric Command and Control (C2)". The purpose of this FY2024 study is to assess the Army's implementation of a dynamic data-centric C2 framework in multi-domain operations. This briefing will include Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) that contains trade secrets information exempted under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and therefore will be presented in a closed session from 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

"An Assessment of the Army's Capability to provide Combat-Ready Forces". The purpose of this study is to evaluate the U.S. Army's current organization and capability to provide combat-ready medical forces following the reorganization of the Department of Defense (DoD) medical enterprise under the Defense Health Agency (DHA). This FY25 study is unclassified and will be presented in an open session from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will begin at 07:45 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Seating is limited and is on a first-to-arrive basis. Attendees will be asked to provide their name, title, affiliation, and contact information to include email address and daytime telephone number at registration. Any interested person may attend the meeting, file written comments or statements with the committee, or make verbal comments from the floor during the public meeting, at the times, and in the manner, permitted by the committee, as set forth below.

Special Accommodations: The meeting venue is fully handicap accessible, with wheelchair access. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting or seeking additional information about public access procedures, should contact Mr. Vinson Bullard, the Alternate Designated Federal Official (ADFO) for the ASB, at the email addresses or telephone numbers listed in the FOR FURTHER **INFORMATION CONTACT** section, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140(c) and 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3), the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the ASB about its mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Vinson Bullard, the ADFO of the ASB, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the for further information contact section in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. The comment or statement must include the author's name, title, affiliation, address, and daytime telephone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the ADFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that they may be made available to the ASB for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments or statements

received after this date may not be provided to the ASB until its next meeting. Please note that because the ASB operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

#### James W. Satterwhite Jr.,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2025–02125 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3711–CC–P

#### ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

#### Sunshine Act Meetings

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Sunshine Act notice; notice of public meeting agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Public Meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 19, 1 p.m.–4 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in person at the Election Assistance Commission hearing room at 633 3rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20001. The meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/ channel/

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897– 9285, Email: *kmuthig@eac.gov.* 

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose:* In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94–409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct an open meeting on updates from the EAC's Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) and recent pilot efforts from the Field Services Program.

*Agenda:* During the meeting, the EAC's Commissioners will lead discussions with agency staff on updates. Other panelists will include election officials and election technology vendors.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: *https://www.eac.gov.* 

The EAC will accept written comments and questions from members of the public. If you would like to participate, please email *clearinghouse*@ *eac.gov* with your full name and question or comment no later than 9 a.m. ET on February 19, 2025. *Background:* Under the authority of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the EAC created the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP) to establish requirements and guidelines specific to election technologies that are not covered under the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG), which includes electronic poll books, electronic ballot delivery systems, election night reporting systems, and voter registration systems.

As outlined in HAVA, the Field Services Program is derived from the EAC Testing and Certification division's Quality Monitoring Program, where the agency is positioned to assist states and local jurisdictions in the verification of EAC certified fielded systems on an ongoing basis. To best accomplish this, the program has a deployable, full-time staff of subject matter experts to proactively provide a combination of virtual and onsite services and training to help officials.

*Status:* This meeting will be open to the public.

#### Camden Kelliher,

General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6440-010]

#### Lakeport Hydroelectric One, LLC and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; 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 Lakeport Hydroelectric Project (Lakeport Project, or project). The project would be located on the Winnnipesaukee River in Belknap County, New Hampshire. 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 tollfree 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 within 30 days from the date of this notice.

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-6440-010.

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, environmental justice communities, 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 Erin Kimsey at (202) 502–8621 or by email at *erin.kimsey@ferc.gov.*  Dated: January 27, 2025. **Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  *Secretary.* [FR Doc. 2025–02079 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 6717–01–P** 

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-49-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 16, 2025, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern), 915 N. Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77079, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Texas Eastern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535–000, for authorization to replace three segments of its existing 30-inchdiameter pipelines (Lines 10, 15, and 25) totaling 2.19 miles and upgrade an existing meter and regulator station (M&R 72672) all located in Wilson County, Tennessee (Project). The Project will allow Texas Eastern to ensure continued safe and compliant operations following the identification of a pipeline class location change set forth by the Pipeline Hazardous and Materials Safety Administration and Department of Transportation. The estimated cost for the Project is \$24.8 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (http:// www.ferc.gov). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502–6652 (toll free at 1–866–208–3676) or email at *ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov*, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371, TTY (202) 502–8659. Email the Public Reference Room at *public.referenceroom@ferc.gov*.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Berk Donaldson, Director, Regulatory, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251–1642, by telephone at (713) 627–4488, by fax at (713) 627–5947, or by email at *Berk.Donaldson@enbridge.com.* 

#### **Public Participation**

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 28, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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#### Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>1</sup> any person<sup>2</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section

157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>3</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is March 28, 2025. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

#### Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure <sup>4</sup> and the regulations under the NGA <sup>5</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is March 28, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at *https://www.ferc.gov/* resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

#### Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

<sup>4 18</sup> CFR 385.214.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.

your comments on or before March 28, 2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

#### How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25–49–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or <sup>6</sup>

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25–49– 000.

*To file via USPS:* Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*To file via any other method:* Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.* 

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Berk Donaldson, Director, Regulatory, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251–1642, or by email (with a link to the document) at *Berk.Donaldson*@ *enbridge.com.* Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

#### Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project

will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208– FERC, or on the FERC website at *www.ferc.gov* using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Dated: January 27, 2025.

#### Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2150-153]

#### Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On July 14, 2022, as supplemented on August 1, 2023, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (licensee) filed a draft biological assessment (BA) under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) addressing the potential effects that could occur to federally-listed species, designated critical habitat, and essential fish habitat (EFH) as a result of the licensee's proposed Upper Baker Dam Spillway Stability Improvements and Tailrace Channel Rock Debris Removal Project (Spillway Project) at the Baker River Hydroelectric Project No. 2150. On September 15, 2021, the licensee filed a Water Quality Protection Plan in support of the proposed Spillway Project. The Baker River Project consists of two developments, Upper Baker and Lower Baker, and is located on the Baker River in Skagit and Whatcom counties, Washington. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The licensee proposes to improve stability of the Upper Baker Dam spillway slope and remove accumulated rockfall debris material in the tailrace channel downstream of the dam. To stabilize the spillway slope, the licensee plans to excavate the rockfall debris from the tailrace channel and backfill the existing sluiceway structure with concrete or cementitious grout, imported coarse and fine aggregate, and a portion of the rockfall debris, creating a concrete rock buttress to improve the stability of the spillway slope. The proposed project is needed because the existing spillway slope has been identified as a potential failure mode for the Upper Baker Dam, and rockfall debris in the channel downstream of the dam contributes to flooding of the powerhouse during spill events and has reduced power generation.

On August 17, 2022, Commission staff issued a Notice of Water Quality Protection Plan Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests. On August 30, 2022 and September 16, 2022, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service, respectively, filed notices of intervention. No other comments or motions to intervene were received.

On August 17, 2022, Commission staff adopted the licensee's draft BA without modification as the Commission's final BA and requested formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). By letter dated February 21, 2023, Commission staff updated the request for consultation under section 7 of the ESA from formal to informal consultation between NMFS and the Commission. On September 25, 2023, Commission staff issued separate letters to the FWS and NMFS, informing the agencies of the supplemental information filed by the licensee on August 1, 2023, and updating the requests for consultation under section 7 of the ESA. On August 15, 2023, NMFS filed a letter of concurrence with the Commission's determinations that the proposed Spillway Project is not likely to adversely affect the NMFS ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. On November 3, 2023, the FWS filed its Biological Opinion in response to the Commission's BA.

In the August 17, 2022 letter, and reiterated in the February 21, 2023 letter, Commission staff also determined, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), that the Spillway Project may adversely affect EFH for Pacific coast salmon. In the August 15, 2023 letter, NMFS reviewed the proposed Spillway Project for potential effects on EFH under the Magnuson-Stevens Act,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at *www.ferc.gov* under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

including conservation measures and any determination made by the Commission regarding the potential effects of the proposed Spillway Project, and concluded that the proposed Spillway Project would not adversely affect EFH.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project.<sup>1</sup> Commission staff plans to issue an EA by March 7, 2025. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Marybeth Gay at (202) 502–6125 or *Marybeth.gay*@ *ferc.gov.* 

Dated: January 27, 2025. **Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  *Secretary.* [FR Doc. 2025–02080 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 6717–01–P** 

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15370-000]

#### New England Hydropower Company, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On August 14, 2024, New England Hydropower Company, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Manville Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 15370 (project), to be located at the Manville dam on the Blackstone River near the Town of Cumberland, Providence County, Rhode Island. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following new features: (1) three fixed blade Kaplan turbines including two turbines with a generating capacity of 392 kilowatts, and one turbine with a generating capacity of 180 kilowatts; (2) two 24-foot-wide, 50-foot-long turbine bays; (3) a 16-foot-wide, 35-footlong, 16-foot-high electrical control building; (4) a 1,000 kilo-volt-amperes pad-mounted transformer; (5) a 50 kilovolt-amperes grounding transformer; (6) three shut-off gates; (7) two 24-foot wide, 50-foot-long steel trash racks; (8) two 24 foot-wide, 10-foot-long isolation gates; (9) three 14-foot-long draft tubes; and (9) an 800-foot-long, 13 kilovolt transmission line connecting the turbine generator units to the regional grid. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 3,952-megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Michael C. Kerr, New England Hydropower Company, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 451C, Beverly, MA 01915; phone: (860) 729– 9767; email: michael@ nehydropower.com.

FERC Contact: Justin R. Robbins; phone: (202) 502–8308, or by email at justin.robbins@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at https:// ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ QuickComment.aspx. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). 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–15370–000.

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, environmental justice communities, 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.* 

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed on the Commission's website (*https://www.ferc.gov*) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits (P–15370), in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: January 27, 2025.

#### Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2024-0425-0009; EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0266; EPA-HQ-OW-2024-0481; FRL-12590-01-OA]

Three Actions Published by the Environmental Protection Agency With Comment Periods That Close Between February 3, 2025 and February 11, 2025; Notice of Comment Period Extension and Delay of Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notices; extension of comment periods.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the comment period for three notices published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 2024 and December 13, 2024.

**DATES:** The original comment periods for notices FRL–12241–02–OCSPP (89 FR 95779, December 3, 2024) and FRL– 9941–02–OCSPP (89 FR 96650, December 5, 2024) close on February 3,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1737643370. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

2025 and the original comment period for FRL-11244-01-OW (89 FR 10100, December 13, 2024) closes on February 11, 2025. The comment periods are extended. Comments for notice FRL-12241-02-OCSPP (89 FR 95779, December 3, 2024) now must be received on or before March 5, 2025. Comments for notices FRL-9941-02-OCSPP (89 FR 96650, December 5, 2024) and FRL-11244-01-OW (89 FR 10100, December 13, 2024) now must be received on or before April 4, 2025. Comments should be submitted to the original docket for the notice specified in the table in the SUPPLEMENTARY **INFORMATION** section of this document.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by appropriate Docket ID number listed in the table below by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov/ (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for the original rulemaking as listed in the table below. Comments received may be posted without change to https:// www.regulations.gov, including personal information provided. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Nickerson, Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management,

Office of Policy, Mail Code 1804, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; (202) 566–0326; nickerson.william@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document extends the comment period for three actions published on December 3, 2024 and December 13, 2024. Comments for notice FRL–12241–02– OCSPP (89 FR 95779, December 3, 2024) now must be received on or before March 5, 2025. Comments for notices FRL–9941–02–OCSPP (89 FR 96650, December 5, 2024) and FRL–11244–01– OW (89 FR 10100, December 13, 2024) now must be received on or before April 4, 2025.

Federal Register citation	Title	Publication date	Original comment period end date	Docket ID
89 FR 95779	1,3-Butadiene; Draft Risk Evaluation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) Peer Review; Notice of SACC Meeting, Availability of Draft Documents and Request for Comment.	12/3/2024	2/3/2025	EPA-HQ-OPPT-2024-0425-0009.
89 FR 96650	Atrazine; Updated Proposed Mitigation for the In- terim Registration Review Decision; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment.	12/5/2024	2/3/2025	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0266.
89 FR 101000	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 2026 Issuance of the Multi-Sector Gen- eral Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity.	12/13/2024	2/11/2025	EPA-HQ-OW-2024-0481.

EPA may identify additional actions for reopening or extending comment periods in subsequent notices.

This document extends the public comment period for the notice "1,3-Butadiene; Draft Risk Evaluation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA): Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) Peer Review; Notice of SACC Meeting, Availability of Draft Documents and Request for Comment" established in the Federal Register document of December 3, 2024 (89 FR 957790) (FRL-12241-02-OCSPP), for 30 days. In that document, EPA announced the availability of and solicited public comment on the draft risk evaluation for 1,3-butadiene. The draft risk evaluation was prepared under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and will be submitted to the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) for peer review. EPA also announced that there will be two virtual public meetings of the SACC: On February 4, 2025, a preparatory meeting for the SACC to consider the scope and clarity of the draft charge questions for the peer review; and on February 25 through 28, 2025, the peer review meeting for the SACC to consider the draft documents and public comments.

Both public meetings will be rescheduled.

This document extends the public comment period for the notice "Atrazine; Updated Proposed Mitigation for the Interim Registration Review Decision; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment" established in the Federal Register document of December 5, 2024 (89 FR 96650) (FRL-9941-02-OCSPP), for 60 days. In that document. EPA announced the availability of and requested comment on EPA's proposed updates to the mitigation in the interim registration review decision for atrazine (Case Number 0062). The updated mitigation proposal for atrazine reflected in the memorandum released for comment incorporated the revised level of concern of 9.7 micrograms per liter (µg/ L) as well as corrections to exposure modeling and feedback received during the 2022 public comment period. EPA released its updated mitigation proposal to reduce run-off/erosion, which will expand the number of options of mitigation measures growers can choose to implement to reduce potential exposure and risk to aquatic plant communities from atrazine runoff in vulnerable watersheds. The proposal

includes placing mitigations on the product labeling, directing users to EPA's mitigation menu website and to the Bulletins Live! Two system. The Agency is not soliciting comment on any other aspects of the atrazine interim registration review decision.

This document extends the public comment period for the notice "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 2026 Issuance of the Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity" established in the Federal Register document of December 12, 2024 (89 FR 101000) (FRL 11244-01-OW), for 60 days. In that document, all 10 EPA Regions proposed for public comment the 2026 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity, also referred to as the "2026 Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP)" or the "proposed permit." The proposed permit once finalized will replace the EPA's existing MSGP that expires on February 28, 2026. The EPA proposed to issue this permit for five (5) years. Once finalized, this permit will be available in areas where the EPA is the NPDES

permitting authority. The EPA solicits comment on all aspects of the proposed general permit and seeks public comment on specific requests for information as described in the document. The public is encouraged to read the proposed permit fact sheet to better understand the proposed permit requirements.

EPA is extending these comment periods to allow interested parties additional time to thoroughly review and analyze how these notices may impact parties potentially subject to them. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they are already incorporated into the public record and will be considered in the final action as appropriate. Where appropriate, the Agency may consider further extending the comment period for the above referenced actions. To submit comments, or access the docket, please follow the detailed instructions provided under ADDRESSES. If you have questions, consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

#### James Payne,

Acting Administrator. [FR Doc. 2025–02179 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

#### Sunshine Act Meetings

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION NOTICE OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 90 FR 8215.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 10 a.m.

**HYBRID MEETING:** 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC (12th Floor) and virtual.

**CHANGE IN THE MEETING:** The following items were also discussed:

Sample Donor Response Form for Contributions by LLCs

Two-Year Renewal of Directive 74

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Judith Ingram, Press Officer. Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

(Authority: Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b)

#### Vicktoria J. Allen,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission. [FR Doc. 2025–02210 Filed 1–30–25; 4:15 pm] BILLING CODE 6715–01–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10341]

#### 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 March 5, 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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Section 1115 Demonstration Projects Regulations at 42 CFR 431.408, 431.412, 431.420, 431.424, and 431.428; Use: This collection is necessary to ensure that states comply with regulatory and statutory requirements related to the development, implementation and evaluation of demonstration projects. States seeking waiver authority under Section 1115 are required to meet certain requirements for public notice, the evaluation of demonstration projects, and reports to the Secretary on the implementation of approved demonstrations. Form Number: CMS-10341 (OMB control number: 0938-1162); *Frequency:* Yearly and quarterly; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 48; Total Annual Responses: 403; Total Annual Hours: 41,847. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Raven Smith at 410-786-3731.)

#### William N. Parham, III,

Director, Division of Information Collections and Regulatory Impacts, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs. [FR Doc. 2025–02168 Filed 1–30–25; 11:15 am]

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2024-N-4167]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Labeling Requirements for Prescription Drugs

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. **DATES:** Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by March 5, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be submitted to *https:// www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910–0572. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Domini Bean, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Three White Flint North, 10A–12M, 11601 Landsdown St., North Bethesda, MD 20852, 301–796–5733, *PRAStaff*@ *fda.hhs.gov.* 

# **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

#### Labeling Requirements for Prescription Drugs

#### OMB Control Number 0910–0572— Revision

This information collection helps implement statutory and regulatory

requirements that govern the labeling of prescription drugs. FDA regulations codified in part 201 (21 CFR part 201), subpart B (§§ 201.50 through 201.58) apply to requisite labeling elements that include a statement of identity; a declaration of net quantity of contents; a statement of dosage; and specific content and formatting of information. The regulations also provide for requesting that FDA waive any requirement under §§ 201.56, 201.57, and 201.80. Since last approval of the information collection, FDA requested, and OMB approved, adding tasks provided for under § 201.25(d), requiring that manufacturers submit a written request for exemption from applicable barcode requirements, and tasks relating to exceptions or alternatives to the labeling requirements of products in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) as provided for in § 201.26, to the scope of the activity. Under the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), the Department of Health and Human Services stockpiles medical products that are essential to the security of the Nation (section 319F–2 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6b). Information regarding the SNS is available at the following website: www.phe.gov/about/sns/Pages/ default.aspx.

Relevant information regarding applicable statutory and regulatory requirements are also discussed in topic-specific guidance documents issued consistent with 21 CFR 314.445, 21 CFR 601.29 (guidance documents), and Agency Good Guidance Practice regulations in 21 CFR 10.115, which provide for public comment at any time. The following guidance documents discuss activities included in the information collection:

'Safety Labeling Changes— Implementation of Section 505(o)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act" (FD&C Act) (78 FR 45930, July 30, 2013). The guidance document includes instruction on communicating with FDA regarding labeling changes required under section 505(o)(4) (Section IV—Procedures) (21 U.S.C. 355(0)(4)) and is available for download from our website at https:// www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/ search-fda-guidance-documents/safetylabeling-changes-implementationsection-50504-federal-food-drug-andcosmetic-act.

"Guidance for Industry on Hypertension Indication: Drug Labeling for Cardiovascular Outcome Claims" (76 FR 14024, March 15, 2011). The guidance document is intended to help respondents with developing labeling for cardiovascular outcome claims for drugs that are indicated to treat hypertension. The guidance document is available for download from our website at https://www.fda.gov/ regulatory-information/search-fdaguidance-documents/hypertensionindication-drug-labeling-cardiovascularoutcome-claims.

Respondents to the information collection are sponsors of product labeling subject to the applicable labeling requirements. We characterize the information collection activities as recordkeeping, consistent with 5 CFR 1320.3(m), noting that a recordkeeping requirement means a requirement to maintain specified records, including the requirement to retain and notify third parties, the Federal Government, or the public regarding such records. Regulations in part 201 govern the statement of ingredients and declaration of net quantity of contents regarding prescription drug product labeling. The regulations require that firms identify bulk or transport containers with the name of the product contained therein and that containers be accompanied by documentation that identifies the product as meeting applicable compendial standards. New drug product and biological product applicants must: (1) design and create prescription drug labeling containing "Highlights," "Contents," and "Full Prescribing Information"; (2) test the designed labeling (for example, to ensure that the designed labeling fits into carton-enclosed products); and (3) submit it to FDA for approval.

In the **Federal Register** of September 19, 2024 (89 FR 76853), we published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. Although two comments were received, they were not responsive to the four collection of information topics solicited.

We estimate the burden of this information collection as follows:

#### TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN<sup>1</sup>

Activity/21 CFR section	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Labeling requirements for prescription drugs; §§ 201.56 and 201.57	414	1.326	549	3,349	1,838,601

Activity/21 CFR section	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Labeling applicable to medical gas containers; §§ 201.161(b) and 201.328 Exemption from barcode requirements § 201.25(d)	260 2	1,663 1	432,380	0.17 (10 minutes) 24	73,505 48
Safety labeling required under section 505(o)(4) of the FD&C Act, and re- buttal statement.	36	1	36	6	216
Safety labeling changes; posting approved letter on application holder's website.	351	1	351	4	1,404
Exceptions or alternatives to labeling requirements for human drug product held by SNS; § 201.26.	1	1	1	32	32
Hypertension claims; recommended labeling considerations	5	1	5	18	90
Total			433,324		1,913,896

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN 1—Continued

<sup>1</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Based on our evaluation, we have retained the currently approved estimate that 414 applicants will prepare an average of 549 prescription drug labels annually and assume it will require 3,349 hours to design, test, and submit to FDA as part of a new drug application or a biologics license application.

New medical gas containers must meet applicable requirements found in 21 CFR part 211, as well as specific labeling requirements in § 201.328. Consistent with statutory authority under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115–31), we have revised the information collection to include burden associated new medical gas labeling requirements under § 201.161(b), established by final rule in the Federal Register of June 18, 2024 (89 FR 51738). We estimate 260 respondents will incur burden for the design, testing, production, and submission of labeling for new medical gas containers as established in § 201.328 and assume an average of 10 minutes (0.17) is required for these activities.

Based on our evaluation, few requests for exemption from barcode requirements are received, and we have therefore made no changes to the currently approved estimate for this activity. Likewise, we have also retained the currently approved estimate for information collection activities associated with safety labeling requirements established in section 505(o)(4) of the FD&C Act. Similarly, we retain the currently approved estimate for exceptions to labeling under § 201.26; however, this activity was previously approved in OMB control number 0910–0614 and is a new element to the collection, adding 1 response and 32 hours annually.

