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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

7 CFR Part 457

[Docket No. FCIC-13-0002]

RIN 0563-AC41

Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Extra Long Staple Cotton Crop Provisions

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) finalizes amendments made to the Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Extra Long Staple Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions to make the Extra Long Staple (ELS) Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions consistent with the Upland Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions and to allow a late planting period. The intended effect of this action is to provide policy changes to better meet the needs of the producers. The changes will be effective for the 2014 and succeeding crop years.

DATES: This rule is effective November 26, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Hoffmann, Director, Product Administration and Standards Division, Risk Management Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Beacon Facility, Stop 0812, Room 421, P.O. Box 419205, Kansas City, MO 64141-6205, telephone (816) 926-7730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that this rule is not-significant for the purpose of Executive Order 12866 and, therefore, it has not been reviewed by OMB.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

Pursuant to the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the collections of information in this rule have been approved by OMB under control number 0563-0053.

E-Government Act Compliance

FCIC is committed to complying with the E-Government Act of 2002, to promote the use of the Internet and other information technologies to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. This rule contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of title II of the UMRA) for State, local, and tribal governments or the private sector. Therefore, this rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of UMRA.

Executive Order 13132

It has been determined under section 1(a) of Executive Order 13132, Federalism, that this rule does not have sufficient implications to warrant consultation with the States. The provisions contained in this rule will not have a substantial direct effect on States, or on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

Executive Order 13175

This rule has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. The review reveals that this regulation will not have substantial and direct effects on Tribal governments and will not have significant Tribal implications.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

FCIC certifies that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small

entities. Program requirements for the Federal crop insurance program are the same for all producers regardless of the size of their farming operation. For instance, all producers are required to submit an application and acreage report to establish their insurance guarantees and compute premium amounts, and all producers are required to submit a notice of loss and production information to determine the amount of an indemnity payment in the event of an insured cause of crop loss. Whether a producer has 10 acres or 1000 acres, there is no difference in the kind of information collected. To ensure crop insurance is available to small entities, the Federal Crop Insurance Act authorizes FCIC to waive collection of administrative fees from limited resource farmers. FCIC believes this waiver helps to ensure that small entities are given the same opportunities as large entities to manage their risks through the use of crop insurance. A Regulatory Flexibility Analysis has not been prepared since this regulation does not have an impact on small entities, and therefore, this regulation is exempt from the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605).

Federal Assistance Program

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.450.

Executive Order 12372

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which require intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. See the Notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115, June 24, 1983.

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12988 on civil justice reform. The provisions of this rule will not have a retroactive effect. The provisions of this rule will preempt State and local laws to the extent such State and local laws are inconsistent herewith. With respect to any direct action taken by FCIC or action by FCIC to require the insurance provider to take specific action under the terms of the crop insurance policy, the administrative appeal provisions published at 7 CFR part 11 must be exhausted before any action against FCIC for judicial review may be brought.

Environmental Evaluation

This action is not expected to have a significant economic impact on the quality of the human environment, health, or safety. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Background

This rule finalizes changes to the Common Crop Insurance Regulations (7 CFR part 457), Extra Long Staple Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions (7 CFR 457.105) that were published by FCIC on July 05, 2013, as a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** 78 FR 47214. The public was afforded 30 days to submit comments after the regulation was published in the **Federal Register**.

A total of 18 comments were received from 4 commenters. The commenters were two insurance providers, an insurance service organization, and a producer organization.

The public comments received regarding the proposed rule and FCIC's responses to the comments are as follows:

General

Comment: A commenter stated they support the proposed regulation.

Response: FCIC thanks the commenter for their review of the proposed rule and their support.

Section 9—Duties in the Event of Loss or Damage

Comment: Several commenters asked if it was intentional to reverse the heading from “. . . Damage or Loss”, to “. . . Loss or Damage”, and if so, why, since section 9(a) retains the phrase “damage or loss”.

Response: The change was unintentional. FCIC agrees and has changed the heading to “Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss”.

Comment: Several commenters questioned the need for the provision which requires stalks to be left to allow for a visual inspection. Commenters realized that the proposed language in this section is identical to the language in the Cotton Crop Provisions with regard to leaving the stalks so a stalk inspection can be made. However, commenters requested whether consideration should be given that with modern harvesting equipment, the requirement to visually inspect the crop to make sure the stalk was cleanly harvested is not much of an issue anymore. Commenters stated that various university extension agencies recommend cotton stalks be destroyed as soon as possible after the crop has

been harvested. Commenters believe the provision is unnecessary and difficult to administer. If the ELS Cotton Crop Provisions does change, they request the Cotton Crop Provisions make the same change.

Response: FCIC believes the ability to do a stalk inspection is important for purposes of program integrity. During large claim reviews, FCIC found multiple units with no discernible break between the irrigated and non-irrigated units, and sometimes found planting and harvesting continuing across unit lines, which results the acreage not qualifying for optional units. Without a stalk inspection, it may not have been possible to identify these discrepancies. Also, if a stalk inspection shows the insured did not completely harvest the field, then the production left in the field is considered production from an uninsurable cause of loss. FCIC has reviewed the stock inspection procedure and found stalk inspections are still an important part of the cotton crop insurance program to reduce possible abuse in the program. Loss adjusters are given flexibility to give written consent to the insured to destroy stalks without a stalk inspection on a case-by-case basis. No change has been made in the final rule.

Comment: Several commenters suggested deleting the phrase “. . . and required samples must not be harvested, . . .” in section 9(a)(2) because that is covered in the Basic Provisions. One commenter agreed with the phrase.

Response: FCIC disagrees with removing the phrase. The provision applies to both stalk inspections and samples, which are two separate issues because the stalk inspection is post-harvest and the samples left for quality adjustment are pre-harvest. Removing the language pertaining to samples will likely increase confusion because it will be unclear if the policy provisions pertain to stalk inspections or samples. This cotton provision applies to stalks and samples, where the section in the Basic Provisions only applies to samples. Leaving the language for both stalk inspections and samples in the same provision as proposed makes loss procedures easier to understand. No change has been made in the final rule.

Section 11—Late Planting

Comment: Several commenters are concerned with placing the late planting period in the Special Provisions. Commenters are unsure where this provision will apply, what the reduction will be and how long the late planting period will be. They requested FCIC publish this type of information in the proposed and final rule.

Response: The determination of where and how late planting will be applied is meant to be tailored regionally, as it may not be appropriate to include a late planting period in all areas where ELS cotton crop insurance is available. Placing the late planting period availability in the Special Provisions provides FCIC the flexibility to add a late planting period in areas where it may be deemed appropriate. FCIC will use the Cooperative Extension System or other industry experts to determine if a late planting period may be deemed appropriate and actuarially sound. No change has been made in the final rule.

Comment: Several commenters asked how they will know if the late planting period is different than shown in the table for crops in the Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH).

Response: The option for providing a late planting period will be specified in the Special Provisions, which are a part of the insurance contract and provided to insureds annually. The CIH also includes a footnote saying “Crop Provisions may indicate a different percentage coverage reduction and/or the Crop Provisions or Special Provisions may modify the number of days contained in the late planting period.” Other crops already alter late planting periods and coverage through the Special Provisions. No change has been made in the final rule.

Section 12—Prevented Planting

Comment: Several commenters requested changes to the prevented planting language, but understood it could not be changed until another proposed rule.

Response: FCIC agrees this was not proposed and a change cannot be made at this time.

Good cause is shown to make this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Good cause to make a rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** exists when the 30-day delay in the effective date is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.

With respect to the provisions of this final rule, it would be contrary to the public interest to delay its implementation because public interest is served by implementing the ELS Cotton Provisions because it enhances coverage and increases program integrity because it: (1) Adds a late planting period, for areas determined to be applicable, for ELS cotton by Special Provision; and (2) clarifies stalk inspection and claims to make it the same as Cotton Crop Provisions.

Delaying the implementation of these provisions, which make a sounder, more stable program, would be contrary to the public interest.

If FCIC is required to delay the implementation of this rule until 30 days after the date of publication, the provisions of this rule could not be implemented until the 2015 crop year for those crops having a contract change date prior to the effective date of this publication.

For the reasons stated above, good cause exists to make these policy changes effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 457

Crop insurance, Extra long staple cotton, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Final Rule

Accordingly, as set forth in the preamble, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation amends 7 CFR part 457 effective for the 2014 and succeeding crop years as follows:

PART 457—COMMON CROP INSURANCE REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 457 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1506(1), 1506(o).

■ 2. Amend § 457.105 as follows:

■ a. Amend the introductory text by removing “2012” and adding “2014” in its place;

■ b. Revise section 9; and

■ c. Revise section 11.

The revisions read as follows:

§ 457.105 Extra long staple cotton crop insurance provisions.

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9. Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss.

(a) In addition to your duties under section 14 of the Basic Provisions, in the event of damage or loss:

(1) You must give us notice if you intend to replant any acreage originally planted to ELS cotton to AUP cotton.

(2) The cotton stalks must remain intact for our inspection. The stalks must not be destroyed, and required samples must not be harvested, until the earlier of our inspection or 15 days after harvest of the balance of the unit is completed and written notice of probable loss is given to us.

(b) Representative samples are required in accordance with section 14 of the Basic Provisions.

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11. Late Planting.

(a) A late planting period is applicable to ELS cotton, if allowed by the Special Provisions.

(b) If the Special Provisions do not provide for a late planting period, any ELS cotton that is planted after the final planting date will not be insured unless you were prevented from planting it by the final planting date. Such acreage will be insurable, and the production guarantee and premium for the acreage will be determined in accordance with section 16 of the Basic Provisions.

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Signed in Washington, DC, on November 21, 2013.

Brandon Willis,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2013-0750; Directorate Identifier 2013-NE-25-AD; Amendment 39-17672; AD 2013-23-17]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-535E4-37, -535E4-B-37, -535E4-C-37, RB211Trent 768-60, 772-60, and 772B-60 turbofan engines. This AD requires removal of certain high-pressure (HP) and intermediate-pressure (IP) turbine discs before their accumulated cyclic lives have reached the revised limits. This AD was prompted by a report of an HP disc contaminated with a steel inclusion. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the HP or IP turbine disc, uncontained engine failure, and damage to the airplane.

DATES: This AD becomes effective December 11, 2013.

We must receive comments on this AD by January 10, 2014.

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

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- **Mail:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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

- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Rolls-Royce plc, Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, UK; phone: 44-0-1332-242424; fax: 44-0-1332-249936; email: http://www.rolls-royce.com/contact/civil_team.jsp. You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781-238-7125.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (phone: 800-647-5527) is the same as the Mail address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick Zink, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781-238-7779; fax: 781-238-7199; email: frederick.zink@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA AD 2013-0155, dated July 18, 2013 (referred to herein after as “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

During a recent inspection of a high pressure (HP) turbine disc forged by a specific supplier, the disc was found to be contaminated with a steel inclusion, due to an inadequate cleaning procedure in the operation of the melt furnace, following a steel melt. Analysis of melt and inspection data concluded that all discs manufactured from the batch of material in which this steel inclusion was found, had a significant risk of containing steel inclusions. Rolls-Royce has carried out an analysis of the effect of the

steel inclusions on the Declared Safe Cyclic Lives (DSCL) of the affected HP and intermediate pressure (IP) turbine discs. This analysis concluded that the currently published DSCL cannot be supported for several discs containing the subject inclusions.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to an uncontained HP or IP turbine disc failure, possibly resulting in damage to, and reduced control of, the aeroplane.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires removal from service of certain HP and IP turbine discs before their accumulated cyclic lives have reached the revised limits.

You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating it in Docket No. FAA-2013-0750.

FAA's Determination and Requirements of This AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of the United Kingdom and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the European Community, EASA has notified us of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are issuing this AD because we evaluated all information provided by EASA and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

FAA's Determination of the Effective Date

An unsafe condition exists that requires the immediate adoption of this AD. The FAA has found that the risk to the flying public justifies waiving notice and comment prior to adoption of this rule. Therefore, we determined that notice and opportunity for public comment before issuing this AD are impracticable and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in fewer than 30 days.

Comments Invited

This AD is a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety, and we did not precede it by notice and opportunity for public comment. We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2013-0750; Directorate Identifier 2013-NE-25-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the

overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this AD. Using the search function of the Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including, if provided, the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect 20 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it will take about 0 hours per engine to comply with this AD. The average labor rate is \$85 per hour. Required parts will cost about \$4,000 per engine. Based on these figures, we estimate the total cost of this AD to U.S. operators is \$80,000.

Authority for This Rulemaking

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

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

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on

the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979),
- (3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska to the extent that it justifies making a regulatory distinction, and
- (4) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD docket.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

Adoption of the Amendment

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

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

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

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

§ 39.13 [Amended]

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

2013-23-17 Rolls-Royce plc: Amendment 39-17672; Docket No. FAA-2013-0750; Directorate Identifier 2013-NE-25-AD.

(a) Effective Date

This AD is effective December 11, 2013.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-535E4-37, -535E4-B-37, -535E4-C-37, RB211 Trent 768-60, 772-60, and 772B-60 turbofan engines with turbine disc part numbers (P/Ns) and serial numbers (S/Ns) listed in Table 1 to paragraph (c) of this AD.

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (C)—NEW REDUCED CYCLIC LIFE LIMITS FOR HIGH-PRESSURE (HP)/INTERMEDIATE-PRESSURE (IP) TURBINE DISCS

Engine	P/Ns	S/Ns	New reduced cyclic life limit	
RB211–535E4–37, –535E4–B–37, –535E4–C–37	UL39767	LDR CZ19900	11,400 flight cycles (FCs).	
	UL39767	LDR CZ19903.		
RB211 Trent 768–60, 772–60, and 772B–60	UL39767	LDR CZ19904.	8,687 FCs.	
	FK26893	LDR CZ19901		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20081.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20082.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20084.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20088.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20089.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20090.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20093.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20094.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20097.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20099.		
	FK26893	LDR CZ20100.		
	FK20795 or FW53118	LDREB12176		9,270 FCs.
	FK20795 or FW53118	LDREB12177.		
FK20795 or FW53118	LDREB12178.			
FK20795 or FW53118	LDREB12179.			
FK20795 or FW53118	LDREB12180.			