Finally, we have combined activity elements associated with labeling recommendations regarding drugs products that include a hypertension indication as discussed in the applicable March 2011 guidance referenced above, reducing the overall estimate for this element by 4 hours annually.

Dated: January 28, 2025.

#### P. Ritu Nalubola,

Associate Commissioner for Policy. [FR Doc. 2025–02154 Filed 1–30–25; 11:15 am] BILLING CODE 4164–01–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket Nos. FDA-2024-D-3067; FDA-2024-D-3863]

Guidance for Industry; Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Disease Agents Associated With Sepsis by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The final guidances entitled "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Disease Agents Associated with Sepsis by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" and "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis* (Mtb) by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" are being revised to change the time by which FDA recommends implementation of the recommendations in the guidances.

**DATES:** The announcement of these guidances is published in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time as follows:

#### Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to https:// www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on *https://www.regulations.gov*.

• If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions").

#### Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

• Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

• For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2024-D-3067 for "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Disease Agents Associated with Sepsis by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" or the Docket No. FDA-2024-D-3863 for "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (Mtb) by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)," as appropriate. Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at *https://www.regulations.gov* or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

 Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on https://www.regulations.gov. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as "confidential." Any information marked as "confidential" will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: https:// www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to *https:// www.regulations.gov* and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240–402–7500. You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of the guidances to the Communication, Outreach and **Development**, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your requests. The guidances may also be obtained by mail by calling CBER at 1-800-835-4709 or 240-402-8010. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the guidance documents.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Myers, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 240– 402–7911.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of two revised final guidances, "Recommendations to Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Disease Agents Associated with Sepsis by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" and "Recommendations to Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (Mtb) by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)." These guidance documents were originally published in the Federal Register on January 7, 2025 (90 FR 1141; 90 FR 1170). Both guidances recommended that establishments making donor eligibility determinations (establishments) implement the recommendations in the guidances "as soon as feasible, but not later than 4 weeks after the guidance issue date."

FDA is revising final guidances "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Disease Agents Associated with Sepsis by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" and "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (Mtb) by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" to recommend implementation of the guidance recommendations on a longer timeframe, by May 4, 2025. The revised implementation date will permit FDA to consider the comments received thus far prior to the implementation date.

Permitting the Agency additional time to further review and consider the guidances, including comments received, as well as seek additional comments is consistent with the President's January 20, 2025. memorandum entitled, "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review." See paragraph 3 (directing agencies to consider postponing effective dates of certain rules "for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise"; "where appropriate and consistent with applicable law, consider opening a comment period to allow interested parties to provide comments about issues of fact, law, and policy raised by the rules postponed under this memorandum"; and consider further delaying such rules "where necessary to continue to review these questions of fact, law, and policy").

FDA issued the guidance entitled "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of Disease Agents Associated with Sepsis by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" to provide establishments making donor eligibility determinations with recommendations to reduce the risk of transmission of disease agents associated with sepsis for donors of human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products.

FDA issued the guidance entitled "Recommendations To Reduce the Risk of Transmission of *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis* (Mtb) by Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps)" to assist establishments that make donor eligibility determinations for donors of human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products, with recommendations for screening donors for evidence of, and risk factors for, infection with Mtb, the organism that causes tuberculosis.

FDA is issuing these revised guidances consistent with our good guidance practices regulation (§ 10.115 (21 CFR 10.115)). We are implementing these revisions without prior public comment because we have determined that prior public participation is not feasible or appropriate (see § 10.115(g)(2) and section 701(h)(1)(C) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 371(h)(1)(C)). We made this determination because the revisions present a less burdensome policy that is consistent with public health. Although these guidance documents are being implemented immediately, you can comment on any guidance at any time (§ 10.115(g)(5)). FDA has already received comments on the guidances discussed above, and the Agency

intends to consider those comments. Please submit any additional comments regarding the guidances that you wish the Agency to consider, including whether it would be appropriate to reissue these guidances in draft form or consider a later implementation date.

#### II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

While these guidance documents contain no collection of information, they do refer to previously approved FDA collections of information. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521). The collections of information in 21 CFR 1271 relating to HCT/Ps, including establishing and maintaining records, investigation and reporting of adverse actions and documentation of methods used in facilities related to HCT/Ps, which, includes but is not limited to donor screening, donor testing, and labeling have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0543.

#### **III. Electronic Access**

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the guidances at https:// www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/ guidance-compliance-regulatoryinformation-biologics/biologicsguidances, https://www.fda.gov/ regulatory-information/search-fdaguidance-documents, or https:// www.regulations.gov.

#### Dorothy A. Fink,

Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services. [FR Doc. 2025–02167 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2024-N-4146]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Biosimilars User Fee Program

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. **DATES:** Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by March 5, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be submitted to *https:// www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910–0718. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Domini Bean, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Three White Flint North, 10A–12M, 11601 Landsdown St., North Bethesda, MD 20852, 301–796–5733, *PRAStaff@ fda.hhs.gov.* 

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

#### **Biosimilars User Fee Program**

#### OMB Control Number 0910–0718— Revision

This information collection supports FDA's Biosimilars User Fee Program and implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 (BPCI Act). The BPCI Act creates an abbreviated approval pathway for biological products shown to be biosimilar to or interchangeable with an FDA-licensed reference biological product. Section 351(k) of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) (42 U.S.C. 262(k)), added by the BPCI Act, allows a company to apply for licensure of a biosimilar or interchangeable biological product (351(k) application). The BPCI Act also amended section 735 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 379g) to include 351(k) applications as a type of application under "human drug application" for the purposes of the prescription drug user fee provisions. The FD&C Act as amended by the Biosimilar User Fee Amendments of 2022 (BsUFA III), reauthorizes FDA to assess and collect fees for biosimilar biological products from October 2022 through September 2027 to facilitate the development of safe and effective biosimilar products for the American public.

FDA maintains information on our website at https://www.fda.gov/ industry/fda-user-fee-programs/ biosimilar-user-fee-amendments regarding its BsUFA program. Also available on our website is the Biosimilars Action Plan (BAP), which discusses key actions the Agency is taking to encourage innovation and competition among biologics and the development of biosimilars. The BAP builds on progress in implementing the approval pathway for biosimilar and interchangeable products, and provides interested persons with updates on related deliverables and activities.

We have revised the information collection to reflect the currently agreed-upon performance goals established and captured in the latest reauthorization document entitled, "Biosimilar Biological Product Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2023 Through 2027" (BsUFA Commitment Letter). The BsUFA Commitment Letter is available for download from our website at https://www.fda.gov/media/152279/ download?attachment. The BsUFA Commitment Letter outlines current program goals, including information technology goals, discusses program effectiveness considerations, and discusses user fee resource management.

The information collection also includes Form FDA 3792, "Biosimilars User Fee Cover Sheet," to be submitted by each new biological product development (BPD) entrant (identified via a new meeting request or investigational new drug submission) or new biologics license application (BLA) applicant. Form FDA 3792 requests the minimum information necessary to identify the request, to determine the amount of the fee to be assessed, and to account for and track user fees. Form FDA 3792 is completed electronically at https://userfees.fda.gov/OA HTML/ *bsufaCAcdLogin.jsp*, and a notification is emailed to the respondent that includes information regarding annual program fees. We are discontinuing use of the associated annual survey at this time

Relatedly, Form FDA 3971 (Small Business Waiver and Refund Request), currently approved in OMB control number 0910–0297, may also be utilized. As instructed on our BsUFA web page, respondents should submit Form FDA 3971 by email to *CDERCollections@fda.hhs.gov* at least 4 months prior to the submission of the application to see if they qualify for a small business waiver. Finally, user fee refund and transfer requests, currently approved in OMB control number 0910– 0805, may be submitted to FDA using Forms FDA 3913 and FDA 3914, respectively.

Patent infringement notifications are also included in the scope of collection activity. Section 351(l) of the PHS Act provides for the exchange of patent information and resolution of patent disputes between a 351(k) biosimilar applicant and the holder of the 351(a) BLA reference product. If a biosimilar applicant is served with a complaint in an action for a patent infringement described in section 351(l)(6) of the PHS Act, the biosimilar applicant is required to provide the Secretary of HHS with notice and a copy of the complaint within 30 days of service. FDA is required to publish notice of a complaint received under section 351(l)(6)(C) of the PHS Act in the Federal Register.

Relevant information regarding applicable statutory requirements is discussed in topical guidance documents, issued consistent with our BsUFA Commitment Letter and Agency Good Guidance Practice regulations in 21 CFR 10.115, which provide for public comment at any time. The following draft and final guidance documents include instructional and procedural information on communicating with FDA regarding the BsUFA program:

• "Assessing User Fees Under the Biosimilar User Fee Amendments of 2022" (July 2023), available at https:// www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/ search-fda-guidance-documents/ assessing-user-fees-under-biosimilaruser-fee-amendments-2022. The guidance document instructs respondents on requesting discontinuation from the BPD program, as well as requesting to move products to the discontinued section of the biosimilar list. The guidance document also provides information on the consequences of failing to pay BsUFA III fees as well as processes for submitting reconsideration and appeal requests.

• "Formal Meetings Between the FDA and Sponsors or Applicants of BsUFA Products" (August 2023), available at: https://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/search-fda-guidancedocuments/formal-meetings-betweenfda-and-sponsors-or-applicants-bsufaproducts-guidance-industry. The guidance document explains standardized procedures for requesting, preparing, scheduling, conducting, and documenting formal meetings with FDA, and discusses good meeting management practices.

• As listed on our Center for Drug Evaluation and Research 2023 and 2024 Annual Guidance agenda (available at: https://www.fda.gov/media/134778/

#### TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

download), we are planning to issue a draft guidance for industry entitled "Pediatric Study Plans for Biosimilar Products," to help implement provisions of the Pediatric Research Equity Act, codified in section 505B of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 355c). For more information regarding FDA guidance documents, including ways to participate, please visit https:// www.fda.gov/drugs/guidancecompliance-regulatory-information/ guidances-drugs.

Description of Respondents: Sponsors and applicants who have or intend to submit an application for a biosimilar product for licensure under section 351(k) of the PHS Act or who intend to submit an initial pediatric study plan (iPSP) as described in section 505B(e) of the FD&C Act for those products intended to be licensed under section 351(k) of the PHS Act and being developed as a proposed biosimilar to a reference product.

In the **Federal Register** of September 23, 2024 (89 FR 77531), we published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

We estimate the burden of this information collection as follows:

FDA form; survey	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Biosimilar User Fee Cover Sheet (Form FDA 3792)	30	2	60	0.5 (30 min- utes).	30
Request for discontinuation from BPD program or to move prod- ucts to discontinued section of Biosimilar List.	6	1	6	1	6
Biosimilar product & interchangeable product applications (351(k)); patent infringement notifications (351(l)).	16	1.94	31	610.90	18,938
Formal meeting requests as recommended in FDA guidance	135	2.30	311	21.42	6,661
Submission of Pediatric Assessment; iPSP template information, including deferrals of pediatric assessments for proposed bio- similar products; iPSP amendments as recommended in FDA guidance.	11	1	11	38.18	420
Total			419		26,055

Our estimated burden for the information collection reflects an overall increase of 13,069 hours and 105 responses annually. Although part of the increase may be attributed to the inclusion of burden associated with the submission of pediatric study plans, the majority of adjustments correspond with an increase in submissions we are receiving.

#### Dated: January 28, 2025.

#### P. Ritu Nalubola,

Associate Commissioner for Policy. [FR Doc. 2025–02153 Filed 1–30–25; 11:15 am] BILLING CODE 4164–01–P

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2803-25]

#### Vacatur of 2025 Temporary Protected Status Decision for Venezuela

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS). **ACTION:** Notice of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) vacatur.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) has decided to vacate the January 10, 2025, decision of former Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas regarding TPS for Venezuela. Former Secretary Mayorkas extended the 2023 designation of Venezuela for TPS for 18 months, allowed a consolidation of filing processes such that all eligible Venezuela TPS beneficiaries (whether under the 2021 or 2023 designations) may obtain TPS through the same extension date of October 2, 2026, and extended certain Employment Authorization Documents (EADs). All of this also had the effect of extending the 2021 designation. This notice vacates Mayorkas' notice immediately. **DATES:** The vacatur is effective immediately.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samantha Deshommes, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 800– 375–5283.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Generally

The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) authorizes the Secretary, after consultation with appropriate U.S. Government agencies, to designate a foreign state (or part thereof) for TPS if the Secretary determines that certain country conditions exist. INA 244(b)(1), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1).<sup>1</sup> The determination whether to designate any foreign state (or part thereof) for TPS is discretionary, and there is no judicial review of "any determination of the [Secretary] with respect to the designation, or termination or extension of a designation, of a foreign state" for TPS. INA 244(b)(5)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(5)(A). The Secretary, in the Secretary's discretion, may then grant TPS to eligible nationals of that foreign state (or individual aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in the designated foreign state). *See* INA 244(a)(1)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(a)(1)(A).

At least 60 days before the expiration of a foreign state's TPS designation or extension, the Secretary, after consultation with appropriate U.S. Government agencies, must review the conditions in the foreign state designated for TPS to determine whether they continue to meet the conditions for the TPS designation. See INA 244(b)(3)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). If the Secretary determines that the conditions in the foreign state continue to meet the conditions for TPS designation, the designation will be extended for an additional period of 6 months or, in the Secretary's discretion, 12 or 18 months. See INA 244(b)(3)(A), (C), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A), (C). If the Secretary determines that the foreign state no longer meets the conditions for TPS designation, the Secretary must terminate the designation. See INA 244(b)(3)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(B).

#### II. Background

On March 9, 2021, Secretary Mayorkas designated Venezuela for TPS on the basis of extraordinary and temporary conditions in Venezuela that prevented nationals of Venezuela from returning in safety (2021 designation). See Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status and Implementation of Employment Authorization for Venezuelans Covered by Deferred Enforced Departure, 86 FR 13574 (Mar. 9, 2021).

On September 8, 2022, DHS extended the Venezuela 2021 TPS designation for 18 months. See Extension of the Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status, 87 FR 55024 (Sept. 8, 2022). On October 3, 2023, DHS extended the Venezuela 2021 TPS designation for another 18 months with an expiration date of September 10, 2025, and separately newly designated Venezuela, which then Secretary Mayorkas called a "redesignation," for 18 months (the Venezuela 2023 designation) with an expiration of April 2, 2025, resulting in two separate and concurrent Venezuela TPS designations. See Extension and Redesignation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status, 88 FR 68130 (Oct. 3, 2023).

The Venezuela 2023 TPS designation expires on April 2, 2025, and the Secretary must make a decision by February 1, 2025. The Venezuela 2021 TPS designation expires on September 10, 2025, and the Secretary must make a decision by July 12, 2025. Notwithstanding the fact that these are both decisions that would lie with new Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, Secretary Mayorkas took action with respect to both designations.

On January 17, 2025, Secretary Mayorkas issued a notice extending the 2023 designation of Venezuela for TPS for 18 months (Mayorkas Notice). The notice was based on Secretary Mayorkas' January 10, 2025, determination that the conditions for the designation continued to be met. See INA 244(b)(3)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). In the Mayorkas Notice, Secretary Mayorkas did not expressly extend or terminate the 2021 designation. Instead, the notice allowed for a consolidation of filing processes such that all eligible Venezuela TPS beneficiaries (whether under the 2021 or 2023 designations) could obtain TPS through the same extension date of October 2, 2026. See Extension of the 2023 Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status, 90 FR 5961 (Jan. 17, 2025). The notice also extended certain EADs. The effect of Secretary Mayorkas' actions, however, resulted in an extension of the 2021 Venezuela TPS designation.

#### III. Vacatur of the 2025 Decision

The Secretary of Homeland Security is vacating the January 10, 2025 decision of Secretary Mayorkas which (1) extended the 2023 Venezuela TPS designation and (2) allowed the consolidation of filing processes for both designations, which had the effect of extending the 2021 Venezuela TPS designation, and (3) extended certain EADs. An agency has inherent (that is. statutorily implicit) authority to revisit its prior decisions unless Congress has expressly limited that authority. The TPS statute does not limit the Secretary's inherent authority under the INA to reconsider any TPS-related determination, and upon reconsideration, to vacate or amend the determination.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although section 244(b)(1) of the INA continues to refer to the Attorney General, this authority now resides with the Secretary of Homeland Security by operation of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 Public Law 107–296, 116 Stat. 2135, as amended. See, e.g., 6 U.S.C. 557; 8 U.S.C. 1103(a)(1). The Secretary may designate a country (or part of a country) for TPS on the basis of (1) an ongoing armed conflict such that returning would pose a serious threat to the personal safety of the country's nationals, (2) an environmental disaster (including an epidemic), or (3) extraordinary and temporary conditions in the country that prevent the safe return of the country's nationals. For environmental disaster-based designations, certain other statutory requirements must be met, including that the foreign government must officially request a TPS designation. A designation based on extraordinary and temporary conditions cannot be made if the Secretary finds that allowing the country's nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the U.S. national interest. INA sec. 244(b)(1), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See INA 103(a), 244(b)(3), (b)(5)(A); 8 U.S.C. 1103(a), 1254a(b)(3), (b)(5)(A); Reconsideration and Rescission of Termination of the Designation of El Salvador for Temporary Protected Status; Extension of the Temporary Protected Status Designation for El Salvador, 88 FR 40282, 40285 (June 21, 2023) ("An agency has inherent (that is, statutorily implicit) authority to revisit its prior decisions unless Congress has expressly limited that authority. The TPS statute does not limit the Secretary's inherent authority to reconsider any

#### A. Reason for the Vacatur

The Mayorkas Notice adopted a novel approach of implicitly negating the 2021 Venezuela TPS designation by effectively subsuming it within the 2023 Venezuela TPS designation. As described above, Secretary Mayorkas explicitly made a determination to extend the 2023 designation. While he did not make an explicit determination to extend the 2021 designation, he did allow consolidated filing processes for both the 2021 and 2023 designations, which in effect extended the 2021 designation by up to 13 months. Furthermore, he allowed extensions for certain EADs.

The Mayorkas Notice states that Existing TPS beneficiaries, including those registered under the October 3, 2023 TPS designation or the prior March 9, 2021 TPS designation, who wish to extend their status through October 2, 2026, must re-register during the re-registration period described in the January 2025 decision. This, and other language in the Mayorkas Notice, indicate that the practical effect of Secretary Mayorkas' decision was to combine both designations and to provide an extension until October 2, 2026, for the population of *both* designations.

The Mayorkas Notice did not acknowledge the novelty of its approach or explain how it is consistent with the TPS statute. See INA 244(b)(2)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(2)(B) (providing that a TPS country designation "shall remain in effect until the effective date of the termination of the designation under [INA 244(b)(3)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(B)]"). This novel approach has included multiple notices, overlapping populations, overlapping dates, and sometimes multiple actions happening in a single document. While the Mayorkas Notice may have made

attempts to address these overlapping populations, the explanations in the Mayorkas Notice, particularly the explanation for operational impacts, are thin and inadequately developed. Given these deficiencies and lack of clarity, vacatur is warranted to untangle the confusion, and provide an opportunity for informed determinations regarding the TPS designations and clear guidance.<sup>3</sup>

Given the exceedingly brief period in which the January 17, 2025 extension notice has been in effect and the fact that the effect of this vacatur will restore the status quo preceding that notice, any putative reliance interests on the extension notice are negligible. Venezuela 2023 registrants will retain their temporary protected status under the pre-existing designation at least until April 2, 2025. With respect to any Venezuela 2021 registrants who elected, pursuant to the Mayorkas Notice, to register under the Venezuela 2023 designation, USCIS will restore their Venezuela 2021 registration. And, in any event, any putative reliance interests arguably engendered by the Mayorkas Notice are outweighed by the overriding interests and concerns articulated in this notice.

#### B. Effect of the Vacatur

As a result of the vacatur, the 2021 Venezuela TPS designation and the 2023 Venezuela designation remain in effect and their associated statutory deadlines remain in effect. The statutory deadline<sup>4</sup> for each of those designations is as follows: The Secretary (1) must determine, by February 1, 2025, whether to extend or terminate the 2023 Venezuela TPS designation and (2) must determine, by July 12, 2025, whether to extend or terminate the 2021 Venezuela TPS designation.

If the Secretary does not make a timely determination (for example, if the Secretary were *not* to make determination by February 1, 2025 whether to extend or terminate the 2023 Venezuela TPS designation), then the statute provides for an automatic extension of the designation for an

<sup>4</sup> If there is an existing TPS designation for a foreign state, the Secretary must review country conditions in consultation with appropriate U.S. Government agencies and make a determinationat least 60 days before the designation is set to expire-whether to extend or terminate that country's TPS designation (i.e., whether the conditions for the designation continue to be met). INA 244(b)(3), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3).

#### additional period of 6 months. INA 244(b)(3)(C), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(C).

Pursuant to this vacatur, USCIS will no longer accept Venezuela TPS reregistration applications (Form I-821) and associated Applications for Employment Authorization (Form I-765) filed under the Mayorkas Notice. For TPS beneficiaries who have already filed applications to re-register for TPS pursuant to the Mayorkas Notice and paid any fees associated with their applications, USCIS will cease processing their applications, and issue refunds of any fees paid by those aliens.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, USCIS will invalidate EADs; Forms I-797, Notice of Action (Approval Notice); and Forms I-94, Arrival/Departure Record (collectively known as TPS-related documentation) that have been issued with October 2, 2026 expiration dates under the Mayorkas Notice. USCIS will provide refunds to any fees paid by these aliens as well.

Additionally, pursuant to this vacatur the automatic EAD extensions provided in the Mayorkas Notice are hereby rescinded. USCIS will provide additional guidance regarding the two Venezuela TPS designations on a future date in accordance with applicable laws.

#### **IV. Notice of Vacatur of Secretary** Mayorkas' 2025 Decision

By the authority vested in me as Secretary under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1254a, I am vacating the decisions announced in the January 17, 2025 notice titled Extension of the 2023 Designation of Venezuela for TPS. In doing so, I am vacating the (1) extension of the Venezuela 2023 TPS designation, (2) the consolidation of filing processes for both designations, which, in effect, resulted in the extension of the 2021 TPS designation, and (3) the EADs that were extended. As a result, the Venezuela 2023 TPS designation and the Venezuela 2021 TPS designation remain in effect and their associated statutory deadlines remain in effect.

#### Kristi Noem,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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TPS-related determination, and upon reconsideration, to change the determination."); see also, e.g., Ivy Sports Medicine, LLC v. Burwell, 767 F.3d 81, 86 (D.C. Cir. 2014) (Kavanaugh, J.) ("[A]dministrative agencies are assumed to possess at least some inherent authority to revisit their prior decisions, at least if done in a timely fashion. . "[I]nherent authority for timely administrative reconsideration is premised on the notion that the power to reconsider is inherent in the power to decide." (quotation marks and citations omitted)); Macktal v. Chao, 286 F.3d 822, 825-26 (5th Cir. 2002) ("It is generally accepted that in the absence of a specific statutory limitation, an administrative agency has the inherent authority to reconsider its decisions.") (collecting cases); Mazaleski v. Treusdell, 562 F.2d 701, 720 (D.C. Cir. 1977) ("We have many times held that an agency has the inherent power to reconsider and change a decision if it does so within a reasonable period of time."); cf. Last Best Beef, LLC v. Dudas, 506 F.3d 333, 340 (4th Cir. 2007) (agencies possess especially "broad authority to correct their prior errors").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Exec. Order, Protecting the American People Against Invasion, sec. 16(b) (Jan. 20, 2025), available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/ presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-theamerican-people-against-invasion/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As noted above, any Venezuela 2021 registrants who elected, pursuant to the Mayorkas Notice, to register under the Venezuela 2023 designation will have their Venezuela 2021 registration restored.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1145 (Third Review)]

#### Steel Threaded Rod From China; Institution of a Five-Year Review

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted a review pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), as amended, to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on steel threaded rod from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission.

**DATES:** Instituted February 3, 2025. To be assured of consideration, the deadline for responses is March 5, 2025. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by April 17, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis Yim (202-708-1446), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearingimpaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (https:// www.usitc.gov). The public record for this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.-On April 14, 2009, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") issued an antidumping duty order on imports of steel threaded rod from China (74 FR 17154). Commerce issued a continuation of the antidumping duty order on imports of steel threaded rod from China following Commerce's and the Commission's first five-year reviews, effective August 19, 2014 (79 FR 49050) and second five-year reviews, effective March 9, 2020 (85 FR 13625). The Commission is now conducting a third five-year review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)), to determine whether revocation of the order would be likely

to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. Provisions concerning the conduct of this proceeding may be found in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure at 19 CFR part 201, subparts A and B, and 19 CFR part 207, subparts A and F. The Commission will assess the adequacy of interested party responses to this notice of institution to determine whether to conduct a full or expedited review. The Commission's determination in any expedited review will be based on the facts available, which may include information provided in response to this notice.

*Definitions.*—The following definitions apply to this review:

(1) Subject Merchandise is the class or kind of merchandise that is within the scope of the five-year review, as defined by Commerce.

(2) The *Subject Country* in this review is China.

(3) The *Domestic Like Product* is the domestically produced product or products which are like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses with, the *Subject Merchandise*. In its original determination and its expedited first and second five-year review determinations, the Commission defined a single *Domestic Like Product* consisting of certain steel threaded rod, coextensive with Commerce's scope.

(4) The *Domestic Industry* is the U.S. producers as a whole of the *Domestic Like Product*, or those producers whose collective output of the *Domestic Like Product* constitutes a major proportion of the total domestic production of the product. In its original determination and its expedited first and second five-year review determinations, the Commission defined a single *Domestic Industry* consisting of all U.S. producers of certain steel threaded rod.

(5) An *Importer* is any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing the *Subject Merchandise* into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

Participation in the proceeding and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the Subject Merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the proceeding as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11(b)(4) of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the proceeding.

Former Commission employees who are seeking to appear in Commission five-year reviews are advised that they may appear in a review even if they participated personally and substantially in the corresponding underlying original investigation or an earlier review of the same underlying investigation. The Commission's designated agency ethics official has advised that a five-year review is not the same particular matter as the underlying original investigation, and a five-year review is not the same particular matter as an earlier review of the same underlying investigation for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 207, the post-employment statute for Federal employees, and Commission rule 201.15(b) (19 CFR 201.15(b)), 79 FR 3246 (Jan. 17, 2014), 73 FR 24609 (May 5, 2008). Consequently, former employees are not required to seek Commission approval to appear in a review under Commission rule 19 CFR 201.15, even if the corresponding underlying original investigation or an earlier review of the same underlying investigation was pending when they were Commission employees. For further ethics advice on this matter, contact Charles Smith, Office of the General Counsel, at 202-205 - 3408

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and APO service list.-Pursuant to § 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI submitted in this proceeding available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the proceeding, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the proceeding. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO

*Certification.*—Pursuant to § 207.3 of the Commission's rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with this proceeding must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter's knowledge. In making the certification, the submitter will acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Written submissions.—Pursuant to § 207.61 of the Commission's rules, each interested party response to this notice must provide the information specified below. The deadline for filing such responses is 5:15 p.m. on March 5, 2025. Pursuant to § 207.62(b) of the Commission's rules, eligible parties (as specified in Commission rule 207.62(b)(1)) may also file comments concerning the adequacy of responses to the notice of institution and whether the Commission should conduct an expedited or full review. The deadline for filing such comments is 5:15 p.m. on April 17, 2025. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's Handbook on Filing Procedures. available on the Commission's website at https://www.usitc.gov/documents/ handbook\_on\_filing\_procedures.pdf, elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings. Also, in accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the proceeding must be served on all other parties to the proceeding (as identified by either the public or APO service list as appropriate), and a certificate of service must accompany the document (if you are not a party to the proceeding you do not need to serve your response).

Please note the Secretary's Office will accept only electronic filings at this time. Filings must be made through the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, *https:// edis.usitc.gov*). No in-person paperbased filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice.

No response to this request for information is required if a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") number is not displayed; the OMB number is 3117 0016/USITC No. 24–5–629, expiration date June 30, 2026. Public reporting burden for the request is estimated to average 15 hours per response. Please send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Inability to provide requested information.—Pursuant to § 207.61(c) of the Commission's rules, any interested party that cannot furnish the information requested by this notice in the requested form and manner shall notify the Commission at the earliest possible time, provide a full explanation of why it cannot provide the requested information, and indicate alternative forms in which it can provide equivalent information. If an interested party does not provide this notification (or the Commission finds the explanation provided in the notification inadequate) and fails to provide a complete response to this notice, the Commission may take an adverse inference against the party pursuant to §776(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677e(b)) in making its determination in the review.

Information To Be Provided in Response to This Notice of Institution: As used below, the term "firm" includes any related firms.

Those responding to this notice of institution are encouraged, but not required, to visit the USITC's website at *https://usitc.gov/reports/response\_noi\_ worksheet*, where one can download and complete the "NOI worksheet" Excel form for the subject proceeding, to be included as attachment/exhibit 1 of your overall response.

(1) The name and address of your firm or entity (including World Wide Web address) and name, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the certifying official.

(2) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is an interested party under 19 U.S.C. 1677(9) and if so, how, including whether your firm/entity is a U.S. producer of the Domestic Like *Product,* a U.S. union or worker group, a U.S. importer of the Subject Merchandise, a foreign producer or exporter of the Subject Merchandise, a U.S. or foreign trade or business association (a majority of whose members are interested parties under the statute), or another interested party (including an explanation). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, identify the firms in which your workers are employed or which are members of your association.

(3) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is willing to participate in this proceeding by providing information requested by the Commission. (4) A statement of the likely effects of the revocation of the antidumping duty order on the *Domestic Industry* in general and/or your firm/entity specifically. In your response, please discuss the various factors specified in section 752(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675a(a)) including the likely volume of subject imports, likely price effects of subject imports, and likely impact of imports of *Subject Merchandise* on the *Domestic Industry*.

(5) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. producers of the *Domestic Like Product*. Identify any known related parties and the nature of the relationship as defined in section 771(4)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677(4)(B)).

(6) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. importers of the *Subject Merchandise* and producers of the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country* that currently export or have exported *Subject Merchandise* to the United States or other countries after 2018.

(7) A list of 3–5 leading purchasers in the U.S. market for the *Domestic Like Product* and the *Subject Merchandise* (including street address, World Wide Web address, and the name, telephone number, fax number, and email address of a responsible official at each firm).

(8) A list of known sources of information on national or regional prices for the *Domestic Like Product* or the *Subject Merchandise* in the U.S. or other markets.

(9) If you are a U.S. producer of the *Domestic Like Product*, provide the following information on your firm's operations on that product during calendar year 2024, except as noted (report quantity data in pounds and value data in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. plant). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms in which your workers are employed/which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. production of the *Domestic Like Product* accounted for by your firm's(s') production;

(b) Capacity (quantity) of your firm to produce the *Domestic Like Product* (that is, the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the year, assuming normal operating conditions (using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate), normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year), time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup, and a typical or representative product mix); (c) the quantity and value of U.S. commercial shipments of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s);

(d) the quantity and value of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s); and

(e) the value of (i) net sales, (ii) cost of goods sold (COGS), (iii) gross profit, (iv) selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses, and (v) operating income of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s) (include both U.S. and export commercial sales, internal consumption, and company transfers) for your most recently completed fiscal year (identify the date on which your fiscal year ends).

(10) If you are a U.S. importer or a trade/business association of U.S. importers of the *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Country*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 2024 (report quantity data in pounds and value data in U.S. dollars). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) The quantity and value (landed, duty-paid but not including antidumping duties) of U.S. imports and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. imports of *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') imports;

(b) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping duties) of U.S. commercial shipments of *Subject Merchandise* imported from the *Subject Country*; and

(c) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping duties) of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of *Subject Merchandise* imported from the *Subject Country*.

(11) If you are a producer, an exporter, or a trade/business association of producers or exporters of the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 2024 (report quantity data in pounds and value data in U.S. dollars, landed and duty-paid at the U.S. port but not including antidumping duties). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total production of *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') production; (b) Capacity (quantity) of your firm(s) to produce the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country* (that is, the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the year, assuming normal operating conditions (using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate), normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year), time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup, and a typical or representative product mix); and

(c) the quantity and value of your firm's(s') exports to the United States of *Subject Merchandise* and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total exports to the United States of *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') exports.

(12) Identify significant changes, if any, in the supply and demand conditions or business cycle for the Domestic Like Product that have occurred in the United States or in the market for the Subject Merchandise in the Subject Country after 2018, and significant changes, if any, that are likely to occur within a reasonably foreseeable time. Supply conditions to consider include technology; production methods; development efforts; ability to increase production (including the shift of production facilities used for other products and the use, cost, or availability of major inputs into production); and factors related to the ability to shift supply among different national markets (including barriers to importation in foreign markets or changes in market demand abroad). Demand conditions to consider include end uses and applications; the existence and availability of substitute products; and the level of competition among the Domestic Like Product produced in the United States, Subject Merchandise produced in the Subject *Country*, and such merchandise from other countries.

(13) (OPTIONAL) A statement of whether you agree with the above definitions of the *Domestic Like Product* and *Domestic Industry;* if you disagree with either or both of these definitions, please explain why and provide alternative definitions.

*Authority:* This proceeding is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.61 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission. Issued: January 27, 2025.

#### Lisa Barton,

*Secretary to the Commission.* [FR Doc. 2025–02000 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–750 and 731– TA–1728 (Preliminary)]

#### Sol Gel Alumina-Based Ceramic Abrasive Grains From China

#### **Determinations**

On the basis of the record <sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of sol gel alumina-based ceramic abrasive grains from China, provided for in subheading 2818.10.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV") and alleged to be subsidized by the government of China.23

#### **Commencement of Final Phase Investigations**

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the Federal Register as provided in § 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under §§ 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under §§ 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Any other party may file an entry of appearance for the final phase of the investigations after publication of the final phase notice of scheduling. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 90 FR 3175 and 90 FR 3179 (January 14, 2025). <sup>3</sup> Commissioner Rhonda K. Schmidtlein not participating.

prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations. As provided in section 207.20 of the Commission's rules, the Director of the Office of Investigations will circulate draft questionnaires for the final phase of the investigations to parties to the investigations, placing copies on the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, https:// edis.usitc.gov), for comment.

#### Background

On November 25, 2024, Saint-Gobain Geramics & Plastics, Inc., Malvern, Pennsylvania, filed petitions with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized and LTFV imports of sol gel aluminabased ceramic abrasive grains from China. Accordingly, effective November 25, 2024, the Commission instituted countervailing duty investigation No. 701–TA–750 and antidumping duty investigation No. 731–TA–1728 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of December 2, 2024 (89 FR 95235).<sup>4</sup> The Commission conducted its conference on December 16, 2024. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to §§ 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on January 29, 2025. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5581 (February 2025), entitled Sol Gel Alumina-Based Ceramic Abrasive Grains from China: Investigation Nos. 701–TA–750 and 731–TA–1728 (Preliminary).

By order of the Commission. Issued: January 29, 2025.

#### Lisa Barton,

#### Secretary to the Commission.

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### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1435]

#### Certain Electrolyte Containing Beverages and Labeling and Packaging Thereof (II); Notice of Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

#### ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 27, 2024, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of CAB Enterprises, Inc. of Houston, Texas, Sueros y Bebidas Rehidratantes, S.A. de C.V. of Mexico, Brazos River Ventures LLC of Albany, New York, and Electrolit Manufacturing USA Inc. of Albany, New York. A supplement to the Complaint was filed on January 15, 2025. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain electrolyte containing beverages and labeling and packaging thereof by reason of infringement of one of more of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,222,726 ("the '726 mark"); U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,833,885 ("the '885 mark"); U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,717,350 ("the '350 mark''); and U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,717,232 ("the '232 mark") (collectively, "Asserted Trademarks"). The complaint, as supplemented, further alleges that an industry in the United States exists or is in the process of being established as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order, or in the alternative a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov*. For help accessing EDIS, please email *EDIS3Help@usitc.gov*. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at *https://www.usitc.gov.* 

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205–2560.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Authority:* The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2025).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on January 28, 2025, ordered that—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine: whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(C) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of the Asserted Trademarks, and whether an industry in the United States exists or is in the process of being established as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is "electrolyte beverages and associated packaging and labels that bear the Electrolit<sup>®</sup> Asserted Trademarks":

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are:

- CAB Enterprises, Inc., 3201 Allen Parkway, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77019
- Sueros y Bebidas Rehidratantes, S.A. de C.V., Av. Espana No. 1840, Colonia Moderna, C.P. 44190, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
- Brazos River Ventures LLC, 300 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 325, Albany, NY 12203
- Electrolit Manufacturing USA Inc., 300 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 325, Albany, NY 12203

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Commission published a revised schedule on December 18, 2024 (89 FR 102953) to conform with Commerce's new schedule after Commerce extended the deadline for its initiation determinations from December 16, 2024 to January 6, 2025 (89 FR 100465, December 12, 2024).

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint and supplement is to be served:

- Empacadora Torres Mora, S. de R.L. de C.V., Nueva York 4037, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon 64310, Mexico
- Version Expotaciones, S.R.L. de C.V., Lic. Martin Careaga 100 Esquina y, Sor Juana Ines de La Cruz, Tijuana, Baja California Norte 22536, Mexico
- Mabed Distribuciones, S.A. de C.V., Avenida Paseo de La Reforma 17, Matamoros, Tamaulipas 87300, Mexico
- Salfe International Trade, S. de R.L. de C.V., Calle Callejon de Capellania 210, Garza Garcia, Nuevo Leon 66266, Mexico
- Exportadora de Abarrotes del Pacifico, S.A. de C.V., Avenida Matamoros 120, Torreon, Coahuila 27000, Mexico
- Centro de Distribucion de Carbon Allende, S.A. de C.V., Carretera El Cerrito, Allende, Nuevo Leon 67353, Mexico
- Wenceslao Colunga Ruiz, Carreta al Puente Internacional KM 6, Camargo, Tamaulipas 88440, Mexico
- Distribuidora de Productos Heres, S.A. de C.V., Industrial 2813 Empresarial, Allende, Nuevo Leon 67350, Mexico

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 FR 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainants of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint, as supplemented, and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission. Issued: January 28, 2025. **Lisa Barton**,

Secretary to the Commission. [FR Doc. 2025–02086 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7020–02–P

#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1022 (Fourth Review)]

#### Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide From China; Institution of a Five-Year Review

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted a review pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), as amended, to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on refined brown aluminum oxide from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission.

**DATES:** Instituted February 3, 2025. To be assured of consideration, the deadline for responses is March 5, 2025. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by April 17, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Gatten (202-708-1447), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearingimpaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (https:// www.usitc.gov). The public record for this proceeding may be viewed on the

Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov.* 

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.-On November 19, 2003, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") issued an antidumping duty order on imports of refined brown aluminum oxide from China (68 FR 65249). Commerce issued a continuation of the antidumping duty order on imports of refined brown aluminum oxide from China following Commerce's and the Commission's first five-year reviews, effective March 13, 2009 (74 FR 10884), second five-year reviews, effective October 14, 2014 (79 FR 61606), and third five-year reviews, effective March 6, 2020 (85 FR 13138). The Commission is now conducting a fourth review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)), to determine whether revocation of the order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. Provisions concerning the conduct of this proceeding may be found in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure at 19 CFR part 201, subparts A and B, and 19 CFR part 207, subparts A and F. The Commission will assess the adequacy of interested party responses to this notice of institution to determine whether to conduct a full or expedited review. The Commission's determination in any expedited review will be based on the facts available, which may include information provided in response to this notice.

*Definitions.*—The following definitions apply to this review:

(1) Subject Merchandise is the class or kind of merchandise that is within the scope of the five-year review, as defined by Commerce.

(2) The *Subject Country* in this review is China.

(3) The *Domestic Like Product* is the domestically produced product or products which are like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses with, the Subject Merchandise. In its original determination and its expedited first, second, and third five-year review determinations, the Commission defined the Domestic Like Product as all merchandise corresponding to Commerce's scope, as well as any brown aluminum oxide where particles with a diameter greater than 3/8 inch constitute at least 50 percent of the total weight of the entire batch, as long as the product has been crushed, screened, and sorted into consistent sizes.

(4) The *Domestic Industry* is the U.S. producers as a whole of the *Domestic* 

Like Product, or those producers whose collective output of the Domestic Like *Product* constitutes a major proportion of the total domestic production of the product. In its original determination, the Commission defined the Domestic *Industry* as all U.S. producers of refined brown aluminum oxide, with the exception of Great Lakes Minerals, which was excluded from the domestic industry as a related party. In its expedited first, second, and third fiveyear review determinations, the Commission defined the Domestic *Industry* as consisting of all domestic producers of the Domestic Like Product.

(5) An *Importer* is any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing the *Subject Merchandise* into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

Participation in the proceeding and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the Subject Merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the proceeding as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11(b)(4) of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the proceeding.

Former Commission employees who are seeking to appear in Commission five-year reviews are advised that they may appear in a review even if they participated personally and substantially in the corresponding underlying original investigation or an earlier review of the same underlying investigation. The Commission's designated agency ethics official has advised that a five-year review is not the same particular matter as the underlying original investigation, and a five-year review is not the same particular matter as an earlier review of the same underlying investigation for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 207, the post-employment statute for Federal employees, and Commission rule 201.15(b) (19 CFR 201.15(b)), 79 FR 3246 (Jan. 17, 2014), 73 FR 24609 (May 5, 2008). Consequently, former employees are not required to seek Commission approval to appear in a review under Commission rule 19 CFR 201.15, even if the corresponding underlying original investigation or an earlier review of the same underlying investigation was pending when they were Commission

employees. For further ethics advice on this matter, contact Charles Smith, Office of the General Counsel, at 202– 205–3408.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and APO service list .-- Pursuant to § 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI submitted in this proceeding available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the proceeding, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the proceeding. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Certification.-Pursuant to § 207.3 of the Commission's rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with this proceeding must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter's knowledge. In making the certification, the submitter will acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Written submissions.—Pursuant to § 207.61 of the Commission's rules, each interested party response to this notice must provide the information specified below. The deadline for filing such responses is 5:15 p.m. on March 5, 2025. Pursuant to § 207.62(b) of the Commission's rules, eligible parties (as specified in Commission rule 207.62(b)(1)) may also file comments concerning the adequacy of responses to the notice of institution and whether the Commission should conduct an expedited or full review. The deadline for filing such comments is 5:15 p.m. on April 17, 2025. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also

conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's Handbook on Filing Procedures, available on the Commission's website at https://www.usitc.gov/documents/ handbook on filing procedures.pdf, elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings. Also, in accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the proceeding must be served on all other parties to the proceeding (as identified by either the public or APO service list as appropriate), and a certificate of service must accompany the document (if you are not a party to the proceeding you do not need to serve your response).

Please note the Secretary's Office will accept only electronic filings at this time. Filings must be made through the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, *https:// edis.usitc.gov*). No in-person paperbased filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice.

No response to this request for information is required if a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") number is not displayed; the OMB number is 3117 0016/USITC No. 24–5–628, expiration date June 30, 2026. Public reporting burden for the request is estimated to average 15 hours per response. Please send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Inability to provide requested *information.*—Pursuant to § 207.61(c) of the Commission's rules, any interested party that cannot furnish the information requested by this notice in the requested form and manner shall notify the Commission at the earliest possible time, provide a full explanation of why it cannot provide the requested information, and indicate alternative forms in which it can provide equivalent information. If an interested party does not provide this notification (or the Commission finds the explanation provided in the notification inadequate) and fails to provide a complete response to this notice, the Commission may take an adverse inference against the party pursuant to §776(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677e(b)) in making its determination in the review.