(d) Reason

This AD was prompted by a report of an HP disc contaminated with a steel inclusion. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the HP or IP turbine disc, uncontained engine failure, and damage to the airplane.

(e) Actions and Compliance

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

(1) Remove from service, within 30 days, any HP or IP disc identified in Table 1 to paragraph (c) of this AD that has exceeded the new cyclic life limit, or before the disc accumulates flight cycles that equal the new reduced cyclic life limit listed in Table 1 to paragraph (c) of this AD, whichever is later.

(2) Do not approve for return to service any engine with any installed HP or IP turbine disc listed in Table 1 to paragraph (c) of this AD, if the disc exceeds the new reduced cyclic life limit listed in Table 1 to paragraph (c) of this AD.

(f) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, Engine Certification Office, may approve AMOCs for this AD. Use the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19 to make your request.

(g) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Frederick Zink, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781–238–7779; fax: 781–238–7199; email: frederick.zink@faa.gov.

(2) Refer to MCAI European Aviation Safety Agency AD 2012–0155, dated July 18, 2013. You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating it in Docket No. FAA–2013–0750.

(3) Rolls-Royce plc, Alert Non-Modification Service Bulletin No. RB.211–72–AH215, dated December 6, 2012 and RB.211–72–AH152, Revision 1, dated July 3, 2013, which are not incorporated by reference in this AD, can be obtained from RR using the contact information in paragraph (g)(4) of this AD.

(4) For service information identified in this AD, contact Rolls-Royce plc, Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, UK; phone: 44–0–1332–242424; fax: 44–0–1332–249936; email: http://www.rolls-royce.com/contact/civil_team.jsp.

(5) You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7125.

(h) Material Incorporated by Reference

None.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on November 8, 2013.

Colleen M. D’Alessandro,

Assistant Directorate Manager, Engine & Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2013–0880; Directorate Identifier 2013–NE–28–AD; Amendment 39–17667; AD 2013–23–12]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211 Trent 553–61, 553A2–61, 556–61, 556A2–61, 556B–61, 556B2–61, 560–61, and 560A2–61 turbofan engines. This AD requires replacement or repair of the low-pressure (LP) compressor fan blade set before reaching a specified number of flight cycles since new (FCSN) or flight cycles since last leading edge profile blade repair (FCSLR). This AD was prompted by reports of erosion of the leading edge profile of the LP compressor blade set contributing to fan blade flutter. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the LP compressor blades, which could lead to an uncontained engine failure and damage to the airplane.

DATES: This AD becomes effective December 11, 2013.

We must receive comments on this AD by January 10, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Rolls-Royce plc, Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, UK; phone: 44-0-1332-242424; fax: 44-0-1332-249936; email: http://www.rolls-royce.com/contact/civil_team.jsp. You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781-238-7125.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (phone: 800-647-5527) is the same as the Mail address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frederick Zink, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781-238 7779; fax: 781-238 7199; email: frederick.zink@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive 2013-0214, dated September 16, 2013 (referred to herein after as “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

Erosion of the leading edge profile of Trent 500 engines’ low pressure (LP) compressor

blades is proven to contribute to fan flutter, a risk that is mitigated by regular restoration of the leading edge of these blades. Recently, Rolls-Royce has conducted a review regarding the in-service restoration of the leading edge profile of LP compressor blades. The results of this review concluded that not all LP compressor blades have been restored as intended.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to fan flutter, LP compressor blade cracking and uncontained LP compressor blade failures, possibly resulting in damage to, and reduced control of, the aeroplane.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires initial and repetitive leading edge restoration of the LP compressor blades.

You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating it in Docket No. FAA-2013-0880.

Relevant Service Information

RR has issued Alert Non-Modification Service Bulletin No. RB.211-72-AH149, Revision 1, dated May 3, 2013 and RB.211-72-H464, dated August 28, 2013. The actions described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI.

FAA’s Determination and Requirements of This AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of the United Kingdom and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the European Community, EASA has notified us of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are issuing this AD because we evaluated all information provided by EASA and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

FAA’s Determination of the Effective Date

No domestic operators use this product. Therefore, we find that notice and opportunity for prior public comment are unnecessary and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

Comments Invited

This AD is a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety, and we did not precede it by notice and opportunity for public comment. We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include “Docket No. FAA-2013-0880;

Directorate Identifier 2013-NE-28-AD” at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this AD. Using the search function of the Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including, if provided, the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD would affect 0 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 6 hours per engine to comply with this AD. The average labor rate is \$85 per hour. Based on these figures, we estimate the total cost of this AD to U.S. operators is \$0.

Authority for This Rulemaking

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

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

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States,

or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this AD:

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

(2) Is not a “significant rule” under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979),

(3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska to the extent that it justifies making a regulatory distinction, and

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

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD docket.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

Adoption of the Amendment

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

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

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

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

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

2013–23–12 Rolls-Royce plc: Amendment 39–17667; Docket No. FAA–2013–0880; Directorate Identifier 2013–NE–28–AD.

(a) Effective Date

This AD is effective December 11, 2013.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211 Trent 553–61, 553A2–61, 556–61, 556A2–61, 556B–61, 556B2–61, 560–61, and 560A2–61 turbofan engines.

(d) Reason

This AD was prompted by reports of erosion of the leading edge profile of the low-pressure (LP) compressor blade set contributing to fan blade flutter. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the LP compressor blades, which could lead to an uncontained engine failure and damage to the airplane.

(e) Actions and Compliance

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

(1) If on the effective date of this AD, the LP compressor fan blades:

(i) Have less than 3,750 flight cycles since new (FCSN) or flight cycles since last leading edge profile blade repair (FCSLR), replace or repair the LP compressor fan blade set before accumulating 4,000 FCSN or FCSLR;

(ii) Have 3,750 or more FCSN or FCSLR, but less than 4,400 FCSN or FCSLR, replace or repair the LP compressor fan blade set within 250 flight cycles (FC), but not later than 4,500 FCSN or FCSLR;

(iii) Have 4,400 FCSN or FCSLR or more, replace or repair the LP compressor fan blade set within 100 FC; or

(iv) Have FCSN or FCSLR that are unknown, replace or repair the LP compressor fan blade set within 100 FC.

(2) Thereafter, replace or repair the LP compressor fan blade set within every 4,000 FCSN or FCSLR.

(f) Definition

LP compressor fan blades eligible for installation are:

(1) LP compressor fan blades with less than 4,000 FCSN; or

(2) LP compressor fan blades with less than 4,000 FCSLR, if LP compressor fan blades were repaired using RR Alert Non-Modification Service Bulletin No. RB.211–72–AH149, Revision 1, dated May 3, 2013 or earlier version or, for initial restoration only, RB.211–72–H464, dated August 28, 2013.

(g) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, may approve AMOCs to this AD. Use the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19 to make your request.

(h) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Frederick Zink, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781–238–7779; fax: 781–238–7199; email: frederick.zink@faa.gov.

(2) Refer to MCAI European Aviation Safety Agency, AD 2013–0214, dated September 16, 2013, for more information. You may examine the MCAI in this AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating it in Docket No. FAA–2013–0880.

(3) Rolls-Royce plc Alert Non-Modification Service Bulletin No. RB.211–72–AH149, Revision 1, dated May 3, 2013 and RB.211–72–H464, dated August 28, 2013, which are not incorporated by reference in this AD, can be obtained from RR, using the contact information in paragraph (h)(4) of this AD.

(4) For service information identified in this AD, contact Rolls-Royce plc, Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 8BJ, UK; phone: 44–0–1332–242424; fax: 44–0–1332–249936; email: http://www.rolls-royce.com/contact/civil_team.jsp.

(5) You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate,

12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7125.

(i) Material Incorporated by Reference

None.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on November 8, 2013.

Colleen M. D’Alessandro,

Assistant Directorate Manager, Engine & Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 30930; Amdt. No. 3565]

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 revokes 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 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 November 26, 2013. 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 November 26, 2013.

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

For Examination—

1. FAA Rules Docket, FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591;

2. The FAA Regional Office of the region in which the affected airport is located;

3. The National Flight Procedures Office, 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, call 202-741-6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

Availability—All SIAPs are available online free of charge. Visit nfdc.faa.gov to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from:

1. FAA Public Inquiry Center (APA-200), FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; or

2. The FAA Regional Office of the region in which the affected airport is located.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard A. Dunham III, Flight Procedure Standards Branch (AFS-420) Flight Technologies and Programs Division, Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 (Mail Address: P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125) telephone: (405) 954-4164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This rule amends Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97 (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 (FDC)/Permanent Notice to Airmen (P-NOTAM), and is incorporated by reference in the amendment under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and § 97.20 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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, airmen 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 in FAA form documents is unnecessary. This amendment provides the affected CFR sections and specifies the types of SIAP and the corresponding effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure and the amendment number.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP as amended in the transmittal. For safety and timeliness of change considerations, this amendment incorporates only specific changes contained for each SIAP as modified by FDC/P-NOTAMs.

The SIAPs, as modified by FDC P-NOTAM, and contained in this amendment are based on the criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS). In developing these changes to SIAPs, 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 which created the need for all these SIAP amendments requires making them effective in less than 30 days.

Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure before adopting these SIAPs are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, that good cause exists for making these SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

Conclusion

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, and Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 8, 2013.

John Duncan,

Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, 14 CFR part 97, is amended by amending Standard Instrument Approach 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(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

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

§§ 97.23, 97.25, 97.27, 97.29, 97.31, 97.33 and 97.35 [Amended]

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	Subject
12/12/13	WA	Everett	Snohomish County (Paine Fld).	3/5409	10/15/13	This NOTAM, published in TL 13-25, is hereby rescinded in its entirety.
12/12/13	AK	Venetie	Venetie	3/5254	10/15/13	This NOTAM, published in TL 13-25, is hereby rescinded in its entirety.
12/12/13	FL	Fernandina Beach	Fernandina Beach Muni ...	3/0475	11/5/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 22, Amdt 1.
12/12/13	MN	Bigfork	Bigfork Muni	3/1279	11/4/13	NDB RWY 15, Orig.
12/12/13	MN	Bigfork	Bigfork Muni	3/1280	11/4/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 15, Orig.
12/12/13	MN	Bigfork	Bigfork Muni	3/1281	11/4/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 33, Orig.

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Subject
12/12/13	OK	Tulsa	Tulsa Intl	3/1334	11/4/13	VOR OR TACAN RWY 26, Amdt 24B.
12/12/13	CT	Hartford	Hartford-Brainard	3/2461	11/4/13	LDA RWY 2, Amdt 2.
12/12/13	CT	Hartford	Hartford-Brainard	3/2462	11/4/13	VOR A, Amdt 10.
12/12/13	CT	Hartford	Hartford-Brainard	3/2463	11/4/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 2, Orig.
12/12/13	MA	Vineyard Haven	Marthas Vineyard	3/5342	11/1/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 24, Amdt 2A.
12/12/13	MS	Madison	Bruce Campbell Field	3/5363	11/4/13	VOR/DME RWY 17, Orig.
12/12/13	NY	Akron	Akron	3/5376	11/4/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 25, Amdt 2.
12/12/13	NY	Akron	Akron	3/5380	11/4/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 7, Amdt 2.
12/12/13	AL	Mobile	Mobile Downtown	3/5640	11/1/13	VOR RWY 32, Amdt 11B.
12/12/13	GA	Montezuma	Dr. C P Savage Sr.	3/5670	11/4/13	NDB RWY 18, Amdt 2.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/6022	11/1/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 28C, Orig.
12/12/13	OH	Cambridge	Cambridge Muni	3/7336	11/4/13	LOC/DME RWY 22, Amdt 1.
12/12/13	IN	Muncie	Delaware County Rgnl	3/7346	11/1/13	Takeoff Minimums and (Obstacle) DP, Amdt 4.
12/12/13	TN	Elizabethton	Elizabethton Muni	3/7362	11/1/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 6, Orig.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7522	11/1/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 27R, Amdt 2.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7523	11/1/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 27L, Amdt 3.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7524	11/1/13	ILS OR LOC RWY 27L, ILS RWY 27L (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 27L (CAT II), ILS RWY 27L (CAT III), Amdt 29.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7526	11/1/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 9L, Amdt 2.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7528	11/1/13	ILS OR LOC RWY 9L, ILS RWY 9L (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 9L (CAT II), ILS RWY 9L (CAT III), Amdt 2.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7529	11/1/13	ILS OR LOC RWY 27R, ILS RWY 27R (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 27R (CAT II), ILS RWY 27R (CAT III), Amdt 2.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7533	11/1/13	ILS OR LOC RWY 9R, Amdt 10.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7534	11/1/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 9R, Amdt 3.
12/12/13	MO	St Louis	Lambert-St Louis Intl	3/7538	11/4/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 24, Amdt 1.
12/12/13	NY	New York	La Guardia	3/7695	11/5/13	ILS OR LOC RWY 4, Amdt 36.
12/12/13	NY	Jamestown	Chautauqua County/Jamestown.	3/7771	11/5/13	VOR RWY 25, Amdt 8.
12/12/13	NY	Jamestown	Chautauqua County/Jamestown.	3/7784	11/5/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Orig.
12/12/13	NY	Jamestown	Chautauqua County/Jamestown.	3/7789	11/5/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 31, Orig.
12/12/13	NY	Jamestown	Chautauqua County/Jamestown.	3/7791	11/5/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 7, Amdt 1.
12/12/13	NY	Jamestown	Chautauqua County/Jamestown.	3/7792	11/5/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 25, Amdt 1A.
12/12/13	NY	Jamestown	Chautauqua County/Jamestown.	3/7793	11/5/13	ILS OR LOC RWY 25, Amdt 7.
12/12/13	IL	Chicago	Chicago O'Hare Intl	3/7881	11/1/13	ILS OR LOC RWY 10C, ILS RWY 10C (SA CAT I), ILS RWY 10C (CAT II), ILS RWY 10C (CAT III), Orig.
12/12/13	NY	New York	La Guardia	3/8174	11/5/13	VOR RWY 4, Amdt 3A.
12/12/13	AK	Northway	Northway	3/8262	11/5/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Orig.
12/12/13	FL	Lake City	Lake City Gateway	3/8321	11/4/13	Takeoff Minimums and (Obstacle) DP, Orig.
12/12/13	FL	Homestead	Homestead General Aviation.	3/8440	11/4/13	Takeoff Minimums and (Obstacle) DP, Orig.
12/12/13	SC	Charleston	Charleston AFB/Intl	3/9133	11/4/13	ILS OR LOC/DME RWY 33, Amdt 8.
12/12/13	IA	Creston	Creston Muni	3/9469	11/4/13	NDB RWY 34, Amdt 2.
12/12/13	MI	Bay City	James Clements Muni	3/9533	11/4/13	VOR A, Amdt 12.
12/12/13	MI	Bay City	James Clements Muni	3/9534	11/4/13	RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Orig-A.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 97**

[Docket No. 30929; Amdt. No. 3564]

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 revokes 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 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 November 26, 2013. 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 November 26, 2013.