Information To Be Provided in Response to This Notice of Institution: As used below, the term "firm" includes any related firms. Those responding to this notice of institution are encouraged, but not required, to visit the USITC's website at *https://usitc.gov/reports/response\_noi\_worksheet*, where one can download and complete the "NOI worksheet" Excel form for the subject proceeding, to be included as attachment/exhibit 1 of your overall response.

(1) The name and address of your firm or entity (including World Wide Web address) and name, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the certifying official.

(2) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is an interested party under 19 U.S.C. 1677(9) and if so, how, including whether your firm/entity is a U.S. producer of the Domestic Like *Product*, a U.S. union or worker group, a U.S. importer of the *Subject Merchandise,* a foreign producer or exporter of the Subject Merchandise, a U.S. or foreign trade or business association (a majority of whose members are interested parties under the statute), or another interested party (including an explanation). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, identify the firms in which your workers are employed or which are members of your association.

(3) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is willing to participate in this proceeding by providing information requested by the Commission.

(4) A statement of the likely effects of the revocation of the antidumping duty order on the *Domestic Industry* in general and/or your firm/entity specifically. In your response, please discuss the various factors specified in section 752(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675a(a)) including the likely volume of subject imports, likely price effects of subject imports, and likely impact of imports of *Subject Merchandise* on the *Domestic Industry*.

(5) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. producers of the *Domestic Like Product*. Identify any known related parties and the nature of the relationship as defined in § 771(4)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677(4)(B)).

(6) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. importers of the *Subject Merchandise* and producers of the *Subject Merchandise* in each *Subject Country* that currently export or have exported *Subject Merchandise* to the United States or other countries after 2018.

(7) A list of 3–5 leading purchasers in the U.S. market for the *Domestic Like Product* and the *Subject Merchandise* (including street address, World Wide Web address, and the name, telephone number, fax number, and email address of a responsible official at each firm).

(8) A list of known sources of information on national or regional prices for the *Domestic Like Product* or the *Subject Merchandise* in the U.S. or other markets.

(9) If you are a U.S. producer of the *Domestic Like Product*, provide the following information on your firm's operations on that product during calendar year 2024, except as noted (report quantity data in short tons and value data in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. plant). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms in which your workers are employed/which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. production of the *Domestic Like Product* accounted for by your firm's(s') production;

(b) Capacity (quantity) of your firm to produce the *Domestic Like Product* (that is, the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the year, assuming normal operating conditions (using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate), normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year), time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup, and a typical or representative product mix);

(c) the quantity and value of U.S. commercial shipments of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s);

(d) the quantity and value of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s); and

(e) the value of (i) net sales, (ii) cost of goods sold (COGS), (iii) gross profit, (iv) selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses, and (v) operating income of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s) (include both U.S. and export commercial sales, internal consumption, and company transfers) for your most recently completed fiscal year (identify the date on which your fiscal year ends).

(10) If you are a U.S. importer or a trade/business association of U.S. importers of the *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Country*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 2024 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in U.S. dollars). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) The quantity and value (landed, duty-paid but not including antidumping duties) of U.S. imports and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. imports of *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') imports;

(b) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping duties) of U.S. commercial shipments of *Subject Merchandise* imported from the *Subject Country*; and

(c) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping duties) of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of *Subject Merchandise* imported from the *Subject Country*.

(11) If you are a producer, an exporter, or a trade/business association of producers or exporters of the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 2024 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in U.S. dollars, landed and duty-paid at the U.S. port but not including antidumping duties). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total production of *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') production;

(b) Capacity (quantity) of your firm(s) to produce the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country* (that is, the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the year, assuming normal operating conditions (using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate), normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year), time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup, and a typical or representative product mix); and

(c) the quantity and value of your firm's(s') exports to the United States of *Subject Merchandise* and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total exports to the United States of *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Country* accounted for by your firm's(s') exports.

(12) Identify significant changes, if any, in the supply and demand conditions or business cycle for the *Domestic Like Product* that have occurred in the United States or in the market for the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Country* after 2018, and significant changes, if any, that are likely to occur within a reasonably foreseeable time. Supply conditions to consider include technology; production methods; development efforts; ability to increase production (including the shift of production facilities used for other products and the use, cost, or availability of major inputs into production); and factors related to the ability to shift supply among different national markets (including barriers to importation in foreign markets or changes in market demand abroad). Demand conditions to consider include end uses and applications; the existence and availability of substitute products; and the level of competition among the Domestic Like Product produced in the United States, Subject Merchandise produced in the Subject *Country*, and such merchandise from other countries.

(13) (OPTIONAL) A statement of whether you agree with the above definitions of the *Domestic Like Product* and *Domestic Industry*; if you disagree with either or both of these definitions, please explain why and provide alternative definitions.

Authority: This proceeding is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.61 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 27, 2025.

#### Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission. [FR Doc. 2025–02002 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7020–02–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### **Antitrust Division**

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—ASTM International

Notice is hereby given that, on December 20, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), ASTM International ("ASTM") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ASTM has provided an updated list of current, ongoing ASTM activities originating between September 9, 2024, and December 20, 2024, designated as Work Items. A complete listing of

ASTM Work Items, along with a brief description of each, is available at *http://www.astm.org.* 

Ôn September 15, 2004, ASTM filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65226).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 25, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 15, 2024 (89 FR 83052).

#### Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division. [FR Doc. 2025–02110 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE P

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### **Antitrust Division**

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—PXI Systems Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on December 4, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. ("PXI Systems") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, PEAK-System Technik GmbH, Darmstadt, GERMANY; Shikino High-Tech Co. Ltd., Toyama, JAPAN; TEVET, Greeneville, TN; Vector Informatik GmbH, Stuttgart, GERMANY; and XIA LLC Associates, Oakland, CA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and PXI Systems intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971). The last notification was filed with the Department on August 2, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2024 (89 FR 82629).

#### Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division. [FR Doc. 2025–02105 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4410–11–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—DVD Copy Control Association

Notice is hereby given that, on December 16, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), DVD Copy Control Association ("DVD CCA") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Panasonic Automotive Systems, Co., Ltd., Yokohama, JAPAN, has been added as a party to this venture.

Also, Almedio Inc., Tokyo, JAPAN; Hyundai Mobis Co., Ltd., Seoul, SOUTH KOREA; Sharp North Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Sungai Petani-Kedah, MALAYSIA; and Toyo Recording Co., Ltd., Tokyo, JAPAN, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and DVD CCA intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 11, 2001, DVD CCA filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on August 3, 2001 (66 FR 40727).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 24, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal**  **Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 21, 2024 (89 FR 52094).

#### Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division. [FR Doc. 2025–02107 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE P

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—1EdTech Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on December 18, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), 1EdTech Consortium, Inc. ("1EdTech Consortium'') has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Academian, Chandler, AZ; Alabama School of Cyber Technology, Huntsville, AL; Dighton-Rehoboth Regional SD, North Dighton, MA; Digital Respons-Ability, Vineyard, UT; Ditki Medical & Biological Sciences, Carmel, IN; Novis River, Houston, TX; Ron Clark Academy, Atlanta, GA; and Theta Servv Inc., San Diego, CA, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, New Meridian, Austin, TX; Salesforce, San Francisco, CA; Meazure Learning, Hoover, AL; Excel Public Schools, Mysore, INDIA; Digvial IT Solutions, Dubai, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES; Vivienns, Hamilton Township, NJ; Crosstown High, Memphis, TN; Studynaut, Alicante, SPAIN; Curriki, Chicago, IL; and Alief ISD, Houston, TX, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

Additionally, RANDA Solutions has changed its name to Level UP, Franklin, TN.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and 1EdTech Consortium intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 7, 2000, 1EdTech Consortium filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on September 13, 2000 (65 FR 55283).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 4, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 20, 2024 (89 FR 104208).

#### Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division. [FR Doc. 2025–02108 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE P

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Z-Wave Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on December 16, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (the "Act"), Z-Wave Alliance, Inc. (the "Joint Venture") filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Skyline Smart Homes, Happy Valley, OR, has been added as a party to the venture.

Also, Tong Lung Metal Industry Co., Ltd., Chiayi County, TAIWAN; Hogar Controls US LLC, Sterling, VA; Casenio AG, Berlin, GERMANY; KDDI Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; and Thinka BV, Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS, have withdrawn as parties to the venture.

Additionally, the following members have changed their names: Dwelo, Inc., to Level Home, Draper, UT; and Evolvere SpA Societa Benefit to ENI Plenitude S.p.A. Società Benefit, Milano, ITALY.

Furthermore, an existing member, Alarm Grid, Inc., Lighthouse Point, FL, was inadvertently reported as a withdrawing party in the filing published in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2023.

Finally, the following each joined as parties to the venture on the corresponding date indicated, were inadvertently not included in the applicable notice filings: WaterX Technologies, San Diego, CA (12–7– 2022); DrZWave, Hollis, NH (12–16– 2022); Smartopert Kft., Szeged, HUNGARY (2–17–2023); Avigilon Corporation, Vancouver, CANADA (4– 25–2023); F3 Wireless, Minneapolis, MN (5–9–2023); Sengled, Shanghai City, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (8–7– 2024); Sensurance, San Antonio, TX (9– 7–2023); Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc., Deerfield, IL (9–19–2023); and GN Audio A/S, Ballerup, DENMARK (12–7– 2023).

No other changes have been made in either the membership or the planned activity of the venture. Membership in this venture remains open, and the Joint Venture intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 19, 2020, the Joint Venture filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 1, 2020 (85 FR 77241).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 6, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 2, 2024 (89 FR 95236).

#### Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division. [FR Doc. 2025–02109 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4410–11–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### **Antitrust Division**

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Decentralized Storage Alliance Association

Notice is hereby given that, on December 9, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), Decentralized Storage Alliance Association ("DSAA") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Western Digital Technologies, Inc., San Jose, CA; Curio Storage, Inc., Ethridge, TN; and The Decentralized AI Society (DAIS), Lewes, DE, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and DSAA intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On August 1, 2023, DSAA filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 6, 2023 (88 FR 69670).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 1, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on September 26, 2024 (89 FR 78904).

#### Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division. [FR Doc. 2025–02104 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE P

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on December 19, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. ("IEEE") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, 51 new standards have been initiated and 17 existing standards are being revised. More detail regarding these changes can be found at: https://standards.ieee.org/ about/sasb/sba/12nov2024/, https:// standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/sba/ 11dec2024/. The following prestandards activities associated with **IEEE Industry Connections Activities** were launched or renewed: https:// standards.ieee.org/about/bog/cag/ approvals/december2024/.

On September 17, 2004, the IEEE filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on November 3, 2004 (69 FR 64105). The last notification was filed with the Department on October 15, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on January 24, 2025 (90 FR 8145).

#### **Suzanne Morris**

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division. [FR Doc. 2025–02113 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE P

#### POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2025–1157 and K2025– 1157; MC2025–1158 and K2025–1158; MC2025–1159 and K2025–1159; MC2025– 1160 and K2025–1160; MC2025–1161 and K2025–1161]

#### **New Postal Products**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* February 5, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at *https:// www.prc.gov.* Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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#### I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (*http:// www.prc.gov*). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.<sup>1</sup>

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. See 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

#### **II. Public Proceeding(s)**

1. Docket No(s).: MC2025–1157 and K2025–1157; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1322 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

Date: January 28, 2025; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Almaroof Agoro; Comments Due: February 5, 2025.

2. Docket No(s).: MC2025–1158 and K2025–1158; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 605 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: January 28, 2025; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Elsie Lee-Robbins; Comments Due: February 5, 2025.

3. Docket No(s).: MC2025–1159 and K2025–1159; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 606 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: January 28, 2025; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Kenneth Moeller; Comments Due: February 5, 2025.

4. Docket No(s).: MC2025–1160 and K2025–1160; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1323 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: January 28, 2025; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Maxine Bradley; Comments Due: February 5, 2025.

5. Docket No(s).: MC2025–1161 and K2025–1161; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1324 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: January 28, 2025; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Maxine Bradley; Comments Due: February 5, 2025.

#### III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. *See* Section II for public proceedings.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

#### Erica A. Barker,

Secretary.

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102296; File No. SR–Phlx– 2025–04]

#### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt a FIX Drop Port and Related Fees

January 28, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2025, Nasdaq PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act <sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> 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 adopt a new FIX Drop Port at Options 3, Section 23(b)(3). The new FIX Drop Port is identical to FIX Drop Port on Nasdaq BX, Inc. ("BX"), The Nasdaq Options Market LLC ("NOM"), Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE"), Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX") and Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("MRX").<sup>5</sup>

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange's website at https://listing center.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rule filings and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rulesregulations/self-regulatory-organizationrulemaking/national-securitiesexchanges?file\_number=SR-Phlx-2025-04.

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f). 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.

 $^5$  See BX, NOM, ISE, GEMX and MRX Options 3, Section 23(b)(3).

#### **II. 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.<sup>6</sup> Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/ self-regulatory-organizationrulemaking/national-securitiesexchanges?file number=SR-Phlx-2025-04) or by sending an email to rulecomments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-Phlx-2025-04 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-Phlx-2025-04. 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-regulations/ self-regulatory-organizationrulemaking/national-securitiesexchanges?file number=SR-Phlx-2025-04). 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–Phlx–2025–04 and should be submitted on or before February 24, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

#### Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

**PLACE:** The meeting will be held via remote means and/or at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be closed to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at *https:// www.sec.gov.* 

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims; and

Other matters relating to examinations and enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information, please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: January 30, 2025.

Vanessa A. Countryman,

Secretary.

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35461; File No. 812–15475–217]

#### Application: BlackRock Company Act Release

January 29, 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 and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with affiliated investment entities.

**APPLICANTS:** BlackRock Credit Strategies Fund, Credx Subsidiary, LLC, BlackRock Direct Lending Corp. BlackRock Mt. Adams CLO IX LP, BlackRock Mt. Hood CLO X, LLC, BlackRock Private Credit Fund, BDEBT Subsidiary LLC, BlackRock Private Credit Fund Leverage I, LLC, BlackRock Private Investments Fund, BPIF Subsidiary, LLC, Cayman Private Investments Fund, Ltd., BlackRock Capital Investment Advisors, LLC, BlackRock Advisors, LLC, MB BlackRock Holdings Cayman, Ltd., Middle Market Senior Fund, L.P., SSG BLK Private Debt Fund L.P., AB Climate Transition-Oriented Private Debt Cayman USPC Holdings, L.P., 1824 Private Equity Feeder, L.P., 1824 Private Equity Fund, L.P., 1885 Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., 1885 Private Opportunities Cayman Fund, Ltd., ABR PÉP I, Ltd., ABR PEP II, Ltd., APO Global Healthcare Cayman, Ltd., APO Global Healthcare HOLDCO SCSP BEL45 Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock 2019 Evergreen Private Opportunities Feeder SCSP, BlackRock 2019 Evergreen Private Opportunities Master SCSP, BlackRock APO Global Healthcare Private Equity Fund, S.C.A. SICAV-RAIF, BlackRock ASF Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock Diversified Private Debt USPC Holdings LP, BlackRock Diversified Private **Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock** Capital Markets, LLC, BlackRock **Diversified Private Opportunities Fund** II, L.P., BlackRock ERI Private **Opportunities Feeder SCSP, BlackRock** 

ERI Private Opportunities Master SCSP, BlackRock Gemini II Private Opportunities Fund, LP, BlackRock Gemini Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock Growth Equity Fund Aggregator LP, BlackRock Growth Equity Fund LP

BlackRock Growth Equity Fund (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Growth Equity Fund Aggregator Cayman Ltd., BlackRock Growth Equity Fund Holdings (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock GSA Private Opportunities Feeder Fund, L.P., BlackRock GSA Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock Hajar Feeder Fund, L.P., BlackRock Hajar Fund, L.P., BlackRock Healthcare Opportunities Fund (Delaware), L.P., BlackRock Healthcare Opportunities Fund, L.P., **BlackRock Heartland Private Opportunities Fund**, L.P., BlackRock Heartland Private Opportunities Cayman Fund, Ltd., BlackRock Inverwood Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock Ji Private Equity Solutions, L.P., BlackRock Maroon Bells CLO XI, LLC, BlackRock McKinney Opportunities Fund Cayman, Ltd., BlackRock MD POF Cayman, Ltd., BlackRock MD Private Opportunities Feeder Fund, L.P., BlackRock MD Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock MSV Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2021 Aggregator Cayman Ltd., BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2021 Aggregator LP, BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2021 LP, BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2021 (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2021 Holdings (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital 60-40 LP, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital 60-40 (Lux) SCSP BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital 100 LP, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital 100 (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital Aggregatory LP, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital Aggregator Cayman Ltd., BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital Holdings (Lux) SCSP, **BlackRock Private Equity Primaries** 2021 Aggregator LP, BlackRock Private Equity Primaries 2021 Holdings (Cayman) LP, BlackRock Private Equity Primaries 2021 LP, BlackRock Private Equity Primaries 2021 (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund IV (Cayman), L.P., BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund IV (Employees), L.P., BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund IV Feeder SCSP, BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund IV Master SCSP, BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund IV, L.P., BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions—B Intermediary

(Cayman) LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions—B LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions-C LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions Holdings (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions Subsidiary SCSP, BLK2018 Core Private Equity Feeder Fund, L.P., BLK2018 Core Private Equity Fund, L.P., BLK2019 Private Opportunities Feeder Fund, L.P., BLK2019 Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BLK2020 Private Opportunities Feeder Fund, L.P., BLK2020 Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BLK2021 Core Private Equity Feeder Fund, L.P.

BLK2021 Core Private Equity Fund, L.P., BLK2021 Private Opportunities Feeder Fund, L.P., BLK2021 Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BR POF IV Cayman Master Fund, L.P., BR/ERB Co-Investment Fund II, L.P., BV PE Opportunities Cayman Master Fund, Ltd., BV PE Opportunities Feeder Fund SCSP, BV PE Opportunities Master Fund SCSP Coin Private Opportunities, L.P., ERB Tactical Opportunities, L.P., FAI BlackRock Sustainable Private Markets PEP Holdco Ltd., FM Global Cayman, Ltd. FM Global Investment Partners, L.P., Global Alternatives Program I PE, LP, Global Alternatives Program II PE, LP, Gildi Lifeyrissjodur (Gildi Pension Fund), Gildi Lifevrissjodur II (Gildi Pension Fund), Heathrow Forest Opportunities Fund, L.P., High Cedar Direct Fund, L.P., High Cedar Feeder, L.P., High Cedar Master Cayman, Ltd., High Cedar Master, L.P., High Rock Direct Fund, L.P., High Rock Feeder, L.P., High Rock Master, L.P., High Street Feeder, L.P., High Street Fund, L.P., Lincoln Pension Private Equity BR, L.P., Markwood Co-Investment Fund 1, L.P., MB BlackRock Holdings SCSP, Mediobanca BlackRock Master Fund SCSP, Mountain Research Fund—Private Equity, L.P., Mutual of Omaha of Cayman, Ltd. Mutual of Omaha Opportunities Fund, L.P., NDSIB Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., NMERB Sierra Blanca Fund, L.P., OV Private Opportunities, L.P., PEP ASGA Feeder L.P., PEP ASGA Master Cayman, Ltd., PEP ASGA Master L.P., PEP Tellco Investments 1 Cayman, Ltd., PEP Tellco Investments 1, L.P., PMH SPV Amber LP, PMH SPV Amber B LP, PMH SPV Basalt LP, PMH SPV Emerald LP, PMH SPV Garnet LP, PMH SPV Pearl LP, PMH SPV Pearl—B LP, PMH SPV Radar Holdings LP, PMH SPV Sapphire LP, BlackRock Private Equity Opportunities ELTIF, Private Equity Opportunities Holdings SCSP, Private Equity Partners

VII (Delaware), L.P., Private Equity Partners VII (Scotland), L.P., Private Equity Partners VII Master Cayman, Ltd. Private Equity Partners VII Master, L.P., Private Equity Partners VII US Cayman, Ltd., Private Equity Partners VII US, L.P., Private Market Holdings LP, Red River Direct Investment Fund III, L.P., Salam Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., Salam Private Opportunities Feeder, L.P., SC-BR Asia PE Feeder Fund, L.P., SC-BR Asia PE Fund, L.P., SONJ Private Opportunities Fund II, L.P., Sullivan Way POF Cayman, Ltd., Sullivan Way Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., Tango Capital Opportunities Fund, L.P., TFO Asia Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Topanga Opportunities Fund Cayman, Ltd., Topanga Private **Opportunities**, L.P., Total Alternatives Fund—Private Equity LP, Total Alternatives Fund—Private Equity (B) LP, TSCL Private Markets Feeder Fund, L.P., TSCL Private Markets Fund, L.P., VFL Co Invest Partners, L.P., BlackRock **Future Generations Private Equity Opportunities ELTIF**, BlackRock Growth Equity Fund Master Cayman Aggregator LP, BlackRock Growth Equity Fund Master Cayman Aggregator Ltd., BlackRock Growth Equity—VC Sidecar (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Growth Equity-VC Sidecar (Cayman) LP, BlackRock Growth Equity-VC Sidecar Holdings (Cayman) LP, BlackRock Growth Equity—VC Sidecar Master Cayman Aggregator LP, BlackRock Growth Equity–VC Sidecar Master Cayman Aggregator Ltd, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital Master Cayman Aggregator LP, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital Master Cayman Aggregator Ltd., BlackRock Private Equity Primaries 2024 (Lux) SCSP, **BlackRock Private Equity Primaries** 2024 Aggregator (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund V Master Cayman Aggregator LP, BLK2022 Core Private Equity Fund, L.P., BLK2022 Core Private Equity Feeder Fund, L.P., **Future Generations Private Equity Opportunities Holdings SCSP** BlackRock Mt. Lassen Senior Loan Funding XII, LLC, BlackRock2019 Evergreen Private Opportunities Cayman Master Ltd., BlackRock Alternative Funds S.C.A., SICAV-RAIF—BlackRock Private Equity Impact **Opportunities ELTIF**, BlackRock Alternative Funds II ELTIF, SICAV— BlackRock Private Equity ELTIF, BlackRock Florida Cayman, L.P., BlackRock McKinney Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock Private Equity Primaries 2021 (Cayman) LP, BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund V (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Opportunities

Fund V Aggregator LP, BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund V Master Cayman Aggregator Ltd., BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund V Holdings (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Opportunities Fund V LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions-B SPV LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions Holdings II (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions II-B LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions II-C LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions II (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions II LP, BlackRock Secondaries & Liquidity Solutions Subsidiary II (Lux) SCSP, BR Magnum Aggregator, Ltd., NHRS Private **Opportunities Fund, L.P., TCP DLF** VIII–L Funding, LP, PMH Holdco II LP, PMH Holdco LP, PMH Newco II LLC, **Private Equity Impact Opportunities** Holdings SCSP, Private Equity Impact **Opportunities Holdings SCSP, Private** Market Holdings—C, LLC, Private Market Holdings II LLC, SLS II-C Holdco LP, SLS II-C Holdings LLC, SLS II—C Newco LLC, TSCL Private Markets Cayman Fund Ltd., Ashland Private Opportunities Fund, L.P., BlackRock Growth Equity Fund Delaware Holdings LP, BlackRock Growth Equity—VC Sidecar LP, BlackRock Growth Equity—VC Sidecar Delaware Holdings LP, BlackRock Private Equity Impact Capital Delaware Holdings LP, BlackRock Private Equity Primaries 2024 LP, BlackRock Private **Opportunities Fund V Delaware** Holdings LP, SONJ Private Opportunities Fund III, L.P., BlackRock TCP Capital Corp., BCIC Merger SUB, LLC, Special Value Continuation Partners LLC, TCPC Funding I, LLC, TCPC Funding II, LLC, TCPC SBIC, LP, TCPC SBIC GP, LLC, Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC, SVOF/MM, LLC, Tennenbaum Opportunities Partners V, LP, Tennenbaum Opportunities Fund V, LLC, Tennenbaum Heartland Co-Invest, LP, SEB DIP Investor, LP, TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII–S, LLC, TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII-T, LLC, TCP DLF VIII Feeder ICAV, TCP DLF VIII ICAV, TCP DLF VIII 2018 CLO LLC, TCP Enhanced Yield Funding I, LLC, TCP Rainier, LLC, TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII, LLC, TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII-L, LLC, TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII–N, LLC, TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII-A, LLC, Tennenbaum Energy Opportunities Co., LLC, Tennenbaum Energy Opportunities Fund, LP, Tennenbaum Enhanced Yield Fund I, LLC, Tennenbaum Opportunities Fund VI, LLC, TCP Waterman Fund, LP., Tennenbaum Senior Loan Fund III, LP, Tennenbaum Senior Loan Funding III,

LLC, Tennenbaum Senior Loan Fund IV–A, LP, Tennenbaum Senior Loan Fund IV-B, LP, Tennenbaum Special Situations Fund IX, LLC, Tennenbaum Special Situations Fund IX-A, LLC, **Tennenbaum Special Situations Fund** IX–S. LP. Tennenbaum Senior Loan Fund II, LP, Tennenbaum Senior Loan Fund V, LLC, Tennenbaum Enhanced Yield Operating I, LLC, TCP Waterman CLO, LLC, TCP Whitney CLO, LLC, TCP Whitney CLO, Ltd, Tennenbaum Senior Loan Operating III, LLC, Tennenbaum Senior Loan SPV IV-A, LLC, BlackRock Elbert CLO V, Ltd., BlackRock DLF IX 2019 CLO, LLC, BlackRock DLF IX 2019–G CLO, LLC, BlackRock DLF IX 2020-1 CLO, LLC, BlackRock LISI Credit Fund, LP, TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII–A–MM, LLC, Tennenbaum DIP Opportunity Feeder, LP, Tennenbaum Senior Loan GP III, LLC, ABR USPC Holdings I, LTD., ABR USPC Holdings II, Ltd., BlackRock Baker CLO 2021–1, LTD, BlackRock Baker CLO VIII, LLC, BlackRock Direct Lending Feeder IX-L, LP, BlackRock Direct Lending Feeder IX–U, LP, BlackRock Direct Lending Fund IX-U (Luxembourg) SCSP, BlackRock Direct Lending Fund X–U (Luxembourg) SCSP, BlackRock DLF IX CLO 2021-1, LLC, BlackRock DLF IX CLO 2021-2, LLC, BlackRock DLF IX Feeder ICAV-BlackRock Direct Lending Feeder Fund IX–L (Ireland), BlackRock DLF IX Feeder ICAV—BlackRock Direct Lending Feeder Fund IX–U (Ireland), BlackRock DLF IX ICAV—BlackRock Direct Lending Fund IX-L (Ireland), BlackRock DLF IX ICAV—BlackRock Direct Lending Fund IX-U (IRELAND), BlackRock DLF X CLO 2022-1, LLC, BlackRock DLF IX-L CLO, LP, BlackRock Elbert CLO V, LLC, BlackRock Rainier CLO VI, LTD, BlackRock Shari'a Private Opportunities Fund, LP, BlackRock Shari'a Private Opportunities Fund Holdings, LP, BlackRock Shasta CLO XIV, LLC, BlackRock Shasta CLO XIII, LLC, BlackRock Shasta Senior Loan Fund VII, LLC, BlackRock Technology Credit Opportunities I, LP, BlackRock Technology Credit Opportunities I, LTD., BlackRock Technology Credit Opportunities Non-US, LTD (Class), BlackRock Technology Credit Opportunities Non-US II LTD, DLF IX-L Funding, LP, Olympia Holdings I, Ltd, TCP DLF VIII-S Funding, LLC, CP DLF VIII–T Funding, LLC, Middle Market Senior Master Fund S.A.R.L., Tennenbaum Special Situations IX-C, L.P., Tennenbaum Special Situations IX–O, L.P., TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII—L (Ireland), TCP Direct Lending Fund VIII—U (Ireland), BlackRock

Direct Lending Fund IX–U (Ireland), BlackRock Direct Lending Fund IX-L (Ireland), BlackRock Mt. Lassen Senior Loan Funding XII, LLC Series 1, BlackRock Mt. Lassen Senior Loan Funding XII, LLC Series 2, 1824 Private Credit Fund, L.P., 1824 Private Credit Fund (Pension), L.P., Climate Transition-Oriented Private Debt USPC LP, BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2025, L.P., BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2025 (LUX) SCSP, BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2025 Holdings (Lux) SCSP, BlackRock Private Equity Co-Investments 2025 Aggregator (Lux) SCSP, PMH II SPV Mint LP, BlackRock Sapphire POF, L.P. (collectively, the "Applicants").

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on June 12, 2023, and amended on December 11, 2023, and January 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 by emailing the Commission's Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov and serving 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 February 24, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on 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 writing to the Commission's Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: Secretarys-Office@sec.gov. Applicants: GroupBCIALSupport@blackrock.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean E. Minarick, Senior Counsel, or Terri Jordan, 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' second amended and restated application, dated January 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/ 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. [FR Doc. 2025–02130 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8011–01–P

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102295; File No. SR-IEX-2025-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Change the Definitions of "Real-Time" and "Delayed" in Relation to Its Proprietary Market Data Feeds so That the Interval That Differentiates Delayed IEX Data From Real-Time IEX Data Is Fifteen Minutes Instead of Fifteen Milliseconds

#### January 28, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 22, 2025, the Investors Exchange LLC ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to modify its Fee Schedule, pursuant to IEX Rules 15.110(a) and (c), to change the existing definitions of "Real-Time" and "Delayed" in relation to its proprietary market data feeds, so that the interval that differentiates Delayed IEX Data from Real-Time IEX Data is fifteen (15) minutes instead of fifteen (15) milliseconds. IEX intends to implement the proposed changes beginning on February 1, 2025 to provide an opportunity for Data Subscribers <sup>5</sup> to update their IEX market data subscriptions to suit their particular market data needs.

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange's website at https:// www.iexexchange.io/resources/ regulation/rule-filings and on the Commission's website at https:// www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/selfregulatory-organization-rulemaking/ national-securities-exchanges?file\_ number=SR-IEX-2025-01.

#### **II. Solicitation of Comments**

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number SR-IEX-2025-01 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-IEX-2025-01. 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-regulations/self-regulatoryorganization-rulemaking/nationalsecurities-exchanges?file number=SR-IEX-2025-01). 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-IEX-2025-01 and should be submitted on or before February 24, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

#### Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary. [FR Doc. 2025–02085 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102297; File No. SR– CBOE–2024–047]

#### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 2 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 2, Regarding the Types of Complex Orders Available for Flexible Exchange Options ("FLEX") Trading on the Exchange

January 28, 2025.

On October 11, 2024, Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act") <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to provide for the trading of complex flexible exchange options ("FLEX") orders with both FLEX and non-FLEX components ("FLEX v. non-FLEX Orders"). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on October 30, 2024.<sup>3</sup> On December 10, 2024, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.<sup>5</sup> The Commission received no comments regarding the proposal. On December 20, 2024, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposal, which superseded and replaced the original proposal in its entirety. On January 23, 2024, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposal, which supersedes and replaces Amendment No. 1 in its entirety.<sup>6</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on Amendment No. 2 from interested persons and is approving the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, on an accelerated basis.

#### I. Description of the Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 2

Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") proposes to amend its Rules regarding the types of complex orders available for flexible exchange options ("FLEX") trading at the Exchange. The Exchange initially submitted this rule filing SR-CBOE-2024–047 to the Commission on October 11, 2024 (the "Initial Rule Filing"). The Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Rule Filing on December 20, 2024 ("Amendment No. 1"), which superseded the Initial Rule Filing and replaced it in its entirety. This Amendment No. 2 to the initial Rule Filing supersedes Amendment No. 1 and replaces it in its entirety. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5. The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101870 (Dec. 10, 2024), 89 FR 101673 (Dec. 16, 2024). The Commission designated January 28, 2025, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change.

<sup>6</sup> Amendment No. 2 revises the proposal to: clarify and correct errors in the text of the proposed rules; provide an example of the application of the Exchange's obvious error rules to complex FLEX v. non-FLEX Orders; provide additional discussion of the potential uses of FLEX v. non-FLEX Orders; revise the description of the proposal to make clear that the Exchange's rules will continue to require that the Exchange's rules will continue to require that the component legs of FLEX complex orders, including FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, have the same underlying equity or index; and include additional information in the examples showing the pricing of FLEX v. non-FLEX Orders. Amendment No. 2 to the proposal is available at: https://www.sec.gov/ comments/sr-cboe-2024-047/srcboe2024047.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "Data Subscriber" means any natural person or entity that receives Real-Time IEX market data either directly from the Exchange or from another non-affiliated Data Subscriber. A Data Subscriber must enter into a Data Subscriber Agreement with IEX in order to receive Real-Time IEX market data. A natural person or entity that receives Real-Time IEX market data from an affiliated Data Subscriber is subject to the Data Subscriber Agreement of such affiliated Data Subscriber.

<sup>717</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101428 (Oct. 24, 2024), 89 FR 86393.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

Exchange's website at *https:// www.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/ rule filings/.* 

#### II. The Exchange'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 adopt rules to govern a new type of complex FLEX Order. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Rules 4.21 (Series of FLEX Options), 5.70 (Availability of Orders), 5.72 (FLEX Trading), and 6.5 (Nullification and Adjustment of Options Transactions Including Obvious Errors).

FLEX Options are customized equity or index option contracts that allow investors to tailor contract terms for exchange-listed equity and index options. The Exchange may make simple FLEX Orders and complex FLEX Orders (see Rule 5.70(b)), including security future-option orders and stockoption orders, available for FLEX trading. Currently, the legs of a complex FLEX Order are limited to FLEX Option series only. An investor wishing to trade a complex strategy containing both FLEX Option series and non-FLEX Option series must execute such strategy using two or more separate orders. The Exchange now proposes to amend its rules to allow for the legs of a complex FLEX Order to include a combination of FLEX Option series and non-FLEX Option series ("FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order").

The Exchange notes that, with exception of the rules proposed in this rule filing, FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders will be subject to the same trading rules and procedures that currently govern the trading of other complex FLEX Orders on the Exchange. To permit the trading of FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, the Exchange proposes to amend its rules as follows.

First, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5.70 (Availability of Orders)

to add FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders to the types of complex orders available for FLEX trading.7 Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5.70(b) to state that the legs of a complex FLEX Order may be for FLEX Option series only or a combination of FLEX Option series and non-FLEX Option series ("FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order").8 As noted above, FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders will be considered complex FLEX instruments, which will be subject to the same trading rules and procedures that govern the trading of other FLEX Orders on the Exchange (unless otherwise noted herein). The Exchange also proposes to amend Rule 5.70(b) to remove the requirements set forth in subparagraphs (1) and (2).9 Rule 5.70(b)(1) provides that each leg(s) of a complex FLEX Order must be for a FLEX Option series authorized for FLEX trading with the same underlying equity security or index. The Exchange proposes to delete this requirement, as such requirement is already contained within the definition of complex order set forth in Rule 1.1. Rule 5.70(b)92) [sic] provides that each leg(s) of a complex FLEX Order must have the same exercise style. The Exchange proposes to delete this requirement to allow for the trading of the proposed FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders and will, in general, provide FLEX Traders with more flexibility and opportunities for customization via FLEX trading. Further, deletion of this requirement that each leg of a complex FLEX Order (whether comprised of all FLEX Option legs or FLEX and non-FLEX Option legs) must have the same exercise style will expand investors' choices and flexibility, and provide FLEX Traders with a mechanism by which to manage the positions and associated risk in their

<sup>8</sup> Under the proposed rule change, complex FLEX Orders could include both listed instruments as well as FLEX instruments (if at least one leg is for a FLEX Option series), with an optional stock leg. Per the definition of complex order, the legs of all complex FLEX Orders (including FLEX v. Non-FLEX options) must have the same underlying security or index. *See* Rule 1.1 (definition of complex order).

<sup>9</sup> See supra note 1. [sic].

portfolios more precisely, based on exercise style.

The Exchange also proposes to add Rule 5.70(d), which states that, in classes determined by the Exchange, a nonconforming FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order is not eligible for electronic processing, in which case the nonconforming FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order may only be submitted for manual handling and open outcry trading. For reference, a "nonconforming complex order" is defined as a complex order with a ratio on the options legs less than one-tothree (.333) or greater than three-to-one (3.00).<sup>10</sup> The proposed language is the same as language currently included in the definition of "complex order" in Rule 5.33(a), the intent of which is to permit the Exchange to determine in which classes nonconforming complex orders (including stock-option orders) may be submitted for electronic processing on the Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.33.

The Exchange also proposes to add Rule 5.70(e), which states that the non-FLEX Option leg(s) of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order may not Leg into the Simple Book, to provide for more efficient execution and processing of FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders. The series that would comprise a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order are parts of different classes and thus are subject to different trading setting and parameters (e.g., allocation, entitlements) pursuant to the Rules. Non-FLEX classes also have separate market data inputs, as the System must read market data for each class in connection with potential executions in non-FLEX classes.<sup>11</sup> If the System receives a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order, it would need to trade the Non-FLEX leg against the appropriate leg in the book; however, there is no book with resting simple FLEX orders against which the FLEX leg could execute. If this were to occur, execution opportunities for FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders may be prevented, as while the Non-FLEX leg(s) of the FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order would execute against interest in the book, there would be no execution opportunities for the FLEX leg(s) of the FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order. As discussed below, the Non-FLEX legs of FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders will protect Priority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> As part of the proposed rule change, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5.70(b) to add a cite to the definition of complex order in Rule 1.1; this is not a substantive change, but rather merely adds a cross-reference to the defined term for purposes of clarity. Per Rule 1.1, the term "complex order" means an order involving the concurrent execution of two or more different series in the same underlying security or index (the "legs" or "components" of the complex order), for the same account, occurring at or near the same time and for the purpose of executing a particular investment strategy with no more than the applicable number of legs (which number the Exchange determines on a class-by-class basis).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Rule 1.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This proposed change is consistent with current Rules that do not permit legging of complex orders consisting of legs in different groups of series in a class, as the System handles groups of series as different classes. *See* Rule 5.33(g)(6). The proposed change is also consistent with the Exchange's handling of stock-option orders. *See* Rule 5.33(g)(5).

Customer orders in the simple book for the Non-FLEX classes.

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5.72 (FLEX Trading) to distinguish criteria for a complex order with only FLEX Option legs and to add criteria for FLEX and non-FLEX Option legs of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order. First, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5.72(b)(2) to specify that each FLEX Option leg of the FLEX Option complex strategy must include all terms for a FLEX Option series set forth in Rule 4.21 (including that a non-FLEX Option series with identical terms is not listed for trading), subject to the order entry requirements set forth in Rule 5.7.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes changes to distinguish the criteria for a complex order with only FLEX Option leg(s) from that proposed for FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, noting that there are no changes to the criteria to those FLEX Orders containing only FLEX Option leg(s) as a result of the proposed rule change. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 5.72(b)(2)(Å) to specifically reference the pricing requirements for complex FLEX Orders with FLEX Option legs only. As proposed Rule 5.72(b)(2)(A)(i) contains the requirements for a complex FLEX Order with only FLEX Option legs submitted into the System for an electronic FLEX Auction pursuant to Rule 5.72(c) or Rules 5.73 or 5.74, which must include a bid or offer price for each leg, which leg prices must add together to equal the net price. Proposed Rule 5.72(b)(2)(A)(ii) sets forth the requirements for a complex FLEX Order

with only FLEX Option legs submitted into the System prior to representation in an open outcry FLEX Auction pursuant to Rule 5.72(d), namely that the order may include a bid or offer price on one or more of the legs (subject to a FLEX Trader's responsibilities pursuant to Rule 5.91 and Chapter 9). The execution leg prices must be entered or modified, as necessary, via PAR following execution of the order, which prices must add together to equal the net execution price.

The Exchange proposes to add Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B) containing certain requirements for a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order. Under the proposed rule, a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order submitted in the System for an electronic FLEX Auction pursuant to Rule 5.72(c) must include a bid or offer price for each FLEX Option leg but no bid or offer price for each non-FLEX Option leg, and a net price. By allowing the System the ability to adjust the price of the legs, FLEX Traders may achieve their desired net price for the order, while ensuring the non-FLEX Option legs fit within pricing requirements of the non-FLEX markets. A FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order submitted into the System prior to representation in an open outcry FLEX Auction pursuant to Rule 5.72(d) below may include a bid or offer price for any FLEX Option leg but no bid or offer price for each non-FLEX Option leg, and a net price. By allowing flexibility in open outcry trading, FLEX Traders may achieve their desired net price for the order.

To achieve the desired net execution price for a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order (1) the execution leg price of each non-FLEX Option leg may not be worse than the NBBO,<sup>12</sup> worse than the BBO,<sup>13</sup> or equal to the BBO if there is a Priority Customer order(s) on the Simple Book; and (2) the execution leg price of each FLEX Option leg(s) may be adjusted so that the prices of the FLEX Option legs combined with the prices of the non-FLEX Option legs add together to equal the net price. Thus, the non-FLEX Option legs of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order would be able to trade at the same price as non-Priority Customer interest at the BBO, which is consistent with complex orders comprised of solely non-FLEX Options.14 In addition, no non-FLEX component of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order would be able to trade at the same price as resting Priority Customer interest at the BBO.<sup>15</sup> If a non-FLEX Option leg of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order cannot execute at a price permissible that meets the requirements set forth in proposed Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B)(i), the entire FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order will be cancelled.

The below examples are designed to illustrate the pricing of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order. Assume for each example a FLEX Trader wishes to execute a complex FLEX Order with two legs (one FLEX Option leg and one non-FLEX Option leg).

Example 1: Listed (i.e., non-FLEX) legs are adjusted to their NBBO first, FLEX Option leg is then adjusted residually to meet net execution price.

Instrument ID	Legs	Symbol	Side	Ratio	Expiration	Strike	Туре
Cl0001	Leg 1	XYZ	Buy	1	December	10	Call.
	Leg 2	1XYZ	Sell	1	November	10.01	Call.

Market for Non-FLEX Leg Away BBO: 2.15 × 2.35 BBO: 2.20 × 2.30 NBBO: 2.20 × 2.30 FLEX Order Auction ("FOA"): Buy 10 CI0001 @1 1.25. Leg 1 (Non-FLEX Option Leg) Price: N/ Leg 1 Market: (Exchange Market-Maker) 2.20  $\times$  2.30 (Exchange Market-Maker) Leg 2 (FLEX Option Leg) Price: 1.00 Response 1: Sell 5 Cl0001 @1 1.19 Response 2: Sell 5 Cl0001 @1 1.25 FOA trades 5 Cl0001 with Response 1 at 1.19. The legs print at 2.20 and 1.01. FOA trades 5 CI0001 with Response 2 at 1.25. The legs print at 2.25 and 1.00.

Example 2: Listed (i.e., Non-FLEX) legs are adjusted up/down to their NBBO first, FLEX Option leg retains specified price, as no further adjustment is needed to meet net price.

Instrument ID	Legs	Symbol	Side	Ratio	Expiration	Strike	Туре
Cl0001	Leg 1	XYZ	Buy	1	December	10	Call.
	Leg 2	1XYZ	Sell	1	November	10.01	Call.

Market for Non-FLEX Leg

Away BBO:  $2.10 \times 2.35$ 

# BBO: $2.15 \times 2.30$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Rule 1.1. The term "NBBO" means the national best bid or offer the Exchange calculates based on market information it receives from OPRA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Rule 1.1. The term "BBO" means the best bid or offer disseminated on the Exchange. <sup>14</sup> See Rule 5.33(f)(2)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See proposed Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B)(i). This is consistent with nonconforming complex orders comprised of solely non-FLEX Options. See Rule 5.33(f)(2)(A)(iv)(B).