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

For Examination—

1. FAA Rules Docket, FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591;

2. The FAA Regional Office of the region in which the affected airport is located;

3. The National Flight Procedures Office, 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, call 202-741-6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/>

federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

Availability—All SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs are available online free of charge. Visit <http://www.nfdc.faa.gov> to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from:

1. FAA Public Inquiry Center (APA-200), FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; or

2. The FAA Regional Office of the region in which the affected airport is located.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard A. Dunham III, Flight Procedure Standards Branch (AFS-420), Flight Technologies and Programs Divisions, Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 (Mail Address: P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125) Telephone: (405) 954-4164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This rule amends Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97 (14 CFR part 97), by establishing, amending, suspending, or revoking SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and/or ODPS. The complete regulators 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 FAA Forms 8260-3, 8260-4, 8260-5, 8260-15A, and 8260-15B when required by an entry on 8260-15A.

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

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP, Takeoff Minimums and ODP as contained 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 Airmen (NOTAM) as an emergency action of immediate flight safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts. The circumstances which 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 procedures before adopting these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPS are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, that good cause exists for making some SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

Conclusion

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, and Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC on November 8, 2013.

John Duncan,

Director, Flight Standards Service.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97 (14 CFR part 97) is amended by establishing, amending, suspending, or revoking Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and/or Takeoff Minimums and/or Obstacle Departure Procedures effective at 0902 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(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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Fort Yukon, AK, Fort Yukon, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2
 Koliganek, AK, Koliganek, RNAV (GPS) RWY 27, Orig-A
 Petersburg, AK, Petersburg James A Johnson, RNAV (GPS)-B, Amdt 1A
 White Mountain, AK, White Mountain, RNAV (GPS) RWY 15, Orig
 White Mountain, AK, White Mountain, RNAV (GPS) RWY 33, Orig
 White Mountain, AK, White Mountain, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Orig
 Huntsville, AL, Madison County Executive/ Tom Sharp Jr Fld, ILS OR LOC/DME RWY 18, Amdt 1
 Huntsville, AL, Madison County Executive/ Tom Sharp Jr Fld, RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Amdt 2
 Huntsville, AL, Madison County Executive/ Tom Sharp Jr Fld, RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Amdt 1
 Huntsville, AL, Madison County Executive/ Tom Sharp Jr Fld, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 4
 Huntsville, AL, Madison County Executive/ Tom Sharp Jr Fld, VOR/DME-B, Amdt 7
 Fort Huachuca Sierra Vista, AZ, Sierra Vista Muni-Libby AAF, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 3
 Oakland, CA, Metropolitan Oakland Intl, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 28R, Amdt 2A
 San Diego, CA, San Diego Intl, LOC RWY 27, Amdt 5
 San Diego, CA, San Diego Intl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 27, Amdt 3
 Buena Vista, CO, Central Colorado Rgnl, GPS RWY 33, Orig, CANCELED
 Buena Vista, CO, Central Colorado Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 33, Orig
 Eagle, CO, Eagle County Rgnl, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 8
 Trinidad, CO, Perry Stokes, NDB-A, Amdt 3
 Trinidad, CO, Perry Stokes, RNAV (GPS) RWY 3, Amdt 1

Trinidad, CO, Perry Stokes, RNAV (GPS)-B, Amdt 1
 Trinidad, CO, Perry Stokes, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 4
 Lakeland, FL, Lakeland Linder Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 9, Amdt 2
 Lakeland, FL, Lakeland Linder Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 27, Amdt 2
 Live Oak, FL, Suwannee County, RNAV (GPS) RWY 7, Orig
 Live Oak, FL, Suwannee County, RNAV (GPS) RWY 25, Orig
 Live Oak, FL, Suwannee County, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Orig
 Miami, FL, Dade-Collier Training and Transition, ILS OR LOC RWY 9, Amdt 15
 Miami, FL, Dade-Collier Training and Transition, NDB RWY 9, Amdt 14
 Miami, FL, Dade-Collier Training and Transition, RNAV (GPS) RWY 9, Orig
 Miami, FL, Miami Intl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 8L, Amdt 2
 Miami, FL, Miami Intl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 26R, Amdt 2
 Umatilla, FL, Umatilla Muni, RNAV (GPS) RWY 1, Orig
 Umatilla, FL, Umatilla Muni, RNAV (GPS) RWY 19, Orig
 Umatilla, FL, Umatilla Muni, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Orig
 Atlanta, GA, Hartsfield—Jackson Atlanta Intl, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 8L, Amdt 1B
 Atlanta, GA, Hartsfield—Jackson Atlanta Intl, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 28, Amdt 2B
 Calhoun, GA, Tom B. David Fld, LOC RWY 35, Amdt 1A, CANCELED
 Calhoun, GA, Tom B. David Fld, LOC/NDB-A, Orig
 Calhoun, GA, Tom B. David Fld, RNAV (GPS) RWY 17, Amdt 1
 Calhoun, GA, Tom B. David Fld, RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Amdt 1
 Calhoun, GA, Tom B. David Fld, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 3
 Elberton, GA, Elbert County-Patz Field, RNAV (GPS) RWY 11, Amdt 1
 Elberton, GA, Elbert County-Patz Field, RNAV (GPS) RWY 29, Amdt 1
 Elberton, GA, Elbert County-Patz Field, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 1
 Elberton, GA, Elbert County-Patz Field, VOR/DME RWY 11, Amdt 4
 Sandersville, GA, Kaolin Field, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2
 Peoria, IL, Mount Hawley Auxiliary, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 3
 Winfield/Arkansas City, KS, Strother Field, ILS OR LOC RWY 35, Amdt 4A, CANCELED
 Pittsfield, ME, Pittsfield Muni, NDB RWY 36, Amdt 4C
 Pittsfield, ME, Pittsfield Muni, RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Orig-B
 Pittsfield, ME, Pittsfield Muni, RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Orig-B
 Three Rivers, MI, Three Rivers Muni Dr Haines, VOR-A, Amdt 10
 Traverse City, MI, Cherry Capital, ILS OR LOC RWY 28, Amdt 14
 Traverse City, MI, Cherry Capital, NDB RWY 28, Amdt 11
 Traverse City, MI, Cherry Capital, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 11
 Traverse City, MI, Cherry Capital, VOR-A, Amdt 21

Minneapolis, MN, Flying Cloud, RNAV (GPS) RWY 28R, Amdt 2
 St Joseph, MO, Rosecrans Memorial, RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Orig
 St Joseph, MO, Rosecrans Memorial, RNAV (GPS) RWY 17, Amdt 1
 St Joseph, MO, Rosecrans Memorial, RNAV (GPS) RWY 31, Orig
 St Joseph, MO, Rosecrans Memorial, RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, Amdt 2
 Jackson, MS, Hawkins Field, RNAV (GPS) RWY 16, Amdt 2
 Jackson, MS, Hawkins Field, RNAV (GPS) RWY 34, Amdt 2
 Olive Branch, MS, Olive Branch, ILS OR LOC RWY 18, Amdt 3
 Olive Branch, MS, Olive Branch, LOC/DME RWY 36, Amdt 1
 Olive Branch, MS, Olive Branch, RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Amdt 3
 Olive Branch, MS, Olive Branch, RNAV (GPS) RWY 36, Amdt 1
 Olive Branch, MS, Olive Branch, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 1
 Billings, MT, Billings Logan Intl, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 7
 Cut Bank, MT, Cut Bank Intl, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 1
 Shelby, MT, Shelby, RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Orig
 Shelby, MT, Shelby, RNAV (GPS) RWY 23, Amdt 2
 Chapel Hill, NC, Horace Williams, RNAV (GPS) RWY 9, Orig-A
 Chapel Hill, NC, Horace Williams, RNAV (GPS) RWY 27, Orig-A
 Chapel Hill, NC, Horace Williams, VOR/DME RWY 27, Amdt 1A
 Edenton, NC, Northeastern Rgnl, NDB RWY 19, Amdt 6, CANCELED
 Greensboro, NC, Piedmont Triad Intl, ILS OR LOC RWY 14, Amdt 18C, CANCELED
 Greensboro, NC, Piedmont Triad Intl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 32, Amdt 3
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, ILS OR LOC/DME RWY 31, Amdt 3
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 3, Amdt 2
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Amdt 1
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 21, Amdt 1
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, RNAV (GPS) RWY 31, Amdt 1
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, VOR RWY 13, Amdt 1
 Devils Lake, ND, Devils Lake Rgnl, VOR RWY 31, Amdt 1
 New York, NY, La Guardia, RNAV (GPS) RWY 13, Amdt 1A
 New York, NY, La Guardia, RNAV (GPS) RWY 31, Amdt 1B
 New York, NY, La Guardia, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 22, Amdt 2A
 New York, NY, La Guardia, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 22, Orig-C
 Niagara Falls, NY, Niagara Falls Intl, ILS Y OR LOC RWY 28R, Amdt 23
 Niagara Falls, NY, Niagara Falls Intl, ILS Z OR LOC/DME RWY 28R, Amdt 4
 Lancaster, OH, Fairfield County, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2
 Prineville, OR, Prineville, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2

Columbia/Mount Pleasant, TN, Maury County, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 3

Millington, TN, Millington Rgnl Jetport, RNAV (GPS) RWY 4, Amdt 1

Oak Harbor, WA, AJ Eisenberg, RNAV (GPS) RWY 7, Amdt 2D

Milwaukee, WI, General Mitchell Intl, RNAV (RNP) Y RWY 7R, Orig

Milwaukee, WI, General Mitchell Intl, RNAV (RNP) Y RWY 25L, Orig

Spencer, WV, Boggs Field, RNAV (GPS) RWY 10, Amdt 2

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 558

[Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0002]

Withdrawal of Approval of New Animal Drug Applications; Arsanilic Acid

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the animal drug regulations to reflect the withdrawal of approval of a new animal drug application (NADA) for an arsanilic acid Type A medicated article at the sponsor's request because the product is no longer manufactured or marketed.

DATES: Withdrawal of approval is effective December 6, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bartkowiak, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-212), Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 240-276-9079, email: john.bartkowiak@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fleming Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 34384, Charlotte, NC 28234 has requested that FDA withdraw approval of NADA 008-019 for PRO-GEN (arsanilic acid) Type A medicated article because the product, used to manufacture Type B and Type C medicated feeds, is no longer manufactured or marketed.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA gave notice that approval of NADA 008-019, and all supplements and amendments thereto, is withdrawn, effective December 6, 2013. As provided in the regulatory text of this document, the animal drug regulations are amended to reflect these voluntary withdrawals of approval.

This rule does not meet the definition of "rule" in 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(A) because

it is a rule of "particular applicability." Therefore, it is not subject to the congressional review requirements in 5 U.S.C. 801-808.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 558

Animal drugs, Animal feeds.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Center for Veterinary Medicine, 21 CFR part 558 is amended as follows:

PART 558—NEW ANIMAL DRUGS FOR USE IN ANIMAL FEEDS

■ 1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 558 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 360b, 371.

§ 558.62 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 558.62, remove and reserve paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (c)(1)(i), and (c)(1)(ii); and in paragraphs (c)(1)(iii), (c)(1)(iv), (c)(1)(v), (c)(1)(vi), and (c)(1)(vii), in the "Arsanilic acid in grams per ton" column, add "90".

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Bernadette Dunham,

Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2013-0947]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Old River, Between Victoria Island and Byron Tract, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the State Highway 4 Drawbridge across Old River, mile 14.8 between Victoria Island and Byron Tract, CA. The deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner to make critical repairs to the bridge gears. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position during the deviation period.

DATES: This deviation is effective without actual notice from November 26, 2013 until December 6, 2013. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from the date the deviation

was signed, November 15, 2013, until December 6, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG-2013-0947], is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email David H. Sulouff, Chief, Bridge Section, Eleventh Coast Guard District; telephone 510-437-3516, email David.H.Sulouff@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: California Department of Transportation has requested a temporary change to the operation of the State Highway 4 Drawbridge, mile 14.8, over Old River, between Victoria Island and Byron Tract, CA. The drawbridge navigation span provides 12 feet vertical clearance above Mean High Water in the closed-to-navigation position. Pursuant to 33 CFR 117.183, the draw opens on signal from May 1 through October 31 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from November 1 through April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at other times, opening the draw on signal if at least four hours advance notice is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista drawbridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8. Navigation on the waterway is recreational and commercial.

The drawspan will be secured in the closed-to-navigation position from 6 p.m. on November 8, 2013 to 6 p.m. on December 6, 2013, to allow the bridge owner to repair the gears inside the main bridge gearbox, critical components of the drawbridge. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with the waterway users. No objections to the proposed temporary deviation were raised.

Vessels able to pass through the bridge in the closed positions may do so at anytime. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies. An alternative route around Victoria Island may be used for vessels unable to pass through the bridge in the closed position. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways through our Local and

Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: November 15, 2013.

D.H. Sulouff,

District Bridge Chief, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0501; FRL-9902-26-Region 5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving a request submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) on July 3, 2013, to revise the Illinois state implementation plan (SIP). The submission amends the Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) by updating the definition of “Volatile organic material (VOM) or Volatile organic compound (VOC)” to add trans-1,3,3,3-tetra-fluoropropene (HFO-1234ze) to the list of compounds excluded from the definition of VOM or VOC. This revision is based on EPA’s 2012 rulemaking which added HFO-1234ze to the list of chemical compounds that are excluded from the Federal definition of VOC because of their negligible contribution to the formation of tropospheric ozone.

DATES: This rule is effective January 27, 2014, unless EPA receives adverse comments by December 26, 2013. If adverse comments are received, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** informing the public that the rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0501, by one of the following methods:

1. *www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *E-Mail*: blakley.pamela@epa.gov.

3. *Fax*: (312) 692-2450.

4. *Mail*: Pamela Blakley, Chief, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

5. *Hand Delivery*: Pamela Blakley, Chief, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Regional Office official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0501. EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through *www.regulations.gov* or email. The *www.regulations.gov* Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through *www.regulations.gov* your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the *www.regulations.gov* index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information

whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in *www.regulations.gov* or in hard copy at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. This facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. We recommend that you telephone Charles Hatten, Environmental Engineer, (312) 886-6031 before visiting the Region 5 office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Hatten, Environmental Engineer, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6031, hatten.charles@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean EPA. This supplementary information section is arranged as follows:

- I. What is the background for this action?
 - A. When did the State submit the SIP revision to EPA?
 - B. Did Illinois hold public hearings on this SIP revision?
- II. What is EPA approving?
- III. What is EPA’s analysis of the SIP revision?
- IV. What action is EPA taking today?
- V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews.

I. What is the background for this action?

A. When did the State submit the SIP revision to EPA?

The Illinois EPA submitted a revision to the Illinois SIP to EPA for approval on July 3, 2013. The SIP revision updates the definition of VOM or VOC at 35 IAC Part 211, Subpart B, Section 211.7150(a).

B. Did Illinois hold public hearings on this SIP revision?

The Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) held a public hearing on the proposed SIP revision on December 20, 2012. The Board received no public comments.

II. What is EPA approving?

EPA is approving an Illinois SIP revision that updates the definition of VOM or VOC at 35 IAC Part 211 to add HFO-1234ze to the list of excluded compounds at 35 IAC 211.7150(a). Illinois EPA took this action based on EPA’s 2012 rulemaking in which EPA

determined that this compound has negligible photochemical reactivity in the formation of tropospheric ozone, and thus, should be excluded from the definition of VOC codified at 40 CFR 51.100(s). (See 77 FR 37614, June 22, 2012.)

III. What is EPA's analysis of the SIP revision?

In 2009, EPA received a petition asking EPA to exempt HFO-1234ze from the definition of VOC. Based on the level of reactivity of this chemical compound, EPA concluded that this compound makes a negligible contribution to tropospheric ozone formation (77 FR 37610, June 22, 2012). Therefore, on June 22, 2012, EPA amended 40 CFR 51.100(s)(1) to exclude HFO-1234ze from the definition of VOC for purposes of preparing SIPs to attain the national ambient air quality standard for ozone under title I of the Clean Air Act (77 FR 37610). EPA's action became effective on July 23, 2012. Illinois EPA's SIP revision is consistent with EPA's action amending the definition of VOC at 40 CFR 51.100(s).

IV. What action is EPA taking today?

EPA is approving a revision to the Illinois SIP which is consistent with EPA's 2012 action revising the definition of VOC. The Illinois SIP revision adds HFO-1234ze to the list of chemical compounds considered exempt from the definition of VOC at 35 IAC 211.7150(a).

We are publishing this action without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipate no adverse comments. However, in the proposed rules section of this **Federal Register** publication, we are publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposal to approve the state plan if relevant adverse written comments are filed. This rule will be effective January 27, 2014 without further notice unless we receive relevant adverse written comments by December 26, 2013. If we receive such comments, we will withdraw this action before the effective date by publishing a subsequent document that will withdraw the final action. All public comments received will then be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed action. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule,

EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment. If we do not receive any comments, this action will be effective January 27, 2014.

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the Clean Air Act, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Clean Air Act and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this action:

- Is not a "significant regulatory action" subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
 - Does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*);
 - Is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);
 - Does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4);
 - Does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
 - Is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
 - Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
 - Is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the Clean Air Act; and
 - Does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).
- In addition, this rule does not have tribal implications as specified by

Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because the SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country located in the state, and EPA notes that it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by January 27, 2014. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this action for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. Parties with objections to this direct final rule are encouraged to file a comment in response to the parallel notice of proposed rulemaking for this action published in the proposed rules section of today's **Federal Register**, rather than file an immediate petition for judicial review of this direct final rule, so that EPA can withdraw this direct final rule and address the comment in the proposed rulemaking. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (See section 307(b)(2).)

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Ozone, Volatile organic compound.

Dated: October 17, 2013.

Susan Hedman,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

■ 2. Section 52.720 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(197) to read as follows:

§ 52.720 Identification of plan.

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(197) On July 3, 2013, Illinois submitted revised regulations that are consistent with 40 CFR 51.100(s)(1). The compound trans-1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFO-1234ze) was added to the list of negligibly reactive compounds excluded from the definition of “Volatile Organic Material (VOM)” or “Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)” at 35 IAC 211.7150(a).

(i) Incorporation by reference. Illinois Administrative Code Title 35: Environmental Protection; Subtitle B: Air Pollution; Chapter I: Pollution Control Board; Subchapter C: Emission Standards and Limitations for Stationary Sources; Part 211: Definitions and General Provisions, Section 211.7150: Volatile Organic Matter (VOM) or Volatile Organic Compound (VOC), Subsection 211.7150(a). Effective February 4, 2013.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1, 22, 27, 73, and 74

[MM Docket No. 93-177; FCC 13-115]

An Inquiry Into the Commission’s Policies and Rules Regarding AM Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is correcting final rules that appeared in the **Federal Register** of 78 FR 66288, November 5, 2013. The document issued final rules that establish a single protection scheme for tower construction and modification near AM tower arrays and designate “moment method” computer modeling as the principal means of determining whether a nearby tower affects an AM radiation pattern. This correction makes no change to the substance of the rules.

DATES: Effective December 5, 2013, except for amendments to 47 CFR 1.30002, 1.30003, 1.30004, 73.875, 73.1675, and 73.1690, which contain new and revised information collection requirements that have not been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date.

Applicability date: The applicability date of the amendments to 47 CFR 1.30000, 1.30001, 22.371, 27.63, 73.45, 73.316, 73.685, 73.1692, 73.6025, and 74.1237 is indefinitely delayed. The FCC will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the applicability date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Doyle, Chief, Media Bureau, Audio Division, (202) 418-2700 or *Peter.Doyle@fcc.gov*; or Susan Crawford, Assistant Division Chief, Media Bureau, Audio Division, (202) 418-2700 or *Susan.Crawford@fcc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document makes the following correction to the final rules published November 5, 2013, 78 FR 66288 in FR Doc. 2013-24139:

On page 66295, correct amendatory instruction 2 and its corresponding subpart heading to read as follows:

■ 2. Add Subpart BB to part 1, to read as follows:

Subpart BB—Disturbance of AM Broadcast Station Antenna Patterns

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Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 90

[WP Docket No. 07-100; FCC 13-52]

Private Land Mobile Radio Stations Below 800 MHz

AGENCY: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission announces the approval of the Commission’s revised rules in the Fifth Report and Order, WP Docket No. 07-100, FCC 13-52, to the extent it contained information collection requirements that required approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). These requirements were approved on October 28, 2013. This

notice is consistent with the Fifth Report and Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of those rules.

DATES: 47 CFR 90.187 and 47 CFR 90.425 published at 78 FR 28749, May 16, 2013, are effective November 26, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scot Stone, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th St. SW., Washington, DC 20554 at (202) 418-0638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that on, May 16, 2013, OMB approved, for a period of three years, the revised information collection requirements relating to the Amendment of part 90 of the Commission’s rules, FCC 13-52, published at 78 FR 28749, May 16, 2013. The OMB control number 3060-0599. The Commission publishes this notice as an announcement of the effective date of the rules.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to *fcc504@fcc.gov* or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received final OMB approval on October 28, 2013, for the information collection requirements contained in the modifications to the Commission’s rules in 47 CFR part 90.

Under 5 CFR part 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB Control Number.

No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060-0599.

The foregoing notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0599.
OMB Approval Date: October 28, 2013.

OMB Expiration Date: October 31, 2016.

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

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities and state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 6,679 respondents; 6,679 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .25 hours to 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion requiring requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 309(j) and 332 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 8,231 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Privacy Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

Needs and Uses: On April 18 2013, the Commission in a Fifth Report and Order, FCC 13–52, adopted changes to 47 CFR 90.425 of the Commission's rules to allow Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) licensees in the bands between 150 and 512 MHz that are licensed on an exclusive basis to transmit station identification information in digital format, on the condition that the licensee will provide the Commission with information sufficient to decode the digital transmission to ascertain the call sign transmitted. However, this gives a new group of licensee stations (PLMRs) an option regarding the method of transmission of required call sign information; it modifies the existing burden, and slightly increase the in-house cost burden—specifically the cost associated with providing the Commission sufficient information to decode the transmission—unless they choose the digital transmission option. Finally, the other part of this revision is adding one additional rule section which is 90.187 to this existing information collection.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Office of Managing Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[Docket No. 130402317–3966–02]

RIN 0648–XC611

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2014 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Seasons

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

ACTION: Final rule; fishing season notification.

SUMMARY: This final rule establishes opening dates and adjusts quotas for the 2014 fishing season for the Atlantic commercial shark fisheries. The quota adjustments are based on over- and/or underharvests experienced during 2013 and previous fishing seasons. In addition, NMFS establishes season opening dates based on adaptive management measures to provide, to the extent practicable, fishing opportunities for commercial shark fishermen in all regions and areas. These actions could affect fishing opportunities for commercial shark fishermen in the northwestern Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

DATES: This rule is effective on January 1, 2014. The 2014 Atlantic commercial shark fishing season opening dates and quotas are provided in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guý DuBeck or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301–427–8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Atlantic commercial shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its amendments are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635. For the Atlantic commercial shark fisheries, the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments established, among other things, commercial quotas for species and management groups, accounting measures for under- and overharvests for the shark fisheries, and adaptive management measures such as

flexible opening dates for the fishing season and inseason adjustments to shark trip limits, which provide management flexibility in furtherance of equitable fishing opportunities, to the extent practicable, for commercial shark fishermen in all regions and areas.

On August 23, 2013 (78 FR 52487), NMFS published a rule proposing the 2014 opening dates for the Atlantic commercial shark fisheries and quotas based on shark landings information as of July 16, 2013. The proposed rule also considered using adaptive management measures such as flexible opening dates for the fishing seasons (§ 635.27(b)(3)) and inseason adjustments to shark trip limits (§ 635.24(a)(8)) to provide flexibility in furtherance of equitable fishing opportunities, to the extent practicable, for commercial shark fishermen in all regions and areas. The August 2013 proposed rule contains details regarding the proposal and how the quotas were calculated that are not repeated here. The comment period on the proposed rule ended on September 23, 2013.

During the comment period, NMFS received more than 500 written and oral comments on the proposed rule. Those comments, along with the Agency's responses, are summarized below. As further detailed in the Response to Comments section, after considering all the comments, NMFS is opening the fishing seasons for all shark management groups except the aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups in the Atlantic region on January 1, 2014, as proposed in the August 23, 2013, proposed rule. The aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups in the Atlantic region will open on June 1, 2014, which is a change from the proposed rule. Also, some of the quotas have changed since the proposed rule based on updated landings information as of October 18, 2013.

This final rule serves as notification of the 2014 opening dates of the Atlantic commercial shark fisheries and 2014 quotas, based on shark landings updates as of October 18, 2013, pursuant to § 635.27(b)(1)(i) through (b)(1)(x). This action does not change the annual base commercial quotas established under Amendments 2, 3, and 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP for any shark management group. Any such changes would be performed through a separate action. Rather, this action adjusts the annual base commercial quotas based on over- and/or underharvests that occurred in 2013 and previous fishing seasons, consistent with existing regulations.

Response to Comments

NMFS received comments from more than 500 fishermen, dealers, and other interested parties on the proposed rule. All written comments can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov/> and by searching for RIN 0648–XC611.

A. LCS Management Group Comments

Comment 1: NMFS received more than 350 comments regarding the proposed opening date for the aggregated LCS and hammerhead management groups in the Atlantic region. Some fishermen from the southern portion of the Atlantic region requested an opening date from May 1 through May 31. These commenters stated that NMFS should delay the opening date to help protect the pupping of sharks off the coast of Florida. These commenters generally would prefer the opportunity to fish for sharks in October through December because they participate in other fisheries at the beginning of the year, and prefer to save the shark quota for later in the year when there are no other fisheries open in Florida. Other constituents requested that the proposed aggregated LCS opening date in the Atlantic region be changed to July 1 to reduce fishing pressure on the lemon shark aggregation in southern Florida. These commenters stated that: NMFS should protect this area from December through April due to lemon shark pupping; NMFS has not fully considered all of the information when choosing the opening dates since the proposed opening date would have negative effects on the lemon shark aggregation; tagging data and scuba diving observations suggested the aggregated lemon shark population is experiencing a decline since regulations implemented to protect sandbar sharks have increased fishing pressure on this species and other sharks; commercial fishermen targeted the lemon shark aggregation in 2013; Enric Cortes, a NOAA scientist, stated in a publication that lemon sharks are the most vulnerable of all LCS species, based on several standard criteria; and NMFS needs to consider the socioeconomic benefit of the shark aggregation to ecotourists beyond the benefits to commercial fishermen only. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) expressed concerns that the proposed January 1 opening date could result in closing the fishery earlier in the year due to the quota linkages and would not provide equitable fishing opportunities for fishermen located in the northern portion of the Atlantic region. The

Commonwealth of Virginia also expressed their concerns about the proposed opening date of January 1 and the potential impacts on the mid-Atlantic commercial shark fishermen should the quotas be reached prematurely in the year.

Response: NMFS evaluates a range of criteria (§ 635.27(b)(3)) before choosing an opening date. These include: (1) The available annual quotas for the current fishing season for the different species/management groups based on any over- and/or underharvests experienced during the previous commercial shark fishing seasons; (2) estimated season length based on available quota(s) and average weekly catch rates of different species and/or management group from the previous years; (3) length of the season for the different species and/or management group in the previous years and whether fishermen were able to participate in the fishery in those years; (4) variations in seasonal distribution, abundance, or migratory patterns of the different species/management groups based on scientific and fishery information; (5) effects of catch rates in one part of a region precluding vessels in another part of that region from having a reasonable opportunity to harvest a portion of the different species and/or management quotas; (6) effects of the adjustment on accomplishing the objectives of the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments; and/or, (7) effects of a delayed opening with regard to fishing opportunities in other fisheries. After evaluating the opening fishing season criteria and reviewing the public comments, NMFS has determined that changing the opening date to June 1 would promote equitable fishing opportunities in the Atlantic region. This date should allow fishermen in the northern portion of the Atlantic region the opportunity to fish starting in June while still providing fishing opportunities for fishermen in the southern portion of the Atlantic region later in the year. NMFS responds to the concerns as articulated in Comment 1 in further detail below.