NBBO:  $2.15 \times 2.30$ 

- *FOA:* Buy 10 CI0001 @1 1.25. *Leg 1 (Non-FLEX Option Leg) Price:* N/
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- Leg 1 Market: (Exchange Market-Maker) 2.15 × 2.30 (Exchange Market-Maker) Leg 2 (FLEX Option Leg) Price: 1.00 Response 1: Sell 5 CI0001 @1 1.19
- Response 2: Sell 5 CI0001 @1 1.25
- FOA trades 5 CI0001 with Response 1 at 1.19. The legs print at 2.19 and 1.00.
- FOA trades 5 CI0001 with Response 2 at 1.25. The legs print at 2.25 and 1.00.

While the System followed the same process in both examples to price the non-FLEX legs first, because the leg market was wider in the second example, the System was able to execute the non-FLEX leg in that example at a price within that market without the need to adjust the entered price of the FLEX leg.

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 4.21 (Series of FLEX Options).<sup>16</sup> The Exchange proposes to add Rule 4.21(a)(4) to state that the Exchange may halt trading in a FLEX complex strategy (whether comprised of all FLEX Option legs or FLEX and non-FLEX Option legs) if any leg of the strategy is halted. The System does not accept a FLEX complex order for a series while trading in the class is halted. A FLEX complex strategy may not execute until all legs are no longer halted.

Finally, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 6.5 (Nullification and Adjustment of Option Transactions Including Obvious Errors), Interpretation and Policy .07. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add Rule 6.5, Interpretation and Policy. 07(d), to state that if a non-FLEX Option leg of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order qualifies as an Obvious Error under Rule 6.5(c)(1) or a Catastrophic Error under Rule 6.5(d)(1), then the non-FLEX Option leg that is an Obvious or Catastrophic Error will be adjusted in accordance with Rules 6.5(c)(4)(A) or (d)(3), respectively, regardless of whether one of the parties is a Customer. However, the non-FLEX Option leg of any Customer order subject to proposed Rule 6.5, Interpretation and Policy. 07(d) will be nullified if the adjustment would result in an execution price higher (for buy

transactions) or lower (for sell transactions) than the Customer's net execution price for the non-FLEX Option leg. If any leg of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order is nullified, the entire transaction is nullified. This is consistent with the Exchange's handling of other complex orders, including stock-option orders, and ensures protections in the event of an Obvious or Catastrophic error. The below example is designed to illustrate how a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order will be processed in the event of an Obvious Error. Assume for the example a FLEX Trader wishes to execute a complex FLEX Order with three legs (one FLEX Option leg and two non-FLEX Option leg).

Example 3: Listed Leg 1 qualifies as Obvious Error.

- *Leg 1:* Buy 1 Call 1.00 × 1.20
- Leg 2: Buy 1 Call  $2.00 \times 2.25$
- Leg 3: Buy 1 FLEX Call (Note: the FLEX leg is not considered in determining obvious error adjustments)
- SNBBO of listed legs:  $3.00 \times 3.45$
- Assume Leg 1 updates to  $1.00 \times 4.00$ ; Listed Leg SNBBO updates to  $3.00 \times 6.25$
- 1 millisecond later
- Complex Order trades at 5.45
- Leg 1 trades @2 2.25
- Leg 2 trades @2 2.20
- FLEX leg trades @1 1.00

This order, specifically the execution on Leg 1, qualifies as Obvious Error, based on prices prior to Leg 1 market going wide.<sup>17</sup>

- Obvious error adjustment: Leg 1 is
- adjusted to trade at 1.60
- Theoretical price ("TP") = 1.10
- Theoretical offer = 1.45
- Theoretical Offer + 0.15 adjustment  $^{18}$  = 1.60.

The Exchanges notes that the counterparties to an execution of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order trade all of the component legs of the order.

The Exchange believes that its existing surveillance and reporting safeguards in place are adequate to deter and detect possible manipulative behavior which might arise from trading FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders and will support the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange also represents that it has the necessary system capacity to support the new complex FLEX Order type. Finally, the Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of this complex FLEX Order type. The Exchange currently allows for trading of several types of complex orders, including stock-option orders, and has not experienced any market disruptions or issues with capacity. Rather, the Exchange believes the introduction of this complex FLEX Order type may promote more efficient trading, as investors wishing to trade a complex strategy containing both FLEX Option series and non-FLEX Option series would no longer be required to execute such strategy using two or more separate orders.

#### 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. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) 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) requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will benefit investors by expanding investors' choices and flexibility with respect to the trading of FLEX Options. The Exchange believes that introducing FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders will increase order flow to the Exchange, increase the variety of options products available for trading, and provide a valuable tool for investors to manage risk.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market as FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders would enable market participants to execute a complex strategy including a combination of FLEX Option series and non-FLEX Option series, which would, in turn, provide greater opportunities for market participants to manage risk through the use of a complex FLEX Order to the benefit of investors and the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> As part of the proposed changes, the Exchange proposes to add a "FLEX Option series" as a defined term in Rule 4.21(a). Further, to enhance comprehension, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 4.21(a)(2) to add a missing word ("be"), as well as clarify that a FLEX Order for a *new* FLEX Option series may be submitted on any trading day prior to the expiration date. Such changes are non-substantive, clarifying changes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See proposed Rule 6.5, Interpretation and Policy .07(d). See also Rule 6.5(c)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See proposed Rule 6.5, Interpretation and Policy .07(d). See also Rule 6.5(c)(4)(A).

public interest. The proposed rule change will benefit TPHs by providing a more efficient mechanism for TPHs to provide and seek liquidity for customized or complex FLEX strategies which include a non-FLEX Option leg(s).

Further, trading FLEX Options, including FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, on an exchange is an alternative to trading customized options in OTC markets and carries with it the advantages of exchange markets such as transparency, parameters and procedures for clearance and settlement, and a centralized counterparty clearing agency. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote these same benefits for the market as a whole by providing an additional venue for market participants to seek liquidity for customized, large-sized, or complex FLEX option orders, including those with a non-FLEX Option leg(s). The Exchange believes that providing an additional venue for these FLEX orders, rather than potentially splitting the orders across OTC and exchange markets, will benefit investors by increasing competition for order flow and executions, and thereby potentially result in more competitive pricing related to FLEX Options.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to Rule 5.70(b), to add FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders to the list of complex orders available for FLEX trading, are consistent with the Act and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because the changes will allow investors to trade in a more efficient manner, allowing investors to better customize their trading strategies and implement more precise trading strategies which are not available under current rules. Currently, a market participant is unable to trade a FLEX Option and a listed option as part of the same complex strategy; such user must submit an order containing the FLEX Option(s) and an order containing the listed option. This may introduce additional complexities such as price and legging risk, which would be eliminated under the proposed rule change. These complexities may unnecessarily limit market participants' ability to trade in an exchange environment that offers the added benefits of transparency, price discovery, liquidity, and financial stability. These investors may have improved capability under the proposed rule change to execute strategies to meet their specific investment objectives by using a single order with customized FLEX Option legs with non-FLEX Option legs.

Similarly, the Exchange also believes the proposed changes to Rule 5.70(b), to remove the requirement that each leg of a complex FLEX Order must have the same exercise style, will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and benefit investors, because it will provide TPHs with additional flexibility and precision in their investment strategies, by allowing TPHs to trade complex strategies that would otherwise be required to split into multiple, separate orders.

The proposed changes to Rule 5.70(b) to add a cite to Rule 1.1 for the definition of complex orders and delete Rule 5.70(b)(1) provides further clarity within the Rules, to the benefit of investors.

The Exchange believes the proposed changes to Rule 4.21(a), which address when the Exchange may halt trading in a FLEX complex strategy (whether comprised of all FLEX Option legs or FLEX and non-FLEX Option legs), are consistent with the Act and promotes the public interest and the protection of investors by clarifying the Exchange's authority with respect to FLEX complex strategies comprised of all FLEX Option legs and providing a consistent and transparent procedure with respect to FLEX complex strategies comprised of FLEX and non-FLEX Option legs, that would be applied by the Exchange, similar to trading halt authority under current rules. Further, the proposed change to add the defined term "FLEX Option series" provides further clarity within the Rules and eliminates potential confusion by providing a definition of "FLEX Option series" to the benefit of investors.

The Exchange believes the proposed changes to Rule 5.72(b)(2)(A), which provide clarity with respect to the criteria required for complex FLEX Orders with FLEX Option legs only, helps will help promote a fair and orderly national options market system. As such, the changes proposed under Rule 5.72(b)(2)(A), to separate out the requirements for complex FLEX Orders with FLEX Option legs only, provide clarity regarding the requirements for complex FLEX Orders with FLEX Option legs only, as compared to the proposed requirements for complex FLEX Orders with FLEX and non-FLEX Option legs.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change to add Rule 5.70(d) will 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, because it will provide market participants with the same flexibility with respect to all their complex trading strategies. The proposed rule change eliminates confusion regarding what types of FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders are permissible for electronic processing. As noted above, the proposed rule changes regarding execution of nonconforming FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders are consistent with the Exchange's previously adopted rules regarding execution of other nonconforming complex orders.

The Exchange believes the proposed pricing requirements for FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, set forth in proposed Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B), would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market, as the proposed trading process for FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders will provide the ability for investors to achieve the desired net package price for those orders while protecting customers with resting interest in the non-FLEX Simple Book. By requiring a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order submitted into a FLEX Auction (whether electronically or in open outcry) to include a bid or offer price for each FLEX Option leg, but no bid or offer for each non-FLEX Option leg, and a net price, the requirements ensure that the non-FLEX Option leg will be subject to the same pricing requirements as they would if not part of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order. Specifically, the price of any non-FLEX Option leg that is part of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order may not be outside of the BBO or NBBO. The Exchange's proposal will continue to protect Priority Customer interest on the Exchange, as the non-FLEX Option legs of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order will always trade at a price better than BBO if there is a customer on a leg. Further, the price of a FLEX Option leg(s) that is part of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order must, following execution of the Non-FLEX Option leg(s), serve to achieve the net execution price (which may not be worse than the desired net price included at order submission), which the Exchange believes will protect investors by ensuring the price of the FLEX Option leg(s) adhere to the agreed upon execution prices and the order's limit price.

The Exchange believes this proposed trading process will ensure that a user who chooses to submit a listed (*i.e.*, Non-FLEX) leg as part of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order is subject to the same pricing requirements as they would be if the listed leg was not submitted with FLEX Option legs for execution. Ultimately, FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders will trade in the same manner as FLEX complex orders do today, and execution of the non-FLEX Option legs of these orders will continue to comply with linkage requirements (by not permitting trade-throughs of the NBBO) and protect resting customer interest in the Simple Book. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposal to not permit the non-FLEX Option legs of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order to leg into the Simple Book is consistent with the Act and promotes the public interest and the protection of investors, because it will provide for more efficient execution and processing of FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, as legging would prevent execution opportunities for these orders (as discussed above).

Finally, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to not permit unfair discrimination among market participants as all TPHs may, but are not required to, trade FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders.

#### 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 Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as all TPHs that are registered as FLEX Traders in accordance with the Exchange's Rules will be able to trade FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders in the same manner.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as the proposal is designed to increase competition for order flow on the Exchange in a manner that is beneficial to investors because it is designed to provide investors seeking to execute both a FLEX Option(s) and a listed option(s) with a more effective method of executing the trades, which may result in trade efficiencies (i.e., pricing or reporting (*e.g.*, position limits) efficiencies) 19 and reduced risk (i.e., pricing and legging risk). The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will encourage competition, as it may broaden the base of investors that use FLEX Options to manage their trading and investment risk, including investors that currently trade in the OTC market for customized options. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change may increase competition as it may lead to the migration of options currently trading in the OTC market to trading on

the Exchange. Also, any migration to the Exchange from the OTC market would result in increased market transparency and thus increased price competition.

The Exchange further notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues who offer similar functionality. All TPHs may, but are not required to, trade FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders at the Exchange. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as other exchanges could adopt this order type if so desired.

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 written comments on the proposed rule change.

#### III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After careful consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange,<sup>20</sup> and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6 of the Act.<sup>21</sup> Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>22</sup> which requires that an exchange have rules designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market, and to protect investors and the public interest.

The proposal amends Exchange Rules 4.21, 5.70, 5.72, and 6.5 to provide for the trading of complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, which are comprised of a combination of FLEX Option series and non-FLEX option series.<sup>23</sup> Currently, market participants are unable to trade a FLEX Option and a listed option as part of the same complex strategy and, instead, must submit separate orders for the FLEX Option(s) and the listed option components, which may introduce price and legging risk.<sup>24</sup> The Exchange states that the proposal will eliminate these risks and allow market participants to execute strategies to meet their investment objectives by using a single order with customized FLEX Option legs and non-FLEX Option legs.<sup>25</sup> The Commission finds that the proposal could help investors achieve their investment objectives more efficiently by allowing them to trade complex FLEX Orders with FLEX and non-FLEX components as part of a single complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order. As discussed below, the proposal also adopts rules governing the trading of complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders that are consistent with the Exchange's existing rules.

The proposal deletes Exchange Rule 5.70(b)(1), which provides that each leg(s) of a complex FLEX Order must be for a FLEX Option series authorized for FLEX trading with the same underlying equity security or index. However, complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders are complex orders, as defined in Exchange Rule 1.1, and the definition of complex order requires, among other things, that the component legs of a complex order have the same underlying security or index.<sup>26</sup> Accordingly, the deletion of Exchange Rule 5.70(b)(1) is a nonsubstantive change,27 and Exchange Rule 5.70(b), as amended, will continue to require that the component legs of a complex FLEX Order, including a complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order, have the same underlying security or index.<sup>28</sup> The proposal also amends Exchange Rule 5.70(b) to allow the component legs of complex FLEX Orders to have different exercise styles. The Exchange states that removing the requirement that all component legs of a complex FLEX Order have the same exercise style will expand investors' choices and flexibility and provide them with a mechanism to more precisely manage

<sup>26</sup> See proposed Exchange Rule 5.70(b). Exchange Rule 1.1 defines a complex order as "an order involving the concurrent execution of two or more different series in the same underlying security or index (the "legs" or "components" of the complex order), for the same account, occurring at or near the same time and for the purpose of executing a particular investment strategy with no more than the applicable number of legs (which number the Exchange determines on a class-by-class basis). The Exchange determines in which classes complex orders are eligible for processing. The Exchange determines on a class-by-class basis whether nonconforming complex orders are eligible for electronic processing. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term complex order includes Index Combo orders, stock-option orders and security future-option orders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See, e.g., Rule 8.35.

 $<sup>^{20}\,\</sup>rm{In}$  approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Complex FLEX Orders also may be comprised solely of FLEX Option series. *See* proposed Exchange Rule 5.70(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See Amendment No. 2 at 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See id.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 27} See$  Amendment No. 2 at footnote 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> See id. at 5.

the positions and associated risk in their portfolios.<sup>29</sup>

The proposal adopts Exchange Rule 5.70(d) to provide that, in classes determined by the Exchange, a nonconforming FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order is not eligible for electronic processing.<sup>30</sup> The Exchange states that this provision is consistent the flexibility provided in the definition of "complex order" in Exchange Rule 5.33(a), which provides, in part, that "In classes determined by the Exchange, a nonconforming complex order is not eligible for electronic processing, including COA, COB, C-AIM, and C-SAM." Thus, Exchange Rule 5.33(a) allows the Exchange to determine in which classes nonconforming complex orders (including stock-option orders) may be submitted for electronic processing on the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 5.33.<sup>31</sup> The proposal also adopts new Exchange Rule 5.70(e), which provides that the non-FLEX Option leg(s) of a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order may not leg into the Simple Book. The Exchange states that not allowing the non-FLEX Option leg(s) to leg into the Simple Book will provide for more efficient execution and processing of FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders and is consistent with the Exchange's handling of stock-option orders, which also do not leg into the Simple Book.<sup>32</sup> Accordingly, proposed Exchange Rules 5.70(d) and (e) are consistent with

<sup>30</sup> Exchange Rule 1.1 defines a non-conforming complex order as ''s (a) a complex order with a ratio on the options legs less than one-to-three (.333) or greater than three-to-one (3.00) (except for Index Combo orders) and (b) a stock-option order with a ratio greater than eight-to-one (8.00), where the ratio represents the total number of units of the underlying stock or convertible security in the option leg(s) to the total number of units of the underlying stock or convertible security in the stock leg. For the purpose of applying these ratios to complex orders comprised of legs for both minioptions and standard options, ten mini-option contracts represent one standard option contract. For the purpose of applying these ratios to complex orders comprised of legs for both micro-options and standard options, 100 micro-option contracts represent one standard option contract."

<sup>31</sup> See Amendment No. 2 at 6.

<sup>32</sup> See Amendment No. 2 at 6–7 and footnote 5. See also Exchange Rule 5.33(g)(5). The Exchange states that not legging complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders will provide for more efficient execution and processing of FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders. The Exchange states that if the System receives a FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order, it would need to trade the Non-FLEX leg against the appropriate leg in the book; however, there is no book with resting simple FLEX orders against which the FLEX leg could execute. The Exchange states that if this were to occur, execution opportunities for FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders could be prevented, because although the non-FLEX leg(s) of the FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order would execute against interest in the book, there would be no execution opportunities for the FLEX leg(s) of the FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order. See Amendment No. 2 at 6-7.

existing Exchange rules applicable to the trading of complex orders.

The proposal amends Exchange Rule 5.72(b) to establish pricing requirements for complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders that are designed to protect interest on the Exchange's Simple Order Book and ensure that the non-FLEX components do not trade through the NBBO.<sup>33</sup> Proposed Exchange Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B)(i) protects the priority of Priority Customer orders on the Simple Book by requiring each non-FLEX leg of a complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order to trade at a price that is better than the price of resting Priority Customer orders on the Simple Book. This requirement is consistent with the Exchange's pricing requirements for the component legs of nonconforming complex orders.<sup>34</sup> The proposed rules also prohibit the non-FLEX component legs of a complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order from trading at a price that is worse than the BBO, which consistent with the Exchange's pricing requirements for the component legs of complex orders.<sup>35</sup> In addition, proposed rules prohibit the non-FLEX component legs of a complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order from trading at a price that is worse than the NBBO, which is consistent with the pricing requirements for nonconforming complex orders.<sup>36</sup>

Proposed Exchange Rule 6.5, Interpretation and Policy .07(d), which applies the Exchange's Obvious Error and Catastrophic Error provisions to the non-FLEX leg(s) of a complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order, is consistent with Exchange Rules 6.5, Interpretation and Policy .07(a) and (c), which apply the Exchange's Obvious Error and Catastrophic Error provisions to, respectively, complex orders that executes against leg market interest and stock-option orders. Proposed Exchange Rule 4.21(a)(4) regarding the Exchange's authority to halt trading in a FLEX complex strategy, whether comprised solely of FLEX Options or FLEX and

<sup>34</sup> See Exchange Rule 5.33(f)(2)(A)(iv)(b). If a complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order cannot execute at a price that satisfies this requirement, the complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order is cancelled. See proposed Exchange Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B).

<sup>35</sup> See proposed Exchange Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B)(i) and Exchange Rule 5.33(f)(2)(A)(ii). The BBO is the best bid or offer disseminated on the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 1.1.

<sup>36</sup> See proposed Exchange Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B)(i). See also Exchange Rule 5.66(b)(7) (permitting the component legs of a Complex Trade, as defined in Exchange Rule 5.65(d), to trade through a Protected Bid or Protected Offer). The NBBO is the national best bid or offer the Exchange calculates based on market information it receives from the Options Price Reporting Authority. See Exchange Rule 1.1. non-FLEX Options, when any leg of the strategy is halted, is similar to the Exchange's authority under Exchange Rule 4.21(a)(3) and will provide clarity with respect to the Exchange's handling of FLEX complex strategies when trading in any leg of the strategy is halted.<sup>37</sup>

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments on Amendment No. 1 to the Proposed Rule Change

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning whether Amendment No. 2 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– CBOE–2024–047 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-CBOE-2024-04 7. 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See id. "

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> See proposed Exchange Rule 5.72(b)(2)(B). The proposal makes no substantive changes to the pricing requirements for complex FLEX Orders with only FLEX Option legs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Exchange Rule 4.21(a)(3) provides that "The Exchange may halt trading in a FLEX Option class pursuant to Rule 5.20, and always halts trading in a FLEX Option class when trading in a non-FLEX Option class with the same underlying equity security or index is halted on the Exchange. The System does not accept a FLEX Order for a FLEX Option series while trading in a FLEX Option class is halted."

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-CBOE–2024–047 and should be submitted on or before February 24, 2025.

#### V. Accelerated Approval of Amendment No. 2

The Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, for approving Amendment No. 2 prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of notice of Amendment No. 1 in the Federal Register. Amendment No. 2 revises the proposal to: clarify and correct errors in the text of the proposed rules; provide an example of the application of the Exchange's obvious error rules to complex FLEX v. non-FLEX Orders; provide additional discussion of the potential uses of FLEX v. non-FLEX Orders; revise the description of the proposal to make clear that the Exchange's rules will continue to require that the component legs of FLEX complex orders, including FLEX v. Non-FLEX Orders, have the same underlying equity or index; and include additional information in the examples showing the pricing of FLEX v. non-FLEX Orders. The proposed changes to clarify and correct errors in the text of the proposed rules will help to ensure the accuracy of the Exchange's rules. The proposed change in the description of the proposal to make clear that the Exchange's rules will continue to require that the component legs of FLEX complex orders have the same underlying equity or index will help to ensure that the proposal accurately describes the rules being adopted. The example showing the application of the obvious error rules to complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX Order demonstrates the operation of these rules in the context of complex FLEX v. Non-FLEX orders, and the additions to the pricing examples help to clarify those examples. The changes in Amendment No. 2 assist the Commission in evaluating the proposal and determining that the proposal is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, as discussed above. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>38</sup> to

approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, on an accelerated basis.