Regarding the comments from some fishermen from the southern portion of the Atlantic region—who preferred a delayed opening for the Atlantic aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark fisheries since that would likely avoid the shark pupping season and ensure potential fishing opportunities later in the year (October through December) based on fishing rates from 2013—NMFS agrees that a delay would provide potential fishing opportunities later in the year.

Many commenters indicated that NMFS should delay the opening to

protect shark pupping. While delaying the fishing season might overlap with the lemon shark pupping off of southern Florida—because most sharks pup in shallow waters (which are found in state waters, not Federal waters) and the potential nursery area mentioned by commenters is found in Florida state waters (which are already closed to the two primary commercial shark gears—bottom longline and gillnet)—the opening dates for Federal shark fishing seasons has little impact on shark pupping seasons in most areas. NMFS has worked and will continue to work with Atlantic coastal states and Regional Fishery Management Councils and Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions to protect shark nursery and pupping areas.

Regarding the comment that lemon sharks were experiencing overfishing in a certain area off of Florida, NMFS cannot determine if the lemon shark population has declined in recent years based on the study and data submitted in the public comments and is not aware of a complete stock assessment showing a decline in the stock. The data provided by commenters did not include information on a number of relevant biological (e.g., water temperature, water quality due to rain run-off, migration patterns) and other (e.g., number of sharks tagged each year, the battery life of tags, location of all of the receivers) factors. These factors could have contributed to the decline in lemon sharks that was observed in the data and by scuba divers in the south Florida area. NMFS cannot make a determination using the data provided. Nonetheless, NMFS reviewed current data regarding lemon sharks to examine the concerns raised in the comments. Based on 2013 dealer data, lemon sharks were not targeted in or around Florida waters by commercial fishermen. Dealers reported that Florida-based fishermen landed approximately 3.5 mt dw (7,619 lb dw) of lemon sharks in 2013. The total landings of lemon sharks reported landed in 2013 accounted for approximately 4 percent of the total landings of aggregated LCS in the Atlantic region, which is comparable to past fishing years.

Regarding the comment that Dr. Enric Cortés published a paper indicating lemon sharks were declining: Dr. Cortés and colleagues gave a presentation at the 2008 annual meeting of the American Elasmobranch Society entitled “Productivity and Susceptibility Analysis of Atlantic sharks” where lemon sharks had the highest vulnerability score (a combination of stock productivity and susceptibility to fisheries) of all Atlantic

shark species included in the analysis. However, it was noted that the analysis was preliminary and that the high score for the lemon shark was mostly driven by a very high susceptibility score (the product of four components: Availability, encounterability, selectivity, and post-capture mortality), which in turn was a result of assuming the maximum value of 100% for the encounterability, selectivity, and post-capture mortality components. The study was never published and should thus be interpreted with caution and not considered final.

Some commenters felt that NMFS should consider the benefits of ecotourism when proposing shark fishing season opening dates. While shark aggregations may benefit ecotourism, this factor is not one of the specific criteria NMFS uses to establish opening dates. Rather, NMFS establishes commercial fishing quotas based on the best available science in order to rebuild overfished fisheries, prevent overfishing, and achieve optimum yield. NMFS may consider ecotourism benefits when setting fishing season opening dates in the future.

Regarding the requests by ASMFC and the Commonwealth of Virginia to delay the opening of the aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups in the Atlantic region to allow equitable fishing opportunities given the migration of sharks along the coast throughout the year, NMFS agrees that opening the fisheries later in the year could provide more equitable fishing opportunities without negative ecological impacts on shark stocks.

Comment 2: Regarding the proposed opening date for the blacktip shark, aggregated LCS, and hammerhead shark management groups in the Gulf of Mexico region, one commenter requested an opening date of March 5 to coincide with the religious holiday of Lent and a closure for the fishery on July 1 before the State of Louisiana re-opens their state-waters for these sharks. Another commenter requested opening dates ranging from May 15 through May 31 each year to protect the pupping of various LCS stocks.

Response: Taking into consideration the opening criteria (§ 635.27(b)(3)), NMFS has determined that keeping the proposed opening date of January 1 for the blacktip shark, aggregated LCS, and hammerhead shark management groups in the Gulf of Mexico region promotes equitable fishing opportunities throughout this region. NMFS considered the length of the season for the different species and/or management groups in 2012 and 2013, and whether fishermen were able to

participate in the fishery in those years (§ 635.27(b)(3)(iii)). Since the State of Louisiana has a state-water closure from April 1 through June 30 (pupping season) and opens and closes with the Federal shark fisheries, opening the season in March might not give all fishermen in the region an equitable opportunity to harvest the quota. NMFS agrees that management measures to protect nursery areas of the various LCS stocks are important, but does not believe that closing the entire region until May is warranted at this time. Sharks are broadly distributed as adults, but have been found to utilize specific estuaries as pupping and nursery areas in state-waters during pupping seasons and throughout their neonate (newborn) and young-of-the-year life stages. As described above, the State of Louisiana closes state-waters for this reason and the State of Florida has already closed its waters to the two primary commercial shark gears. Given the limited degree of nursery and pupping areas in Federal waters, NMFS will continue to work with Gulf coastal states and Regional Fishery Management Councils and Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions. In regard to closing on July 1, under § 635.28(b)(2), NMFS closes each management group or linked management groups when landings have reached or are projected to reach 80 percent of the quota. NMFS does not decide upon the closure date before the fishery opens.

Comment 3: NMFS received comments from the ASMFC in opposition of more restrictive retention limits throughout the season to address unequal quota distribution stating that fishermen use non-sandbar LCS to supplement the total trip landings; therefore, any adjustment to the trip limit could reduce their economic success.

Response: As described in the proposed rule for this action, NMFS plans to implement the adaptive management measures that were finalized in the 2011 shark season rule (75 FR 76302; December 8, 2010) to adjust, via inseason actions, the retention limit for non-sandbar LCS. Specifically, if the quota is being harvested quickly and NMFS calculates that the fishermen in the northern portion of the region have not yet had an opportunity to fish for aggregated LCS and hammerhead sharks because the sharks have not migrated to that area, NMFS may reduce the trip limit to slow fishing (e.g., change the trip limit from 36 sharks to 15 sharks or even 0 sharks) and then increase the limit again when NMFS estimates that the sharks

have migrated north. Similarly, under the opening date in this final rule, if the quota is being landed quickly and NMFS calculates the fishermen in the southern portion of the region have not yet had an opportunity to fish because the sharks remain north, NMFS may reduce the trip limit to slow fishing until the sharks migrate further south. This process should ensure equitable fishing opportunities for all fishermen along the Atlantic coast while accommodating fishermen's requests from both the southern and northern portions of the Atlantic region. NMFS did not need to use these measures in 2013, when the fishery opened on January 1, but may in the future depending on catch rates. Given real-time quota monitoring, along with the inseason trip limit adjustment, NMFS has flexibility to further opportunities for all fishermen in all regions, to the extent practicable, while also ensuring that quotas are not exceeded.

B. SCS Management Group Comments

Comment 4: NMFS received comments on the proposed opening date for the non-blacknose SCS and blacknose shark management groups. Some commenters supported the January 1 opening date, while ASMFC expressed concerns with the January 1 opening date as it could impact fishermen in the northern portion of the Atlantic region and cause the entire fishery to close earlier in the year due to the blacknose shark quota linkage.

Response: NMFS has determined that opening the SCS fishery on January 1, 2014, promotes equitable fishing opportunities throughout the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico regions by allowing fishermen throughout the regions an opportunity to fish on non-blacknose SCS. NMFS made this decision after considering the opening criteria, particularly the length of the season for the different species and/or management groups in 2012 and 2013, and whether fishermen were able to participate in the fishery in those years (§ 635.27(b)(3)(iii)). The non-blacknose SCS and blacknose shark management groups have remained open all year in previous fishing seasons, except for in 2010 and 2013. In 2010, these fisheries closed on November 2 (75 FR 67251), and in 2013, the management groups in the Atlantic region closed on September 30, 2013 (78 FR 59878). Both times were in the first year of new management measures of Amendment 3 and 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and both times were in the later part of the year after all fishermen throughout the Atlantic had had an opportunity to fish for SCS. NMFS linked these quotas due

to concerns regarding the incidental harvest of blacknose sharks, which is overfished, while fishermen were targeting non-blacknose SCS. During the Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP rulemaking process, fishermen indicated that they could avoid catching blacknose sharks when fishing for non-blacknose sharks. NMFS agreed with that comment. As such, as long as fishermen avoid catching blacknose sharks, which NMFS has encouraged, the non-blacknose shark fishery should remain open. For more information on these comments and NMFS's response, see the Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP final rule (75 FR 30484; June 1, 2010).

Comment 5: NMFS received several comments supporting the proposal to split the blacknose shark overharvest over 5 years.

Response: Based on public comment, NMFS has decided to spread the overharvest over 5 years to reduce the impacts to commercial fishermen due to the blacknose-SCS quota linkage. In the proposed rule, NMFS explained that late dealer reports indicated the 2012 blacknose shark quota was exceeded by 18 percent, or 3.5 mt dw, after the final rule establishing quotas for the 2013 shark season was published (77 FR 75896; December 26, 2012). Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP (78 FR 40318; July 3, 2013), among other things, established Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico regional quotas for blacknose sharks, and in this final rule, NMFS split the total overharvest between the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico regions based on the percent of landings of blacknose sharks reported in each region and spread the overharvest over 5 years. Therefore, NMFS will adjust the annual Atlantic non-blacknose shark management group by 0.5 mt dw to 17.5 mt dw, and the annual Gulf of Mexico blacknose shark management group by 0.2 mt dw to 1.8 mt dw, for the next 5 years (e.g., 2014–2018, inclusive). If the adjusted quotas continue to be overharvested, the overharvested amount will be further reduced from the adjusted annual quotas in future fishing seasons.

C. General Comments

Comment 6: Commenters supported the conservation aspects of this rule (e.g., monitoring quotas, restricting fishing, etc.).

Response: Management of the Atlantic shark fisheries is based on the best available science to rebuild or maintain overfished or maintain shark stocks and prevent overfishing. The 2014 shark season rule establishes commercial quotas based on over- and underharvest

in 2013 and previous fishing seasons, and sets the opening dates for each management group. This rulemaking implements previously adopted measures with adjustments, as specified in the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments and the Environmental Assessment (EA) that accompanied the 2011 shark quota specifications rule (75 FR 76302; December 8, 2010).

Comment 7: NMFS received comments to implement more regulations in Federal waters to protect lemon sharks and stop all shark fishing.

Response: This comment is outside the scope of this rulemaking. The purpose of this rulemaking is to adjust quotas based on over- and underharvests from the previous year and opening dates for the 2014 shark season. Management of the Atlantic shark fisheries is based on the best available science to maintain or rebuild overfished shark stocks. The final rule does not reanalyze the overall management measures for sharks, which were analyzed in Amendments 2, 3, and 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, nor does this rule review the stock status of lemon sharks and consider measures for lemon sharks to implement rebuilding or prevent overfishing, if needed. NMFS is considering shark management measures, including those to rebuild shark stocks or prevent overfishing, in other upcoming rulemakings such as Amendments 5b and 6 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP. As stated above, NMFS needs more information regarding lemon shark status before considering management measures that are specifically designed to either prevent overfishing and/or rebuild that stock.

Comment 8: NMFS received comments about the underharvest of sandbar shark quota. These constituents would prefer NMFS to allow commercial landings of sandbar sharks from outside of the shark research fishery.

Response: This comment is outside the scope of this rulemaking. In Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, NMFS stated that sandbar sharks are still overfished, but overfishing is no longer occurring. Because of the positive results from the stock assessment, NMFS decided to maintain the current sandbar shark rebuilding plan, including regulations prohibiting possession of sandbar sharks in commercial and recreational shark fisheries. NMFS may re-analyze the sandbar shark regulations as part of the upcoming Amendment 6 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP or could decide to review this issue in a separate rulemaking.

Comment 9: NMFS received several comments regarding quota linkage and blacknose shark trip limits. Commenters requested that NMFS remove the non-blacknose SCS and blacknose shark quota linkage, implement no more linkages between shark management groups in any future actions, and establish a trip limit for blacknose sharks.

Response: This comment is outside the scope of this rulemaking. As described above, quota linkages are designed to prevent incidental mortality of one species from occurring in another shark fishery after its management group has closed. Also, as described above, in the case of the blacknose and non-blacknose SCS quota linkage, NMFS finalized the linkage as part of Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP specifically because fishermen indicated, and NMFS agreed, that fishermen could target non-blacknose SCS without catching blacknose sharks. In Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, NMFS split the blacknose and non-blacknose quotas into two regions. In each region, the blacknose shark quota is linked to the non-blacknose SCS quota. If blacknose shark landings in one region trigger a quota closure, the non-blacknose SCS management group in that region would close as well. The quota linkage prevents blacknose shark mortality in the directed non-blacknose SCS fishery from occurring after the blacknose shark quota has been filled. Preventing this mortality is an important part of the rebuilding plan for blacknose sharks. The quota linkage between blacknose sharks and non-blacknose SCS management groups, which has been in effect since 2010, has only caused the entire SCS fishery to close twice. Both times were in the first year of new management measures of Amendment 3 and 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and both times were in the later part of the year after all fishermen throughout the Atlantic had had an opportunity to fish for SCS. In Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, NMFS re-examined the quota linkage issue and determined that quota linkages are still needed and are a useful tool in rebuilding overfished stocks. If needed, in future rulemaking actions, NMFS could decide to re-evaluate the benefit of linkages and non-linkages for the management groups and fishery.

Comment 10: NMFS received a request to replace “underfishing” with the concept of the optimum yield as per National Standard 1 to protect the fishing communities and businesses.

Response: This comment is outside the scope of this rulemaking. As part of all rulemakings, NMFS analyzes the consistency with the National Standards and determined that this final rule meets all of the National Standards and other legal requirements. This rulemaking is consistent with National Standard 1 because it implements adjustments to mortality levels based on over- and underharvest, which is consistent with the stock assessments. The shark management group quotas allow fishermen to harvest optimum yield for the shark management groups and allows for rebuilding and preventing overfishing. As an example, this rule reduces the Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS, blacknose shark and porbeagle shark quotas due to previous overharvests to prevent overfishing, while also providing underharvest opportunities to harvest the healthy Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark and non-blacknose SCS stocks.

Changes From the Proposed Rule

NMFS made 2 types of changes to the proposed rule as described below.

1. NMFS changed the final Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark (274.3 mt dw), Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS (151.2 mt dw), and porbeagle shark (1.2 mt dw) quotas based on updated landings through October 18, 2013. In the proposed rule, which was based on data available through July 16, 2013, the

2014 adjusted annual quota for Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark was proposed to be 281.9 mt dw (621,416 lb dw). Based on updated landings data through October 18, 2013, the Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark management group was underharvested by 17.7 mt dw. Therefore, the 2014 adjusted annual quota for Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark is 274.3 mt dw (604,626 lb dw) (256.6 mt dw annual base quota + 17.7 mt dw 2013 underharvest = 274.3 mt dw 2014 adjusted annual quota). The Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS management group was overharvested by 6.2 mt dw based on landings data through October 18, 2013. Therefore, the 2014 adjusted annual quota for Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS is 151.2 mt dw (333,828 lb dw) (157.5 mt dw annual base quota – 6.2 mt dw 2013 overharvest = 151.2 mt dw 2014 adjusted annual quota). In the proposed rule, the 2014 adjusted annual quota for porbeagle sharks was proposed to be 1.3 mt dw (2,874 lb dw). Landings data through October 18, 2013, indicate 54 lb dw of landings during a closure. Therefore, the 2014 adjusted annual quota for porbeagle shark is 1.2 mt dw (2,820 lb dw) (1.7 mt dw annual base quota – 0.4 mt dw 2011 and 2012 overharvest – 54 lb dw 2013 landings during closure = 1.2 mt dw 2014 adjusted annual quota). Landings information beyond October 18, 2013, was not available while NMFS was writing this rule. This final rule

used the most recent available information to allow NMFS to properly analyze the fishery and open the fishery as proposed on January 1, 2014. Any landings between October 18 and December 31, 2013, will be accounted for in the 2015 shark fisheries quotas, as appropriate.

2. NMFS changed the opening date that was proposed for the aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups in the Atlantic region from January 1, 2014 to June 1, 2014. As noted above, NMFS changed the opening date after considering public comment in order to promote more equitable fishing opportunities in the Atlantic region.

2014 Annual Quotas

This final rule adjusts the commercial quotas due to over- and/or underharvests in 2013 and previous fishing seasons, based on landings data through October 18, 2013. The 2014 annual quotas by species and species group are summarized in Table 1. All dealer reports that are received by NMFS after October 18, 2013, will be used to adjust the 2015 quotas, if necessary. A description of the quota calculations is provided in the proposed rule and is not repeated here. Any changes are described in the “Changes from the Proposed Rule” section.

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Table 1. 2014 Annual Quotas and Opening Dates for the Atlantic Shark Fisheries. (All quotas and landings are dressed weight (dw), in metric tons (mt), unless specified otherwise.)

Management Group	Region	2013 Annual Quota (A)	Preliminary 2013 Landings ¹ (B)	Adjustments (C)	2014 Base Annual Quota (D)	2014 Final Annual Quota (D+C)	Season Opening Dates
Blacktip Sharks ²	Gulf of Mexico	256.6 mt dw (565,700 lb dw)	238.9 mt dw (526,774 lb dw)	17.7 mt dw (38,926 lb dw)	256.6 mt dw (565,700 lb dw)	274.3 mt dw (604,626 lb dw)	January 1, 2014
Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks		157.5 mt dw (347,317 lb dw)	163.7 mt dw (360,806 lb dw)	-6.2 mt dw (-13,489 lb dw)	157.5 mt dw (347,317 lb dw)	151.2 mt dw (333,828 lb dw)	
Hammerhead Sharks		25.3 mt dw (55,722 lb dw)	10.5 mt dw (23,212 lb dw)	-	25.3 mt dw (55,722 lb dw)	25.3 mt dw (55,722 lb dw)	
Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks	Atlantic	168.9 mt dw (372,552 lb dw)	147.9 mt dw (325,996 lb dw)	-	168.9 mt dw (372,552 lb dw)	168.9 mt dw (372,552 lb dw)	June 1, 2014
Hammerhead Sharks		27.1 mt dw (59,736 lb dw)	13.4 mt dw (29,454 lb dw)	-	27.1 mt dw (59,736 lb dw)	27.1 mt dw (59,736 lb dw)	
Non-Sandbar LCS Research	No regional quotas	50.0 mt dw (110,230 lb dw)	10.9 mt dw (24,008 lb dw)	-	50.0 mt dw (110,230 lb dw)	50.0 mt dw (110,230 lb dw)	January 1, 2014
Sandbar Shark Research		116.6 mt dw (257,056 lb dw)	27.9 mt dw (61,525 lb dw)	-	116.6 mt dw (257,056 lb dw)	116.6 mt dw (257,056 lb dw)	
Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks ²	Gulf of Mexico	135.7 mt dw (299,075 lb dw) ³	73.8 mt dw (162,613 lb dw)	22.8 mt dw (50,159 lb dw) ⁴	45.5 mt dw (100,317 lb dw)	68.3 mt dw (150,476 lb dw)	

	Atlantic	193.5 mt dw (426,570 lb dw) ³	101.7 mt dw (224,146 lb dw)	88.0 mt dw (194,111 lb dw) ⁴	176.1 mt dw (388,222 lb dw)	264.1 mt dw (582,333 lb dw)
Blacknose Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	2.0 mt dw (4,513 lb dw)	0.7 mt dw (1,574 lb dw)	-0.2 mt dw (-437 lb dw) ⁵	2.0 mt dw (4,513 lb dw)	1.8 mt dw (4,076 lb dw)
	Atlantic	18.0 mt dw (39,749 lb dw)	15.1 mt dw (33,276 lb dw)	-0.5 mt dw (-1,111 lb dw) ⁵	18.0 mt dw (39,749 lb dw)	17.5 mt dw (38,638 lb dw)
Blue Sharks	No regional quotas	273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	4.4 mt dw (9,767 lb dw)	-	273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)
Porbeagle Sharks		0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	< 1 mt dw (54 lb dw)	-0.5 ⁶ (adjustments from 2012 and 2013 overharvests)	1.7 mt dw (3,748 lb dw)	1.2 mt dw (2,820 lb dw)
Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue		488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)	86.6 mt dw (190,902 lb dw)	-	488.0 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)	488.0 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)

¹ Landings are from January 1, 2013, through October 18, 2013, and are subject to change.

² Based on stock assessment results, these management groups are considered not overfished and overfishing is not occurring. Thus, NMFS may increase the following year's base annual quota by an equivalent amount of the underharvest up to 50 percent above the base annual quota.

³ Transfer of non-blacknose SCS quota from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico region on September 2, 2013 (78 FR 54195).

⁴ This adjustment accounts for underharvest in 2013. While the total underharvest is 153.7 mt dw, NMFS may account for underharvest only up to 50 percent of the base annual quota or 110.8 mt dw (244,270 lb dw). Based on regional splits, the Atlantic region (79.5%) would receive 88.0 mt dw of the underharvest amount, while the Gulf of Mexico (20.5%) would receive 22.8 mt dw. Therefore, the Atlantic non-blacknose SCS adjusted quota would be 264.1 mt dw and the Gulf of Mexico non-blacknose SCS adjusted would be 68.3 mt dw for the 2014 fishing season.

⁵ This adjustment accounts for overharvest in 2012. After the final rule establishing the 2012 quotas published, late dealer reports indicated the blacknose shark quota was overharvested by 3.5 mt dw (7,742 lb dw). Since Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP established regional quotas, NMFS decided to implement a 5-year adjustment of the overharvest amount by the percentage of landings in 2012. Thus, NMFS would reduce the Gulf of Mexico blacknose sharks by 0.2 mt dw (437 lb dw) and the Atlantic blacknose sharks by 0.5 mt dw (1,111 lb dw) for the next 5 years.

⁶ This adjustment accounts for overharvest in 2013 and previous fishing years. In 2013, NMFS did not open the porbeagle shark management group due to overharvest from 2011 and 2012 (2.1 mt dw; 4,622 lb dw). This overharvest amount exceeded the 2013 base annual quota by 0.4 mt dw (874 lb dw), therefore, 0.4 mt dw (874 lb dw) would be reduced from the 2014 base annual quota. In addition, there was < 0.1 mt dw (54 lb dw) of illegal landing of porbeagle sharks in 2013.

Fishing Season Notification for the 2014 Atlantic Commercial Shark Fishing Seasons

Based on the seven "Opening Fishing Season" criteria listed in § 635.27(b)(3), the 2014 Atlantic commercial shark fishing season for the sandbar shark, Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark, Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS, Gulf of Mexico hammerhead shark, non-blacknose shark SCS, blacknose shark, blue shark, porbeagle shark, and pelagic shark (other than porbeagle or blue sharks) management groups in the northwestern Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, will open on January 1, 2014. The aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups in the Atlantic region will open on June 1, 2014.

All of the shark management groups would remain open until December 31, 2014, or until NMFS determines that the fishing season landings for any shark management group has reached, or is projected to reach, 80 percent of the available quota. Additionally, NMFS has established non-linked and linked quotas; linked quotas are explicitly designed to concurrently close multiple shark management groups that are caught together to prevent incidental catch mortality from exceeding the total allowable catch. At this time, Gulf of Mexico blacktip and pelagic sharks have non-linked quotas and can close without affecting any other management groups. Consistent with § 635.28(b)(4), NMFS may close the Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark management group before landings reach, or are expected to reach, 80 percent of the quota. The linked quotas of the species and/or management groups are Atlantic hammerhead sharks and Atlantic aggregated LCS; Gulf of Mexico hammerhead sharks and Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS; Atlantic blacknose and Atlantic non-blacknose SCS; and Gulf of Mexico blacknose and Gulf of Mexico non-blacknose SCS. NMFS will file for publication with the Office of the Federal Register a notice of closure for that shark species, shark management group including any linked quotas, and/or region that will be effective no fewer than 5 days from date of filing. From the effective date and time of the closure until NMFS announces, via the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register**, that additional quota is available and the season is reopened, the fisheries for the shark species or management group are closed, even across fishing years. Before taking any inseason action, NMFS would consider the criteria listed at § 635.28(b)(4).

Classification

The NMFS Assistant Administrator has determined that the final rule is consistent with the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments, other provisions of the MSA, and other applicable law.

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

In compliance with section 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), NMFS prepared a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) for this final rule, which analyzed the adjustments to the Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark, non-blacknose SCS, blacknose shark, and porbeagle shark management group quotas based on over- and/or underharvests from the previous fishing season(s). The FRFA analyzes the anticipated economic impacts of the final actions and any significant economic impacts on small entities. The FRFA is below.

In compliance with section 604(a)(1) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the purpose of this final rulemaking is, consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, to adjust the 2014 annual quotas for all Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico shark management groups based on over- and/or underharvests from the previous fishing year, where allowable. These adjustments are being implemented according to the regulations implemented for the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments.

In this rulemaking, NMFS expects few, if any, economic impacts to fishermen other than those already analyzed in the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments. While there may be some direct negative economic impacts associated with the opening dates for fishermen in certain areas, there could also be positive effects for other fishermen in the region. The opening dates were chosen to allow for an equitable distribution of the available quotas among all fishermen across regions and states, to the extent practicable.

Section 604(a)(2) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act requires NMFS to summarize significant issues raised by the public in response to the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), a summary of NMFS' assessment of such issues, and a statement of any changes made as a result of the comments. The IRFA was done as part of the proposed rule for the 2014 Atlantic Commercial Shark Season Specifications. NMFS did not receive any comments specific to the IRFA. However, NMFS received comments related to the overall economic impacts of the proposed rule

(see Comments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 above). As described in the response to those comments relating to the season opening dates and consistent with § 635.27(b)(3), the opening date for the Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark, Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS, Gulf of Mexico hammerhead shark, non-blacknose shark SCS, and blacknose shark management groups will be implemented as proposed, while the opening date for the aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups in the Atlantic region will be delayed until June 1, 2014.

Section 604(a)(3) requires NMFS to provide an estimate of the number of small entities to which the rule would apply. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has established size criteria for all major industry sectors in the United States, including fish harvesters. Prior to June 20, 2013, a business involved in fish harvesting was classified as a small business if it is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in its field of operation (including its affiliates), and has combined annual receipts not in excess of \$4.0 million (NAICS code 114111, finfish fishing) for all its affiliated operations worldwide. In addition, SBA defined a small charter/party boat entity (NAICS code 713990, recreational industries) as one with average annual receipts of less than \$7.0 million. On June 20, 2013, SBA issued a final rule revising the small business size standards for several industries effective July 22, 2013 (78 FR 37398; June 20, 2013). The rule increased the size standard for Finfish Fishing from \$4.0 to 19.0 million, Shellfish Fishing from \$4.0 to 5.0 million, and Other Marine Fishing from \$4.0 to 7.0 million. NMFS has reviewed the analyses prepared for this action in light of the new size standards. Under the former, lower size standards, all entities subject to this action were considered small entities, thus they all would continue to be considered small under the new standards. NMFS does not believe that the new size standards affect analyses prepared for this action. The final rule would apply to the approximately 221 directed commercial shark permit holders (133 in the Atlantic and 88 in the Gulf of Mexico regions), 265 incidental commercial shark permit holders (162 in the Atlantic and 103 in the Gulf of Mexico regions), and 97 commercial shark dealers (65 in the Atlantic and 32 in the Gulf of Mexico regions) as of October 2013.

Section 604(a)(4) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act requires NMFS to describe the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other compliance

requirements of the final rule, including an estimate of the classes of small entities which would be subject to the requirements of the report or record. None of the actions in this final rule would result in additional reporting, recordkeeping, or compliance requirements beyond those already analyzed in Amendments 2, 3, and 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP.