#### VI. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.<sup>39</sup>

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>40</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR–CBOE–2024–047), as modified by Amendment No. 2, is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{\rm 41}$ 

#### Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary. [FR Doc. 2025–02084 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8011–01–P

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102294; File No. SR– NYSEARCA–2025–04]

#### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Expand the Application of the Per User Access Fee for Certain Market Data Products

January 28, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2025, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act <sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup>17 CFR 240.19b–4(f). 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 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 expand the application of the Per User Access Fee to Redistributors of the NYSE Aggregated Lite data feed, effective January 16, 2025.<sup>5</sup>

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange's website at *https:// www.nyse.com* and on the Commission's website at *https:// www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/selfregulatory-organization-rulemaking/ national-securities-exchanges?file\_ number=SR-NYSEARCA-2025-04.* 

#### **II. 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.<sup>6</sup> Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/ self-regulatory-organizationrulemaking/national-securitiesexchanges?file number=SR-NYSEARCA-2025-04) or by sending an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include file number SR-NYSEARCA-2025–04 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEARCA-2025-04. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>38 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup>15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)

<sup>41 17</sup> CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Exchange originally filed to amend the Fee Schedule on January 2, 2025 (SR–NYSEARCA– 2025–01). On January 16, 2025, the Exchange withdrew SR–NYSEARCA–2025–01 and replaced it with this filing.

only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (*https://www.sec.gov/* rules-regulations/self-regulatoryorganization-rulemaking/nationalsecurities-exchanges?file number=NYSEARCA-2025-04). 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–NYSEARCA–2025–04 and should be submitted on or before February 24, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

## Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary. [FR Doc. 2025–02083 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8011–01–P

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## Internal Revenue Service

#### Quarterly Publication of Individuals, Who Have Chosen To Expatriate

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

#### ACTION: Notice.

This notice is provided in accordance with IRC section 6039G of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, as amended. This listing contains the name of each individual losing United States citizenship (within the meaning of section 877(a) or 877A) with respect to whom the Secretary received information during the quarter ending December 31, 2024. For purposes of this listing, long-term residents, as defined in section 877(e)(2), are treated as if they were citizens of the United States who lost citizenship.

Last name	First name	Middle name/initials
ACKERSON	DANACA	
AHMAD	IRFAN	
AHUJA	DISHA	
AKAI	YOSHITAKA	
AKAI	REIKO	
AKERBERG	JANET	MARIE PAYNE
AKIMA	MATSUAKI	
AKINSON	SUSAN	ELIZABETH
ALEZRA	MOSHE	
ALI	SAMEE	HASAN
ALKEBY	SABA	ELISABETH
AL-KHALIFA	FATIMA	ALDANA
ALTUNA SOTOMAYOR	MILAGROS	DEL CARMEN
AMATANON	WATANYA	Dee of a men
AMEY	ANDREW	MORGAN
	ANNA	M.
ANDERSEN	AXEL	HOLME
ANDERSON	REBECCA	TABITHA
ANDERSON		EDWARD
ANDREWS	RUTH	ALISON
ANGELERI	ROTH	ALISON
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	DAVID	KENNETH
ANTONIOLI	JULIA	E.
AOMORI	YOSHIO	
ARMSTRONG	MATTHEW	JOHN
ARSENAULT	LUCAS	JOHN
ARSENAULT	PIERRE	
ARSENAULT	NICOLAS	CHRISTOPHER
ASHTON	SARAH	HELEN
AVERY	NATALIE	M.
BAERG	TERRENCE	JAMES
BAHUN	ТОМОМІ	
BARNETT	BENJAMIN	EDWARD
BARRETTO	RODNEY	EDWARD
BARTENSTEIN	CHRISTOPH	
BASS	DAWN	ELIZABETH
BASTAMI	SOHAILA	SAHAR
BEADLE	MEGAN	LOUISE
BECKER	HELGA	
BECKER	PETER	
BELK	ADAM	JAMES
BENNETT-EVERDING	BABETTE	ANNE
BENUDIZ	NIR	
BENYES	CAROLINE	BELINA
BERNT	JULIA	ANNE
BERNTSSON	KENT	OLOF NIKLAS
BEROS	TASIA	
BERZINA	LAURA	
BEVAN	TERRIE	NARELLE
BIMSON	DANIEL	THOMAS OTT
BJOENEBOE		-
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7 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Last name First name		Middle name/initials
BLAUG	ADAM	MICHAEL
BLISS	KATHARINE	SUZANNE
BOGER POMFRET	MARIELLA	GRANITA ALEXANDRINE
BOKKENHEUSER	MARIKO	
BOKKENHEUSER	ANDREAS	CHRISTIAN
BOLLE BORJESON	BRIGITTE STIG	AGNES LENNART LEN
BORNTRAEGER	BRUNO	
BOUCHARD	JOSEE	MARIE
BOWEN STIRRETT	HANNAH	EMMELINE
BOWEN SWATKINS	SOPHIE	ELLENA
BOWYER	EVELYN	MARY
BRADY	MAIRTIN	
BRANNIGAN	MELANIE	JANE
BRANNINGANBRENT	LANCE	K.   L.
BRENT	KAITLIN	
BRIDGE	ANDREW	JOHN
BRIMER	MICHAEL	HENRY
BRINKERHOFF	GAYLE	
BRUCE		ANNE
BUCHMUELLER	ASHLEY	ELISE
BUIJS	JOLIEN LILLIAN	LEE
BURGESS BUSSCHAERT	BART	A.
CABANES		JEREMY
CACERES LUNA	DIEGO	HUMBERTO
CAMERON	GORDON	Α.
CARAPETI-MAROOTIAN	MELINA	
CARLSSON	EMILIE	NICOLE
CARTWRIGHT	RHONDA	SUE
	HUMBERTO	MOURAO STOCKTON
CASINI CASTANO WAKOLBINGER	MARIA	ASTRID
CENSIER	MAXENCE	
CERNA	DAVID	MICHAEL
CHAI	ALI	
CHANG	HAN	CHING
CHAPMAN		MICHAEL
	NICOLA	MCHELLE
CHARO CHARRINGTON		LUIS
CHARRINGTON	PETER	CLIVE
CHEN	KEVIN	
CHEN	XIAOTAO	
CHIU	ANITA	CHEE WEI
СНО	HYE	WON
CHOI CHOI	SOH KYUNGHWA	YOUNG
CHOPLIN	PHILIPPE	YVES PATRICE
CHUA	CAYLEE	HSI-EM
CLUER	JAMES	PIERRE
COHEN	ANDREAS	BRUCE
COLE		
COLEMAN	CLARISSA	GENEVIEVE A. LANGLEY
COLLI		FRANCOISE MARIE ANGELA
CROCKETT	TANJA	RUTH
CROTHERS	SARAH	
CROXSON	KAREN	ANN
CRUZ	MARIA	LUISA GALHARDO
	SHIRLEY	ANN
	GUILLERMO BRADLEY	JOHN PATRICK
DAFFY DAFTABY	AMAN	ADITYA
DAFTARY	AMAN	RAVINDRA
DANNATT	DEBORAH	
DARGIS	CLARISSA	ILDIKO
DE ANGELIS	DINO	ANN
DE FACCI DE OLIVEIRA	MIGUEL	ANGELO
DE RAFAEL	REBECCA	
DEGE DEL GIUDICE	ERIK MARCO	WILFRIED
DEL GIODICE		MARY

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Last name	First name	Middle name/initials
DETTORI-GESSNER	PIETRUCCIA	
DIAS DIEKMANN	SHIRAN MICHELE	CRYSANTH DENISE
DING		DENISE
DIONNE	WAYNE	JAMES
DOHERTY	GRACE	TERESA
DONALD	ALEXANDER	JAMES L.
DOREY DOREY	KERRI   JEFFREY	ALAN
DORSEY-JOHNSON	ASHLEE	ERIN
DOUGLAS	ANTHONY	
DUHM DUNNER	BERNHARD	DOMINIK ELIZABETH
DURANT	MASON	JOSEPH
ECCLES	MARK	AUDEN
	SARAH	
EDWARDS	JOHN SUSAN	PAUL THOMAS JANE
EGYED	ALEXANDER	FRANZ
EHRHART	CHARLES	
	DAVID	
ELGENBERG	PETER YOSHIKA	NIKOLAI KARLSSON UENO
ELLIOTT	JOHN	WALKER
ELLIS	ADAM	JAMES
ELLIS	ALEXANDER ROBYN	ROBERT   SOPHIE
ERICSON	OLIVIA	GUNILLA
ESAKI	REIKO	
FAHLENBOCK	ANDREA	NICOLE
FARAG	MARIO MARTIN	
FISCHER	GABRIELLA	U.
FITZHUGH	ALEXANDER	E.H.
FLEEMAN	LORNA	MARGARET
FLETCHER	ABIGAIL MARK	L.   B.
FLEWETT	LINDA	JEAN
FOERSTER-WALDL	ELISABETH	M.
FORTIN	DENIS	ADMOTRONIO
FRANK FREDRIKSSON	SELBY	ARMSTRONG JERKER MATTIAS
FUJIMOTO	AYAKO	
FUJIMOTO	JUNYA	
FUJIMOTO FUJIMOTO	YASUHIDE KENJI	
FUJINO	JUN	
FURGALE	IRENE	J.
FUSS	GABRIELLA	E.
GALVINGANGULI	STEVEN DEBJANI	
GARCIA	RAFAEL	
GARNEAU	CAROLINE	
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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### **Internal Revenue Service**

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request on Burden Related to Completing Form 7203

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the burden for completing the form 7203, *S Corporation Shareholder Stock and Debt Basis Limitations.* 

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 4, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andrés Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to *pra.comments@irs.gov*. Please include, "OMB Number: 1545– 2302—Public Comment Request Notice" in the Subject line.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at (202) 317–5746, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.* 

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* S Corporation Shareholder Stock and Debt Basis Limitations.

*OMB Number:* 1545–2302. *Document Number:* Forms 7203.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 1366 determines the shareholder's tax liability from an S corporation. IRC Section 1367 details the adjustments to basis including the increase and decrease in basis, income items included in basis, the basis of indebtedness, and the basis of inherited stock. Shareholders will use Form 7203 to calculate their stock and debt basis, ensuring the losses and deductions are accurately claimed.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes in the form previously approved by

OMB. However, updates in the burden computation will result in a burden decrease of 51,100 hours.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Estates and Trusts. Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 hrs., 2 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 214,200.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

• 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.

• 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.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: January 27, 2025.

# Ronald J. Durbala,

IRS Tax Analyst.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### **Internal Revenue Service**

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request for Form 8882

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8882, *Credit for Employer-Provided Child Care Facilities and Services.* 

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 4, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to *omb.unit@irs.gov.* Please include, "OMB Number: 1545–1809— Public Comment Request Notice" in the Subject line. Requests for additional information or copies of this collection can be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at *RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.* 

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Credit for Employer-Provided Child Care Facilities and Services.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1809.

Project Number: Form 8882.

*Abstract:* Employers use Form 8882 to claim the credit for qualified childcare facility and resource and referral expenditures. It is part of the general business credit.

*Current Actions:* There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations, and individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 286.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 hrs. 41 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,053.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

• 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.

• 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.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: January 27, 2025. **Ronald J. Durbala**, *IRS Tax Analyst.* [FR Doc. 2025–02074 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 4830–01–P** 

# UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

#### Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Sentencing Commission intends to address certain issues relating to offenses involving fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and other opioids. As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, the Commission is publishing these issues for comment to inform the Commission's consideration of the issues related to this topic. The issues for comment are set forth in the Supplementary Information portion of this notice.

**DATES:** Public comment regarding the issues for comment set forth in this notice should be received by the Commission not later than May 1, 2025. Any public comment received after the close of the comment period may not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** There are two methods for submitting public comment.

*Electronic Submission of Comments.* Comments may be submitted electronically via the Commission's Public Comment Submission Portal at *https://comment.ussc.gov.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Submission of Comments by Mail. Comments may be submitted by mail to the following address: United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE, Suite 2–500, Washington, DC 20002–8002, Attention: Public Affairs— Fentanyl and Other Opioids.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Dukes, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, (202) 502–4597.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

#### Request for Comment on Offenses Involving Fentanyl, Fentanyl Analogues, and Other Opioids

Fentanyl and fentanyl analogue cases have increased substantially over the last several years. Since fiscal year 2019, fentanyl cases have increased 244.7 percent, such that they comprised 16.3 percent of all federal drug trafficking cases in fiscal year 2023. Today, fentanyl represents the third most common drug type in federal drug trafficking cases. Fentanyl analogue cases have increased 113.5 percent since fiscal year 2019, but those cases occupy a much smaller portion of the federal drug trafficking case load (1.4%).

#### Previous Commission Action

In response to rising numbers of fentanyl and fentanyl analogue cases, the Commission previously undertook a multi-year study of synthetic controlled substances. In 2018, following that study, the Commission amended § 2D1.1 (Unlawful Manufacturing, Importing, Exporting, or Trafficking (Including Possession with Intent to Commit Those Offenses); Attempt or Conspiracy) to add an enhancement specific to fentanyl and fentanyl analogue cases. In particular, the Commission added a new specific offense characteristic at subsection (b)(13) providing a 4-level increase when the defendant knowingly misrepresented or knowingly marketed as another substance a mixture or substance containing fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue. See USSG, App. C. amend. 807 (effective Nov. 1, 2018). In adding this new specific offense characteristic, the Commission pointed to the harm attendant to cases where a user does not know the substance they are using contains fentanyl or fentanyl analogue. Id. As the Commission explained, "[b]ecause of fentanyl's extreme potency, the risk of overdose death is great, particularly when the user is inexperienced or unaware of what substance he or she is using." Id. Thus, the Commission concluded that "it is appropriate for traffickers who knowingly misrepresent fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue as another substance to receive additional punishment." Id.

In 2023, the Commission amended § 2D1.1(b)(13) based on the continued increase in fentanyl and fentanyl analogue distribution. See USSG, App. C. amend. 818 (effective Nov. 1, 2023). The amendment added a new subparagraph (B) with an alternative 2level enhancement for offenses where the defendant represented or marketed as a legitimately manufactured drug another mixture or substance containing fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue, and acted with willful blindness or conscious avoidance of knowledge that such mixture or substance was not the legitimately manufactured drug. Id. As grounds for the amendment, the Commission cited data from the Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA") showing a substantial increase in the seizure of fake prescription pills. Id. The DEA reported seizing over 50.6 million fake pills in calendar year 2022, with 70

percent containing fentanyl. *Id.* Of those seized pills containing fentanyl, six out of ten contained a potentially lethal dose of the substance. *Id.* The Commission also pointed to the increase in drug overdose deaths—most of which involved synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl. *Id.* 

#### Feedback From Stakeholders

Since 2023, the Commission has continued to receive public comment on whether the guidelines appropriately account for factors specific to offenses involving fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and other opioids. For example, in a recent letter to the Commission, the Department of Justice stated that, "although the Commission added [a] new two-level enhancement [at § 2D1.1(b)(13)(B)] to address the harm associated with imitation pills, the new two-level enhancement has proven not to be very useful." Letter from Scott Meisler, Ex-Officio Member, U.S. Sent'g Comm'n, to Hon. Carlton W. Reeves, Chair, U.S. Sent'g Comm'n (July 15, 2024) at 5, available at https:// www.ussc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/ amendment-process/public-comment/ 202407/89FR48029 public-comment *R.pdf* [hereinafter ''DOJ Letter'']. Commission data shows that, in fiscal year 2023, 2.1 percent of individuals sentenced for fentanyl trafficking and 1.5 percent sentenced for fentanyl analogue trafficking received the 4-level increase for knowingly misrepresenting or knowingly marketing a mixture or substance containing fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue as another substance. Because the enhancement at § 2D1.1(b)(13)(B) became effective November 1, 2023, only preliminary 2024 data is available. Based on this preliminary data, 12 individuals sentenced for fentanyl trafficking and zero individuals sentenced for fentanyl analogue trafficking received the 2-level willful blindness enhancement.

To address the harm in cases involving fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and other opioids, the Department of Justice proposed several amendments to § 2D1.1 to enhance sentences when certain circumstances are present. See DOJ Letter at 6–8. First, the Department of Justice proposed creating an enhancement under § 2D1.1 for distribution of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and other opioids to individuals under the age of 21. Id. at 6. According to the Department of Justice, "[m]embers of that age group have increasingly become victims of drug overdoses." Id. Commission data reveals 37 cases in fiscal year 2023 in

which the offense involved distribution of fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue to a person under 21 years old.

Second, the Department of Justice proposed creating an enhancement under § 2D1.1 for drug-trafficking offenses using "the dark web or other anonymizing technologies to avoid detection." DOJ Letter at 6. The Department of Justice explains that individuals "are increasingly relying on anonymizing technologies to further their illicit activity, posting advertisements for fentanyl pills on dark web marketplaces where the seller is unknown to the buyer, the transaction involves an exchange of cryptocurrency, and the product is shipped with misleading tracking information." Id. Commission data reveals 60 cases in fiscal year 2023 in which the offense involved the use of the dark web or cryptocurrency to traffic fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue. Of these 60 cases, 39 cases involved the use of both the dark web and cryptocurrency, 17 cases involved only the use of the dark web, and four cases involved only the use of cryptocurrency.

Third, the Department of Justice asked the Commission to consider an enhancement for drug trafficking offenses involving fentanyl or another synthetic opioid adulterated with xylazine or medetomidine. DOJ Letter at 6-7. According to the Department of Justice, individuals engaged in drug trafficking "are increasingly adulterating fentanyl with these alpha-2-adrenergic agonists, which can extend a user's high and also serve as a filler and binding agent." Id. The Department of Justice notes that the effects of these substances "have not vet been fully studied" but states that they "are profoundly dangerous because their effects cannot be reversed by life-saving medicines like naloxone (Narcan)." Id. at 7. Commission data reveals 94 cases in fiscal year 2023 in which the offense involved mixing fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue with xylazine or medetomidine. Of these 94 cases, 90 cases used xylazine as the mixing agent, and four cases used medetomidine as the mixing agent.

#### **Issues for Comment**

1. The Commission seeks comment on whether it should consider revising § 2D1.1 to add an enhancement for distribution of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and other opioids to individuals under the age of 21. If so, should the enhancement be defendantbased or offense-based? By how many levels should the enhancement increase base offense levels, and what is the basis for such increase? Should the Commission consider any other changes to § 2D1.1 to address the harm in these cases?

2. The Commission seeks comment on whether it should consider revising § 2D1.1 to add an enhancement for fentanyl, fentanyl analogue, and opioid offenses involving the use of the dark web or other anonymizing technologies. If so, how should the Commission define or describe what technologies qualify for the enhancement? Should the enhancement be defendant-based or offense-based? By how many levels should the enhancement increase base offense levels, and what is the basis for such increase? Should the Commission consider any other changes to § 2D1.1 to address the harm in these cases?

3. The Commission seeks comment on whether it should consider revising § 2D1.1 to add an enhancement for drug trafficking offenses involving fentanyl, a fentanyl analogue, or another synthetic opioid adulterated with xylazine or medetomidine. The Commission invites comment on xylazine and medetomidine, particularly their pharmacological effects, potential for addiction and abuse, the patterns of abuse and harms associated with their abuse, and the patterns of trafficking and harms associated with their trafficking. The Commission also invites comment on whether there are other adulterants to fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and other synthetic opioids for which an enhancement should apply. If the Commission were to add an enhancement to § 2D1.1 for drug trafficking offenses involving fentanyl, a fentanyl analogue, or another synthetic opioid adulterated with xylazine, medetomidine, or another adulterant should the enhancement be defendantbased or offense-based? By how many levels should the enhancement increase base offense levels, and what is the basis for such increase? Should the Commission consider any other changes to § 2D1.1 to address the harm in these cases?

*Authority:* 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), (x); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2, 4.3, 4.4.

#### Carlton W. Reeves,

Chair.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0783]

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations (NPCs)—Annual Report, Remediation Plans & Assessment Questionnaires

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

# ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by March 5, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,* select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments," then search the list for the information collection by Title or "OMB Control No. 2900–0783."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202– 461–8900, vacopaperworkreduact@ va.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations (NPCs)— Annual Report, Remediation Plans & Assessment Questionnaires (VA Forms 10–10073, 10–10073A, 10–10073B, and 10–10073C).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0783. https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/ PRASearch.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Title 38 U.S.C. 7366, Accountability and Oversight, states "(b) each such corporation (NPC) shall submit to the Secretary (Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)) an annual report providing a detailed statement of its operations, activities, and accomplishments during that year." The individual NPC annual reports are combined into one NPC Annual Report to Congress. VA oversight of NPCs includes reviews, audits, selfassessments, and remediation plans. This information collection is used for oversight of NPCs and includes the following:

- a. NPC Annual Report Template, VA Form 10–10073
- b. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans, VA Form 10– 10073A
- c. NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire, VA Form 10–10073B
- d. NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire, VA Form 10–10073C

#### NPC Annual Report Template, VA Form 10–10073

Since 1988, when the enabling legislation for the NPCs was passed, annual reports have been obtained from each NPC and combined into an NPC Annual Report to Congress. Congress uses the combined NPC Annual Report to Congress to monitor the progress of the overall NPC program it created. The NPC Annual Report to Congress is also used by top-level VA executives to evaluate the program and to recommend changes where needed. VHA's Nonprofit Oversight Board and the Nonprofit Program Office (NPPO) use both the combined NPC Annual Report to Congress and the individual NPC Annual Report Templates to monitor and oversee the NPCs. Trend analyses and other financial information are analyzed for each NPC and judgments made about each NPC's progress, financial viability, stewardship of assets, and accomplishments.

#### NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans, VA Form 10–10073A

The NPC Audit Action Items Remediation Plans information collection is used to review the NPCs' remedies for audit deficiencies and recommendations. The major objective of the information collection is to help ensure proper corrective action. If any of the remediation plans submitted are inadequate, then the NPPO will make recommendations for sound, workable remedies.

#### NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire, VA Form 10–10073B

The NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire, or portions of it, will be used in conducting reviews, audits, and investigations of the NPCs. The major objective of the questionnaire is to uncover weaknesses and lapses in internal controls. The NPPO will then make recommendations for improved internal controls wherever there are weaknesses or lapses. The questionnaire also may be used as a voluntary selfassessment by the NPCs.

#### NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire, VA Form 10–10073C

The NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire, or portions of it, will be used in conducting operational reviews of the NPCs. The major objective of the questionnaire is to uncover operating problems and areas that need improvement. The NPPO will then make recommendations for operations improvements wherever problems or opportunities for improvement are found. The questionnaire also may be used as a voluntary self-assessment by the NPCs.

VHA does not anticipate any changes to the total annual number of responses or burden hours for this collection. However, there are some minor updates to the forms for clarification and to comply with current guidance on standard PRA language.

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 **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 93906, November 27, 2024.

Total Annual Burden: 858 hours. Total Annual Responses: 300. Affected Public: Private Sector (Not-

for-profit).

*Estimated Annual Burden:* a. NPC Annual Report Template—273

hours.

b. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans—156 hours.

c. NPPO Internal Control

- Questionnaire—312 hours.
- d. NPPO Operations Oversight

Questionnaire—117 hours. Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent:

a. NPC Annual Report Template—210 minutes.

b. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans—142 minutes.

c. NPPO Internal Control

Questionnaire—240 minutes.

d. NPPO Operations Oversight

Questionnaire—90 minutes.

Frequency of Response:

a. NPC Annual Report Template— Once annually.

b. NPC Audit Actions Items

- Remediation Plans—1.5 times annually. c. NPPO Internal Control
- Questionnaire—Once annually. d. NPPO Operations Oversight

Questionnaire—Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

e. NPC Annual Report Template—78. f. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans—44. g. NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire—78.

h. NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire—78. Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

#### Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs. [FR Doc. 2025–02126 Filed 1–31–25; 8:45 am]

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Title 3—	Executive Order 14188 of January 29, 2025
The President	Additional Measures To Combat Anti-Semitism
	By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:
	<b>Section 1.</b> <i>Purpose.</i> My Administration has fought and will continue to fight anti-Semitism in the United States and around the world. On December 11, 2019, I issued Executive Order 13899, my first Executive Order on Combating Anti-Semitism, finding that students, in particular, faced anti-Semitic harassment in schools and on university and college campuses. Executive Order 13899 provided interpretive assistance on the enforcement of the Nation's civil rights laws to ensure that they would protect American Jews to the same extent to which all other American citizens are protected. The prior administration effectively nullified Executive Order 13899 by failing to give the terms of the order full force and effect throughout the Government. This order reaffirms Executive Order 13899 and directs additional measures to advance the policy thereof in the wake of the Hamas terrorist attacks of October 7, 2023, against the people of Israel. These attacks unleashed an unprecedented wave of vile anti-Semitic discrimination, vandalism, and violence against our citizens, especially in our schools and on our campuses. Jewish students have faced an unrelenting barrage of discrimination; denial of access to campus common areas and facilities, including libraries and classrooms; and intimidation, harassment, and physical threats and assault. A joint report by the House Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means calls the Federal Government's failure to fight anti-Semitism and protect Jewish students "astounding."
	<b>Sec. 2</b> . <i>Policy.</i> It shall be the policy of the United States to combat anti-Semitism vigorously, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence.
	<ul> <li>Sec. 3. Additional Measures to Combat Campus Anti-Semitism. (a) Within 60 days of the date of this order, the head of each executive department or agency (agency) shall submit a report to the President, through the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, identifying all civil and criminal authorities or actions within the jurisdiction of that agency, beyond those already implemented under Executive Order 13899, that might be used to curb or combat anti-Semitism, and containing an inventory and analysis of all pending administrative complaints, as of the date of the report, against or involving institutions of higher education alleging civil-rights violations related to or arising from post-October 7, 2023, campus anti-Semitism.</li> <li>(b) The report submitted by the Attorney General under this section shall additionally include an inventory and an analysis of all court cases, as of the date of the report, against or involving institutions of higher education section of higher education alleging civil-rights violations related to or arising from post-October 7, 2023, campus anti-Semitism and indicate whether the Attorney General intends to or has taken any action with respect to such matters, including filing statements of interest or intervention.</li> </ul>
	(c) The Attorney General is encouraged to employ appropriate civil-rights enforcement authorities, such as 18 U.S.C. 241, to combat anti-Semitism.

(d) The report submitted by the Secretary of Education under this section shall additionally include an inventory and an analysis of all Title VI complaints and administrative actions, including in K–12 education, related to anti-Semitism—pending or resolved after October 7, 2023—within the Department's Office for Civil Rights.

(e) In addition to identifying relevant authorities to curb or combat anti-Semitism generally required by this section, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Education, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with each other, shall include in their reports recommendations for familiarizing institutions of higher education with the grounds for inadmissibility under 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3) so that such institutions may monitor for and report activities by alien students and staff relevant to those grounds and for ensuring that such reports about aliens lead, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, to investigations and, if warranted, actions to remove such aliens.

**Sec. 4**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 29, 2025.

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#### Executive Order 14189 of January 29, 2025

# **Celebrating America's 250th Birthday**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of American Independence on July 4, 2026, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1**. *Purpose.* It is the policy of the United States, and a purpose of this order, to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence on July 4, 2026. It is also the purpose of this order to take other actions to honor the history of our great Nation.

**Sec. 2**. Establishing the White House Task Force on Celebrating America's 250th Birthday. (a) There is hereby established the White House Task Force on Celebrating America's 250th Birthday (Task Force 250).

(b) The President shall be the Chair of Task Force 250 and the Vice President will serve as Vice Chair. The Chair shall appoint an Executive Director, who shall administer and execute the day-to-day operations of Task Force 250, and who shall report through the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy. The Chair, the Vice Chair, or a member of Task Force 250 designated by the Chair, shall convene regular meetings of Task Force 250, determine its agenda, and direct its work, consistent with this order. The Executive Director and the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy shall assist in the performance of these duties. The Chair may designate any member of the Task Force to preside over meetings of the Task Force.

(c) In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, Task Force 250 shall consist of the following members:

(i) the Secretary of State;

(ii) the Secretary of the Treasury;

(iii) the Secretary of Defense;

(iv) the Secretary of the Interior;

(v) the Secretary of Agriculture;

(vi) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;

(vii) the Secretary of Education;

(viii) the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy;

(ix) the Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs;

(x) the Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Chief of Staff;

(xi) the Director of Speechwriting;

(xii) the Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities;

(xiii) the Chair of the National Endowment for the Arts;

(xiv) the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services; and

(xv) the heads of such other executive departments, agencies, and offices that the Chair or the Vice Chair may, from time to time, designate or invite to participate.

(d) The Chair and the Vice Chair, as they deem appropriate, shall invite the Executive Director of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to provide recommendations and advice to Task Force 250. (e) Task Force 250 shall coordinate with the executive departments and agencies (agencies) to plan, organize, and execute an extraordinary celebration of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence and shall coordinate agencies' communications with the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. In addition, the Executive Director may seek information or advice from such other agencies as Task Force 250 shall direct.

(f) For administrative purposes, the Task Force shall be housed in the Department of Defense, which shall provide funding and administrative support for Task Force 250, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(g) Agencies shall provide a report to Task Force 250 regarding their respective planning and activities with respect to the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence. These reports should be submitted to the Executive Director of Task Force 250 no later than March 1, 2025.

(h) Task Force 250 shall terminate on December 31, 2026, unless extended by the President.

**Sec. 3**. National Garden of American Heroes. (a) Executive Order 13934 of July 3, 2020 (Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes) and Executive Order 13978 of January 18, 2021 (Building the National Garden of American Heroes) are reinstated as they were prior to issuance of Executive Order 14029 of May 14, 2021.

(b) The Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy shall recommend to the President additional historically significant Americans for inclusion in the National Garden of American Heroes, to bring the total number of heroes to 250.

(c) Section 3(c)(ii) of Executive Order 13934 is amended by striking "prior to the 250th anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026" and inserting in its place "as expeditiously as possible". **Sec. 4**. Protecting America's Monuments from Vandalism. Executive Order 13933 of June 26, 2020 (Protecting American Monuments, Memorials, and Statues and Combatting Recent Criminal Violence) is hereby reinstated as it was prior to the issuance of Executive Order 14029 of May 14, 2021. Recent examples of conduct necessitating reinstatement of this order include pro-Hamas-related vandalism of historically significant public monuments and related assaults on Federal officers and employees following October 7, 2023, including the vandalism of the exterior of the Department of the Treasury and of statues in Lafayette Square in Washington, DC on June 8, 2024, and the assaults on Federal officers and vandalism of the Christopher Columbus Memorial Fountain and Freedom Bell at Union Station in Washington, DC on July 24, 2024.

**Sec. 5**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 29, 2025.

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## Executive Order 14190 of January 29, 2025

# Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1**. *Purpose and Policy.* Parents trust America's schools to provide their children with a rigorous education and to instill a patriotic admiration for our incredible Nation and the values for which we stand.

In recent years, however, parents have witnessed schools indoctrinate their children in radical, anti-American ideologies while deliberately blocking parental oversight. Such an environment operates as an echo chamber, in which students are forced to accept these ideologies without question or critical examination. In many cases, innocent children are compelled to adopt identities as either victims or oppressors solely based on their skin color and other immutable characteristics. In other instances, young men and women are made to question whether they were born in the wrong body and whether to view their parents and their reality as enemies to be blamed. These practices not only erode critical thinking but also sow division, confusion, and distrust, which undermine the very foundations of personal identity and family unity.

Imprinting anti-American, subversive, harmful, and false ideologies on our Nation's children not only violates longstanding anti-discrimination civil rights law in many cases, but usurps basic parental authority. For example, steering students toward surgical and chemical mutilation without parental consent or involvement or allowing males access to private spaces designated for females may contravene Federal laws that protect parental rights, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), and sex-based equality and opportunity, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). Similarly, demanding acquiescence to "White Privilege" or "unconscious bias," actually promotes racial discrimination and undermines national unity.

My Administration will enforce the law to ensure that recipients of Federal funds providing K-12 education comply with all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination in various contexts and protecting parental rights, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.;* Title IX, 20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.;* FERPA, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; and the PPRA, 20 U.S.C. 1232h.

#### Sec. 2. *Definitions*. As used herein:

(a) The definitions in the Executive Order "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" (January 20, 2025) shall apply to this order.

(b) "Discriminatory equity ideology" means an ideology that treats individuals as members of preferred or disfavored groups, rather than as individuals, and minimizes agency, merit, and capability in favor of immoral generalizations, including that:

(i) Members of one race, color, sex, or national origin are morally or inherently superior to members of another race, color, sex, or national origin;

(ii) An individual, by virtue of the individual's race, color, sex, or national origin, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously;

(iii) An individual's moral character or status as privileged, oppressing, or oppressed is primarily determined by the individual's race, color, sex, or national origin;

(iv) Members of one race, color, sex, or national origin cannot and should not attempt to treat others without respect to their race, color, sex, or national origin;

(v) An individual, by virtue of the individual's race, color, sex, or national origin, bears responsibility for, should feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress because of, should be discriminated against, blamed, or stereotyped for, or should receive adverse treatment because of actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, color, sex, or national origin, in which the individual played no part;

(vi) An individual, by virtue of the individual's race, color, sex, or national origin, should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment to achieve diversity, equity, or inclusion;

(vii) Virtues such as merit, excellence, hard work, fairness, neutrality, objectivity, and racial colorblindness are racist or sexist or were created by members of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin to oppress members of another race, color, sex, or national origin; or

(viii) the United States is fundamentally racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory.

(c) "Educational service agency" (ESA) has the meaning given in 20 U.S.C. 1401(5), and the terms "elementary school," "local educational agency" (LEA), "secondary school," and "state educational agency" (SEA) have the meanings given in 34 CFR 77.1(c).

(d) "Patriotic education" means a presentation of the history of America grounded in:

(i) an accurate, honest, unifying, inspiring, and ennobling characterization of America's founding and foundational principles;

(ii) a clear examination of how the United States has admirably grown closer to its noble principles throughout its history;

(iii) the concept that commitment to America's aspirations is beneficial and justified; and

(iv) the concept that celebration of America's greatness and history is proper.

(e) "Social transition" means the process of adopting a "gender identity" or "gender marker" that differs from a person's sex. This process can include psychological or psychiatric counseling or treatment by a school counselor or other provider; modifying a person's name (e.g., "Jane" to "James") or pronouns (e.g., "him" to "her"); calling a child "nonbinary"; use of intimate facilities and accommodations such as bathrooms or locker rooms specifically designated for persons of the opposite sex; and participating in school athletic competitions or other extracurricular activities specifically designated for persons of the opposite sex. "Social transition" does not include chemical or surgical mutilation.

**Sec. 3.** *Ending Indoctrination Strategy.* (a) Within 90 days of the date of this order, to advise the President in formulating future policy, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall provide an Ending Indoctrination Strategy to the President, through the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, containing recommendations and a plan for:

(i) eliminating Federal funding or support for illegal and discriminatory treatment and indoctrination in K–12 schools, including based on gender ideology and discriminatory equity ideology; and

(ii) protecting parental rights, pursuant to FERPA, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and the PPRA, 20 U.S.C. 1232h, with respect to any K–12 policies or conduct implicated by the purpose and policy of this order.

(b) The Ending Indoctrination Strategy submitted under subsection (a) of this section shall contain a summary and analysis of the following:(i) All Federal funding sources and streams, including grants or contracts, that directly or indirectly support or subsidize the instruction, advancement, or promotion of gender ideology or discriminatory equity ideology:

(A) in K–12 curriculum, instruction, programs, or activities; or

(B) in K-12 teacher education, certification, licensing, employment, or training;

(ii) Each agency's process to prevent or rescind Federal funds, to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law, from being used by an ESA, SEA, LEA, elementary school, or secondary school to directly or indirectly support or subsidize the instruction, advancement, or promotion of gender ideology or discriminatory equity ideology in:

(A) K-12 curriculum, instruction, programs, or activities; or

(B) K–12 teacher certification, licensing, employment, or training;

(iii) Each agency's process to prevent or rescind Federal funds, to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law, from being used by an ESA, SEA, LEA, elementary school, or secondary school to directly or indirectly support or subsidize the social transition of a minor student, including through school staff or teachers or through deliberately concealing the minor's social transition from the minor's parents.

(iv) Each agency's process to prevent or rescind Federal funds, to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law, from being used by an ESA, SEA, LEA, elementary school, or secondary school to directly or indirectly support or subsidize:

(A) interference with a parent's Federal statutory right to information regarding school curriculum, records, physical examinations, surveys, and other matters under the PPRA or FERPA; or

(B) a violation of Title VI or Title IX; and

(v) A summary and analysis of all relevant agency enforcement tools to advance the policies of this order.

(c) The Attorney General shall coordinate with State attorneys general and local district attorneys in their efforts to enforce the law and file appropriate actions against K-12 teachers and school officials who violate the law by:

(i) sexually exploiting minors;

(ii) unlawfully practicing medicine by offering diagnoses and treatment without the requisite license; or

(iii) otherwise unlawfully facilitating the social transition of a minor student.

(d) The Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy shall regularly convene the heads of the agencies tasked with submitting the Ending Indoctrination Strategy under subsection (a) of this section to confer regarding their findings, areas for additional investigation, the modification or implementation of their respective recommendations, and such other policy initiatives or matters as the President may direct.

**Sec. 4**. Reestablishing the President's Advisory 1776 Commission and Promoting Patriotic Education. (a) The President's Advisory 1776 Commission ("1776 Commission"), which was created by Executive Order 13958 of November 2, 2020, to promote patriotic education, but was terminated by President Biden in Executive Order 13985 of January 20, 2021, is hereby reestablished. The purpose of the 1776 Commission is to promote patriotic education and advance the purposes stated in section 1 of Executive Order 13958, as well as to advise and promote the work of the White House Task Force on Celebrating America's 250th Birthday ("Task Force 250") and the United States Semiquincentennial Commission in their efforts to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence on July 4, 2026.

(b) Within 120 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Education shall establish the 1776 Commission in the Department of Education.

(c) The 1776 Commission shall be composed of not more than 20 members, who shall be appointed by the President for a term of 2 years. The 1776 Commission shall be made up of individuals from outside the Federal Government with relevant experience or subject-matter expertise.

(d) The 1776 Commission shall have a Chair or Co-Chairs, at the President's discretion, and a Vice Chair, who shall be designated by the President from among the Commission's members. An Executive Director, designated by the Secretary of Education in consultation with the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, shall coordinate the work of the 1776 Commission. The Chair (or Co-Chairs) and Vice Chair shall work with the Executive Director to convene regular meetings of the 1776 Commission, determine its agenda, and direct its work, consistent with this order.

(e) The 1776 Commission shall:

(i) facilitate the development and implementation of a "Presidential 1776 Award" to recognize student knowledge of the American founding, including knowledge about the Founders, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitutional Convention, and the great soldiers and battles of the American Revolutionary War;

(ii) in coordination with the White House Office of Public Liaison, coordinate bi-weekly lectures regarding the 250th anniversary of American Independence that are grounded in patriotic education principles, which shall be broadcast to the Nation throughout calendar year 2026;

(iii) upon request, advise executive departments and agencies regarding their efforts to ensure patriotic education is appropriately provided to the public at national parks, battlefields, monuments, museums, installations, landmarks, cemeteries, and other places important to the American founding and American history, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law;

(iv) upon request, offer advice and recommendations to, and support the work of Task Force 250 and the United States Semiquincentennial Commission regarding their plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of American Independence; and

(v) facilitate, advise upon, and promote private and civic activities nationwide to increase public knowledge of and support patriotic education surrounding the 250th anniversary of American Independence, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

(f) The Department of Education shall provide funding and administrative support for the 1776 Commission, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(g) Members of the 1776 Commission shall serve without compensation but, as approved by the Department of Education, shall be reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in the Government service (5 U.S.C. 5701-5707).

(h) Insofar as chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act), may apply to the 1776 Commission, any functions of the President under that Act, except that of reporting to the Congress, shall be performed by the Secretary of Education, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Administrator of General Services.

(i) The 1776 Commission shall terminate 2 years from the date of this order, unless extended by the President.

Sec. 5. Additional Patriotic Education Measures. (a) All relevant agencies shall monitor compliance with section 111(b) of title I of Division J of

Public Law 108–447, which provides that "[e]ach educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution," including by verifying compliance with each educational institution that receives Federal funds. All relevant agencies shall take action, as appropriate, to enhance compliance with that law.

(b) All relevant agencies shall prioritize Federal resources, consistent with applicable law, to promote patriotic education, including through the following programs:

(i) the Department of Education's American History and Civics Academies and American History and Civics Education-National Activities programs;

(ii) the Department of Defense's National Defense Education Program and Pilot Program on Enhanced Civics Education; and

(iii) the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and Fulbright, U.S. Speaker, and International Visitor Leadership programs, as well as the American Spaces network.

**Sec. 6**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 29, 2025.

# **Presidential Documents**

# Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and to improve the education, wellbeing, and future success of America's most prized resource, her young citizens, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1.** *Purpose.* Parents want and deserve the best education for their children. But too many children do not thrive in their assigned, government-run K–12 school. According to this year's National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 70 percent of 8th graders were below proficient in reading, and 72 percent were below proficient in math. Moreover, geographically based school assignments exacerbate the cost of housing in districts with preferred schools, straining the finances of millions of American families sacrificing for their children's futures.

When our public education system fails such a large segment of society, it hinders our national competitiveness and devastates families and communities. For this reason, more than a dozen States have enacted universal K-12 scholarship programs, allowing families—rather than the government to choose the best educational setting for their children. These States have highlighted the most promising avenue for education reform: educational choice for families and competition for residentially assigned, governmentrun public schools. The growing body of rigorous research demonstrates that well-designed education-freedom programs improve student achievement and cause nearby public schools to improve their performance.

Sec. 2. *Policy.* It is the policy of my Administration to support parents in choosing and directing the upbringing and education of their children.

**Sec. 3**. Guidance on Supporting State-based K-12 Educational Choice. Within 60 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Education shall issue guidance regarding how States can use Federal formula funds to support K-12 educational choice initiatives.

**Sec. 4**. Encouraging Education Freedom through Discretionary Grant Programs. (a) The Secretary of Education shall include education freedom as a priority in discretionary grant programs, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

(b) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education shall review their respective discretionary grant programs and each submit a plan to the President, through the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, that identifies, evaluates, and makes recommendations regarding using relevant discretionary grant programs to expand education freedom for America's families and teachers.

**Sec. 5**. *Expanding Opportunities for Low-Income, Working Families.* Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall issue guidance regarding whether and how States receiving block grants for families and children from the Department, including the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDGB), can use them to expand educational choice and support families who choose educational alternatives to governmental entities, including private and faith-based options.

Sec. 6. *Helping Military Families*. Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Defense shall review any available mechanisms under which

military-connected families may use funds from the Department of Defense to attend schools of their choice, including private, faith-based, or public charter schools, and submit a plan to the President describing such mechanisms and the steps that would be necessary to implement them beginning in the 2025–26 school year.

**Sec. 7.** Helping Children Eligible for Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Schools. Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of the Interior shall review any available mechanisms under which families of students eligible to attend BIE schools may use their Federal funding for educational options of their choice, including private, faith-based, or public charter schools, and submit a plan to the President describing such mechanisms and the steps that would be necessary to implement them for the 2025–26 school year. The Secretary shall report on the current performance of BIE schools and identify educational options in nearby areas.

**Sec. 8**. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, January 29, 2025.

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