Section 604(a)(5) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act requires NMFS to describe the steps taken to minimize the economic impact on small entities consistent with the stated objectives of applicable statutes. Additionally, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 603(c)(1)–(4)) lists four general categories of “significant” alternatives that would assist an agency in the development of significant alternatives. These categories of alternatives are: (1) Establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance and reporting requirements under the rule for such small entities; (3) use of performance rather than design standards; and (4) exemptions from coverage of the rule for small entities.

In order to meet the objectives of this rule consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NMFS cannot exempt small entities or change the reporting

requirements only for small entities. This rulemaking does not establish management measures to be implemented, but rather implements previously adopted and analyzed measures as adjustments, as specified in Amendment 2, Amendment 3, and Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and the EA for the 2011 quota specifications rule. Thus, in this rulemaking, NMFS adjusted the base quotas established and analyzed in Amendment 2, Amendment 3, and Amendment 5a to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP by subtracting the underharvest or adding the overharvest as allowable, as specified and allowable in existing regulations. The adaptive management measures such as flexible opening dates for the fishing season and inseason adjustments to shark trip limits implemented in this rule are within a range previously analyzed in the EA with the 2011 quota specifications rule. Under current regulations (§ 635.27(b)(2), all shark fisheries close on December 31 of each year and do not open until NMFS takes action, such as this rulemaking to re-open the fisheries. Thus, not implementing these management measures would negatively affect shark fishermen and related small entities such as dealers and would also not provide management the flexibility in furtherance of equitable fishing opportunities, to the extent practicable,

for commercial shark fishermen in all regions and areas. NMFS has limited flexibility to exercise in carrying out the measures and quotas in this rule.

Based on the 2013 ex-vessel price, fully harvesting the unadjusted 2014 Atlantic shark commercial baseline quotas could result in total fleet revenues of \$4,892,722 (see Table 2). For the Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark management group, there would be a \$37,778 gain to the regional fleet in revenues due to underharvest in 2013. The non-blacknose SCS management group would also have a gain in revenue due to underharvest in 2013. There would be a \$44,165 gain to the Gulf of Mexico non-blacknose SCS management group, while the Atlantic non-blacknose SCS management group could see a \$171,109 gain in revenue. The adjustment due to the overharvests in 2013 would result in a \$13,900 loss to the regional fleet in revenues in the Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS quota. The adjustment due to the overharvests in 2012 would result in a 5-year quota reduction for the blacknose shark management group. There would be a \$599 loss to the Gulf of Mexico blacknose shark management group, while there would a \$1,124 loss to the Atlantic blacknose shark management group. The adjustment due to the overharvests in 2012 and 2013 would result in a \$1,407 loss to the fleet in revenues in the porbeagle shark quota.

TABLE 2—AVERAGE EX-VESSEL PRICES PER LB DW FOR EACH SHARK MANAGEMENT GROUP, 2013*

Year	Species	Region	Price
2013	Aggregated LCS	Gulf of Mexico	\$0.47
		Atlantic	0.81
	Blacktip Shark	Gulf of Mexico	0.41
		Hammerhead Shark	Gulf of Mexico	0.32
	LCS Research	Atlantic	0.64
		Both	0.64
	Sandbar Research	Both	0.77
		Non-Blacknose SCS	Gulf of Mexico	0.32
	Atlantic		0.70
	Blacknose Shark	Gulf of Mexico	0.81
		Atlantic	0.83
	Blue shark	Both	0.28
	Porbeagle shark	Both	** 1.15
	Other Pelagic sharks	Both	1.71
	Shark Fins	Gulf of Mexico	11.21
Atlantic		3.63	
Both		7.42	

* The ex-vessel prices are based on 2013 dealer reports through October 25, 2013.

** Since the porbeagle shark management group was closed for 2013, there was no 2013 price data. Thus, NMFS used price data from 2012.

All of these changes in gross revenues are similar to the changes in gross revenues analyzed in the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments. The FRFAs for those amendments concluded that the economic impacts on these small

entities, resulting from rules such as this one that delay the season openings via proposed and final rulemaking, were expected to be minimal. The 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments, and the EA for the 2011 quota specifications rule, assumed

NMFS would be preparing annual rulemakings and considered the FRFAs in the economic and other analyses at the time.

For this final rule, NMFS reviewed the criteria at § 635.27(b)(3)(i) through (b)(3)(vii) to determine when opening

each fishery will provide equitable opportunities for fishermen while also considering the ecological needs of the different species. Over- and/or underharvests of 2013 and previous fishing season quotas were examined for the different species/complexes to determine the effects of the 2014 final quotas on fishermen across regional fishing areas. The potential season lengths and previous catch rates were examined to ensure that equitable fishing opportunities would be provided to fishermen. Lastly, NMFS examined the seasonal variation of the different species/complex and the effects on fishing opportunities. In addition to these criteria, NMFS also considered other relevant factors, such as public comments before arriving at the final opening dates for the 2014 Atlantic shark management groups. For the 2014 fishing season, NMFS is opening the fisheries for sandbar shark, Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark, Gulf of Mexico aggregated LCS, Gulf of Mexico hammerhead shark, non-blacknose shark SCS, blacknose shark, blue shark, porbeagle shark, and pelagic shark (other than porbeagle or blue sharks) management groups on January 1, 2014. The direct and indirect economic impacts will be neutral on a short- and long-term basis, because NMFS did not change the opening dates of these fisheries from the status quo.

NMFS is delaying the opening of the aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups in the Atlantic region until June 1, 2014. This delay could result in short-term, direct, minor, adverse economic impacts as fishermen and dealers in the southern portion of the Atlantic region would not be able to fish for aggregated LCS and hammerhead sharks starting in January, but would still be able to fish earlier in the 2014 fishing season compared to the 2010 through 2012 fishing seasons, which did not start until July 15. Based on public comment, Atlantic fishermen in the southern portion of the region prefer a delayed opening for the potential to be fishing for aggregated LCS and hammerhead sharks from October through December. Therefore, the delayed opening could have direct, minor, beneficial economic impacts for fishermen since there are limited opportunities for fishermen to fish for non-HMS in the southern portion of the Atlantic region later in the year. In the northern portion of the Atlantic region, a delayed opening for the aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark management groups would have direct, minor, beneficial economic impacts in the short-term for fishermen as they

would have access to the aggregated LCS and hammerhead shark quotas in 2014. Overall, delaying the opening until June 1 would cause beneficial cumulative economic impacts across the region, since it would allow for a more equitable distribution of the quotas among constituents in this region. In addition, delaying the opening until June 1 would have minor, beneficial ecological impacts in the short-term for the Atlantic aggregated LCS and hammerhead management groups since it would reduce fishing pressure on these species in 2013. The economic impacts would be neutral on long-term basis, because this delayed opening would be for only the 2013 fishing season.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: November 20, 2013.

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Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #12 Through #34

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

ACTION: Modification of fishing seasons; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA Fisheries announces 23 inseason actions in the ocean salmon fisheries. These inseason actions modified the commercial and recreational salmon fisheries in the area from the U.S./Canada Border to the U.S./Mexico Border.

DATES: The effective dates for the inseason actions are set out in this document under the heading Inseason Actions. Comments will be accepted through December 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2012-0248, by any one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2012-0248, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** William W. Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-6349

- **Fax:** 206-526-6736, Attn: Peggy Mundy.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Mundy at 206-526-4323.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In the 2013 annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (78 FR 25865, May 3, 2013), NMFS announced the commercial and recreational fisheries in the area from the U.S./Canada Border to the U.S./Mexico Border, beginning May 1, 2013, and 2014 salmon seasons opening earlier than May 1, 2014. NMFS is authorized to implement inseason management actions to modify fishing seasons and quotas as necessary to provide fishing opportunity while meeting management objectives for the affected species (50 CFR 660.409). Inseason actions in the salmon fishery may be taken directly by NMFS (50 CFR 660.409(a)—Fixed inseason management provisions) or upon consultation with the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and the appropriate State Directors (50 CFR 660.409(b)—Flexible inseason management provisions).

Management of the salmon fisheries is generally divided into two geographic

areas: North of Cape Falcon (U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon, Oregon) and south of Cape Falcon (Cape Falcon, Oregon to the U.S./Mexico Border).

The fisheries affected by the inseason actions in this document are all based on quotas to manage impacts on specific salmon stocks that constrain fisheries to

meet conservation objectives, annual catch limits (ACLs), and consultation standards for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA-listed). Annual management measures allow for adjusting quotas among fishing periods on an impact neutral basis, as calculated by the Salmon Technical Team (STT).

Inseason Actions

The table below lists the inseason actions announced in this document in the order the actions were adopted, although the effective dates of the actions do not necessarily maintain the same chronological order.

Inseason action No.	Effective date	Salmon fishery affected
12	July 12, 2013	Commercial fishery from the Queets River, Washington to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
13	July 19, 2013	Recreational fishery from Queets River, Washington to Leadbetter Point, Washington (Westport subarea).
14	July 21, 2013	Commercial fishery from the Oregon/California Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California Klamath Management Zone or CA-KMZ).
15	July 3, 2013	Commercial fishery from the U.S./Canada Border to Queets River, Washington.
16	August 1, 2013	Commercial fishery from the U.S./Canada Border to the U.S./Mexico Border.
17	August 1, 2013	Commercial fishery from the Oregon/California Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California Klamath Management Zone or CA-KMZ).
18	August 4, 2013	Recreational fishery from Queets River, Washington to Leadbetter Point, Washington (Westport subarea).
19	August 3, 2013	Commercial fishery from the Oregon/California Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California Klamath Management Zone or CA-KMZ).
20	August 3, 2013	Commercial fishery from Humbug Mountain, Oregon to the Oregon/California Border (Oregon Klamath Management Zone or OR-KMZ).
21	August 9, 2013	Commercial fishery from the Queets River, Washington to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
22	August 9, 2013	Commercial fishery from the U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
23	August 9, 2013	Commercial fishery from the U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
24	August 10, 2013	Commercial fishery from Cape Falcon, Oregon to the U.S./Mexico Border.
25	August 10, 2013	Recreational fishery from U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava, Washington (Neah Bay subarea) and Cape Alava to Queets River, Washington (La Push subarea).
26	September 1, 2013	Recreational fishery from Cape Falcon, Oregon to Humbug Mountain, Oregon.
27	August 15, 2013	Commercial fishery from the U.S./Canada Border to Queets River, Washington.
28	August 23, 2013	Commercial fishery from Queets River to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
29	August 23, 2013	Recreational fishery from the U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
30	August 28, 2013	Commercial and Recreational fisheries from the U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
31	August 30, 2013	Commercial fishery from Queets River, Washington to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
32	September 1, 2013	Recreational fishery from Queets River, Washington to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
33	September 6, 2013	Commercial fishery from Queets River, Washington to Cape Falcon, Oregon.
34	September 12, 2013	Recreational fishery from Cape Falcon, Oregon to Humbug Mountain, Oregon.

Inseason Action #12

The Regional Administrator (RA) consulted with representatives of the Council, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) on July 11, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #12 adjusted the landing limit for Chinook salmon in the commercial salmon fishery from the Queets River to Cape Falcon. This action was taken to allow increased access to salmon within the available quota. On July 11, 2013, the states recommended increasing the Chinook salmon landing limit from 50 Chinook salmon per vessel per open period to 100 Chinook salmon per vessel per open period in the commercial fishery from Queets River to Cape Falcon; the RA concurred. Inseason action #12 took effect on July 12, 2013 and remained in effect until superseded by inseason

action #21 which took effect on August 9, 2013. Inseason action to modify retention regulations is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Action #13

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on July 15, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the recreational salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #13 adjusted the days of week for the recreational salmon fishery in the Westport subarea from 5 days per week (Sunday through Thursday) to 7 days per week. This action was taken to allow increased access to salmon within the available quota. On July 15, 2013, the states recommended increasing the days per week the recreational fishery was open in the Westport subarea; the RA concurred. Inseason action #13 took effect on July 19, 2013 and remained in effect to the end of the season. Inseason action to modify recreational fishing

days per calendar week is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(iii).

Inseason Action #14

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, ODFW, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on July 19, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the commercial salmon fishery in the CA-KMZ. Inseason action #14 closed the commercial salmon fishery in the CA-KMZ at 11:59 p.m., July 21, 2013. This action was taken to prevent exceeding the July quota for Chinook salmon in the area. On July 19, 2013, the states recommended closing the fishery; the RA concurred. Inseason action #14 took effect on July 21, 2013 and remained in effect through July 31, 2013. Inseason action to close a fishery when the quota is projected to be caught is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1).

Inseason Action #15

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW on July 25, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #15 adjusted the landing limit for Chinook salmon in the commercial salmon fishery north of Queets River from 50 Chinook salmon to 40 Chinook salmon, per vessel per open period. This action was taken to conserve available Chinook salmon quota in the area. On July 25, 2013, the states recommended this action; the RA concurred. Inseason action #15 took effect on July 26, 2013 and remained in effect until the fishery north of Queets River was closed on August 15, 2013 by inseason action #27. Inseason action to modify retention regulations is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Action #16

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW on July 25, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date of halibut caught incidental to the commercial salmon fishery north and south of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #16 adjusted the landing and possession limit for incidental halibut from 15 halibut per trip to 5 halibut per trip. This action was taken to slow landings of incidental halibut to avoid exceeding the quota set by the International Pacific Halibut Commission. On July 25, 2013, the states recommended this action; the RA concurred. Inseason action #16 took effect on August 1, 2013 and remained in effect until superseded by inseason action #23 on August 9, 2013. Inseason action to modify retention regulations is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Action #17

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, ODFW, and CDFW on July 26, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to Chinook salmon landings in the CA-KMZ and remaining quota available to transfer to August. Inseason action #17 adjusted the commercial salmon quota for August in the CA-KMZ from 1,500 Chinook salmon to 1,692 Chinook salmon. This action was taken to allow access to unutilized quota from the July fishery within allowable impacts to constraining stocks. The July fishery had an adjusted quota of 2,547 Chinook salmon; actual landings in July were estimated to be 2,302 Chinook salmon;

therefore, 245 Chinook salmon quota from July remained. The STT calculated that transferring 245 Chinook salmon from the July fishery to the August fishery in the CA-KMZ on an impact-neutral basis for Klamath River fall Chinook salmon (KRFC) would result in an addition of 192 Chinook salmon to the August quota, which was set pre-season at 1,500 Chinook salmon. KRFC is the constraining stock for CA-KMZ fisheries to meet ACLs and is used as a surrogate for impacts to ESA-listed California coastal Chinook salmon. On July 26, 2013, the states recommended adopting an adjusted quota of 1,692 Chinook salmon for the August commercial fishery in the CA-KMZ; the RA concurred. Inseason action #17 took effect on August 1, 2013 and remained in effect through August 31, 2013. Inseason action to modify quotas and/or fishing seasons is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(i).

Inseason Action #18

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on August 1, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the recreational salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #18 modified the daily bag limit in the recreational salmon fishery in the Westport subarea to allow retention of up to two Chinook salmon per day; previously, retention of only one Chinook salmon per day was allowed. This action was taken to allow greater access to available Chinook salmon quota. On August 1, 2013, the states recommended this action; the RA concurred. Inseason action #18 took effect on August 4, 2013 and remained in effect to the end of the season. Inseason action to modify recreational bag limits is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(iii).

Inseason Action #19

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, ODFW, and CDFW on August 2, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the commercial salmon fishery in the CA-KMZ. Inseason action #19 closed the commercial salmon fishery in the CA-KMZ at 11:59 p.m., August 3, 2013. This action was taken to prevent exceeding the August quota for Chinook salmon in the area. On August 2, 2013, the states recommended closing the fishery; the RA concurred. Inseason action #19 took effect on August 3, 2013 and remained in effect through August 31, 2013. Inseason action to close a fishery when

the quota is projected to be caught is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1).

Inseason Action #20

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, ODFW, and CDFW on August 2, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to Chinook salmon landings in the OR-KMZ in June and July, and remaining quota available to transfer from July to August. Salmon management measures allow for transferring unused quota in the OR-KMZ from one fishing period to the next; such adjustments are made on an impact-neutral basis to account for impacts on constraining stocks. KRFC is the constraining stock for OR-KMZ fisheries to meet ACLs and as a surrogate for impacts to ESA-listed California coastal Chinook salmon. Inseason action #20 adjusted the commercial salmon quotas for July and August in the OR-KMZ and superseded inseason action #10 (76 FR 50347). This action was taken to allow access to unutilized quota from the June and July fisheries within allowable impacts to constraining stocks.

Inseason action #10, which took effect on July 3, 2013 (76 FR 50347), adjusted the July quota for the commercial salmon fishery in the OR-KMZ, based on remaining quota from June. Catch data available at the time of the consultation for inseason action #10 (July 3, 2013) indicated 1,525 of the 4,000 Chinook salmon quota for June was caught, leaving 2,475 Chinook salmon quota remaining; the STT calculated the impact neutral rollover to July at 1,782 Chinook salmon. Inseason action #10 adjusted the July quota from 3,000 Chinook salmon to 4,782, accordingly. During the August 2 consultation for inseason action #20, updated catch information from June was provided; corrected catch for June was 1,556 Chinook salmon, rather than 1,525, leaving 2,444 Chinook salmon remaining on the June quota rather than 2,475. The STT calculated the revised impact neutral rollover to July at 1,760. Therefore, the revised adjusted July quota was 4,760 Chinook salmon.

July landings were estimated to be 3,962 Chinook salmon; therefore, 798 Chinook salmon from the July quota remained. The STT calculated that transferring 798 Chinook salmon from the July fishery to the August fishery in the OR-KMZ on an impact neutral basis for KRFC would result in an addition of 714 Chinook salmon to the August quota, which was set pre-season at 2,000 Chinook salmon.

On August 2, 2013, the states recommended adopting a revised

adjusted quota of 4,760 Chinook salmon for July and an adjusted quota of 2,714 Chinook salmon for August in the commercial fishery in the OR-KMZ; the RA concurred. Inseason action #20 took effect on August 2, 2013 and remained in effect to the end of the season. Inseason action to modify quotas and/or fishing seasons is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(i).

Inseason Action #21

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW on August 8, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #21 adjusted the landing limit for Chinook salmon in the commercial salmon fishery from Queets River to Cape Falcon from 100 Chinook salmon to 150 Chinook salmon per vessel per open period. This action superseded inseason action #12, and was taken to allow increased access to salmon within the available quota. On August 8, 2013, the states recommended increasing the Chinook salmon landing limit from 100 Chinook salmon per vessel per open period to 150 Chinook salmon per vessel per open period in the commercial fishery from Queets River to Cape Falcon; the RA concurred. Inseason action #21 took effect on August 9, 2013 and remained in effect until superseded by inseason action #28 which took effect on August 23, 2013. Inseason action to modify retention regulations is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Action #22

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW on August 8, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #22 adjusted the landing limit for coho salmon in the commercial salmon fishery from U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon from 40 to 80 marked coho per vessel per open period. This action was taken to allow increased access to salmon within the available quota. On August 8, 2013, the states recommended the adjustment to the coho landing limit in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon from 40 to 80 marked coho per vessel per open period; the RA concurred. Inseason action #22 took effect on August 9, 2013 and remained in effect until superseded by inseason action #28 which took effect on August 23, 2013. Inseason action to modify

retention regulations is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Actions #23 and #24

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW on August 8, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date of halibut caught incidental to the commercial salmon fishery north and south of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #23 closed retention of incidental halibut north of Cape Falcon effective August 9, 2013, the start of a new fishing period north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #24 closed retention of incidental halibut south of Cape Falcon effective August 10, 2013 and required landing and delivery of incidental halibut to be completed by 11:59 p.m., August 11, 2013; the fishery south of Cape Falcon was open seven days per week, and required time for vessels to return to port to land the catch. These actions were taken due to projected attainment of the quota set by the International Pacific Halibut Commission. On August 8, 2013, the states recommended these actions; the RA concurred. Inseason action #23 took effect on August 9, 2013 and Inseason action #24 took effect on August 10; both inseason actions remained in effect until the end of the season. Inseason action to close a fishery when the quota is projected to be caught is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1).

Inseason Action #25

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW on August 8, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and fishery effort in the recreational salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #25 modified the bag limit in the recreational salmon fishery in the Neah Bay and La Push subareas to allow retention of no more than one Chinook salmon per day; previously the regulations allowed retention of two Chinook salmon per day. This action was taken to conserve remaining Chinook salmon quota in these areas. On August 8, 2013, the states recommended this action; the RA concurred. Inseason action #25 took effect on August 10, 2013 and remained in effect until superseded by inseason action #29 on August 23, 2013. Inseason action to modify recreational bag limits is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(iii).

Inseason Action #26

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW on August 8, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to quota remaining from the July mark-selective recreational coho fishery from Cape Falcon to the Oregon/California border. The annual management measures stated that remaining coho quota from the July mark-selective fishery would be transferred on an impact-neutral basis to the September non-selective coho quota from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. The July mark-selective fishery had a quota of 10,500 marked coho salmon; 6,580 marked coho were caught, leaving 3,920 on the July mark-selective coho quota. The STT calculated that transferring 3,920 mark-selective coho from July to the September non-mark-selective fishery on an impact-neutral basis for Oregon coast and lower Columbia River natural coho stocks would result in adding 3,580 to the September quota. Inseason action #26 adjusted the non-mark-selective coho quota, set preseason at 16,000, to 19,580 for the September recreational fishery in the area from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. This action was taken to allow access to unutilized coho salmon quota from the July mark-selective fishery, on an impact-neutral basis. On August 8, 2013, the states recommended adjusting the non-mark-selective coho quota from 16,000 to 19,580 for the September recreational salmon fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain; the RA concurred. Inseason action #26 took effect on September 1, 2013 and remained in effect until the end of the season. Inseason action to modify quotas and/or fishing seasons is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(i).

Inseason Action #27

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on August 15, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #27 closed the commercial salmon fishery from U.S./Canada Border to Queets River on August 15, 2013. This action was taken to prevent exceeding the Chinook salmon quota in the area. On August 15, 2013 the states recommended closing the commercial salmon fishery north of Queets River immediately to prevent exceeding the area quota; the RA concurred. Inseason action #27 took effect on August 15, 2013 and remained in effect until the end of the season. Inseason action to

close a fishery when the quota is projected to be caught is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1).

Inseason Action #28

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on August 22, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #28 closed the commercial salmon fishery from Queets River to Cape Falcon on August 23, 2013. This action was taken to prevent exceeding the Chinook salmon quota in the area and permit the states to update landing data to properly assess remaining quota. On August 22, 2013, the states recommended closing the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon to prevent exceeding the area quota; the RA concurred. Inseason action #28 took effect August 23, 2013 and remained in effect until superseded by inseason action #31, which took effect August 30, 2013. Inseason action to close a fishery when the quota is projected to be caught is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(a)(1).

Inseason Action #29

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on August 22, 2013.

The information considered during this consultation related to catch-to-date and effort in the recreational salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #29 changed the daily bag limits in the recreational salmon fisheries in Columbia River, Neah Bay, and La Push subareas to allow retention of two Chinook salmon; previously these fisheries allowed retention of one Chinook salmon. Inseason action #29 superseded inseason action #25 for Neah Bay and La Push subareas. This action was taken to allow greater access to available Chinook salmon quota in the recreational fishery. On August 22, 2013 the states recommended these bag limit changes; the RA concurred. Inseason action #29 took effect August 23, 2013 and remained in effect for the rest of the season. Inseason action to modify recreational bag limits is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(iii).

Inseason Action #30

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on August 28, 2013.

Inseason action #30 adjusted quotas in the commercial and recreational fisheries north of Cape Falcon by transferring available quotas between the commercial and recreational fisheries on an impact-neutral basis as

determined by the STT. Quota may be transferred between the recreational and commercial fisheries north of Cape Falcon if there is agreement among the areas' representatives on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), and if the transfer would not result in exceeding the preseason impact expectations on any stocks (78 FR 25865, May 3, 2013). The SAS agreed to transfer 3,200 Chinook salmon from the recreational fishery quota to the commercial fishery quota; the STT calculated the impact-equivalent transfer as 2,000 Chinook salmon added to the commercial fishery quota. The SAS agreed to transfer 4,000 marked coho salmon from the commercial fishery quota to the recreational fishery quota; the STT determined that no impact-equivalent adjustment was required. The SAS agreed to distribute the transferred coho quota among the subareas as follows: 1,000 to Columbia River subarea, 1,480 to Westport subarea, 1,100 to La Push subarea, and 420 to Neah Bay subarea. These actions were taken to extend the commercial and recreational fishing seasons north of Cape Falcon without exceeding the available quotas; without these quota transfers, some fisheries would close earlier than planned preseason. On August 28, 2013, the states recommended these quota transfers; the RA concurred. Inseason action took effect August 28, 2013 and remained in effect through the end of the season. Inseason action to modify quotas and/or fishing seasons is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(i).

Inseason Action #31

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on August 28, 2013.

The information considered in this consultation related to catch-to-date and effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #31 reopened the commercial salmon fishery from Queets River to Cape Falcon, Friday through Tuesday, beginning August 30, 2013, with a landing and possession limit of 35 Chinook salmon and 40 marked coho per vessel per open period. This action superseded inseason action #28 which closed the fishery on August 23 until quota could be adjusted under inseason action #30. On August 28, 2013 the states recommended reopening the commercial salmon fishery; the RA concurred. Inseason action #31 took effect on August 30, 2013 and remained in effect until superseded by inseason action #33 on September 6, 2013. Inseason action to modify fishing seasons and retention regulations is

authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(i) and 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Action #32

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on August 28, 2013.

The information considered in this consultation related to catch-to-date and effort in the recreational salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #32 modified the recreational bag limit in the Columbia River and Westport subareas to allow retention of unmarked coho. This action was taken to allow access to available coho quota without exceeding impacts on unmarked coho. On August 28, 2013 the states recommended allowing retention on unmarked coho in the Columbia River and Westport subareas; the RA concurred. Inseason action #32 took effect September 1, 2013 in Columbia River subarea and September 6, 2013 in Westport subarea, and remained in effect until the end of the season. Inseason action to modify retention regulations is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Action #33

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, WDFW, and ODFW on September 5, 2013.

The information considered in this consultation related to catch-to-date and effort in the commercial salmon fishery north of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #33 superseded inseason action #31 and modified the landing and possession limit in the commercial salmon fishery in the area from Queets River to Cape Falcon from 35 Chinook salmon and 40 marked coho to 75 Chinook salmon and 50 marked coho per vessel per open period. This action was taken to allow access to the remaining quota. On September 5, 2013 the states recommended this action; the RA concurred. Inseason action #33 took effect on September 6, 2013 and remained in effect until the season closed on September 17, 2013. Inseason action to modify retention regulations is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(ii).

Inseason Action #34

The RA consulted with representatives of the Council, ODFW, and CDFW on September 11, 2013.

The information considered in this consultation related to catch-to-date and effort in the recreational salmon fishery south of Cape Falcon. Inseason action #34 modified the daily bag limit in the recreational salmon fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain to all salmon, two fish per day, seven days per week; originally coho could only be

retained Thursday through Saturday. This action was taken to allow greater access to available coho quota. On September 11, 2013 the states recommended this action; the RA concurred. Inseason action #34 took effect on September 12, 2013 and remained in effect until the season closed on September 30, 2013. Inseason action to modify recreational bag limits is authorized by 50 CFR 660.409(b)(1)(iii).

All other restrictions and regulations remain in effect as announced for the 2013 ocean salmon fisheries and 2014 fisheries opening prior to May 1, 2014 (78 FR 25865, May 3, 2013) and subsequent inseason actions (78 FR 30780, May 23, 2013; 78 FR 35153, June 12, 2013; and 78 FR 50347, August 19, 2013).

The RA determined that the best available information indicated that catch and effort projections supported the above inseason actions recommended by the states of California, Oregon, and Washington. The states manage the fisheries in state waters adjacent to the areas of the U.S. exclusive economic zone in accordance with these Federal actions. As provided by the inseason notice procedures of 50

CFR 660.411, actual notice of the described regulatory actions was given, prior to the time the action was effective, by telephone hotline number 206-526-6667 and 800-662-9825, and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz.

Classification

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds that good cause exists for this notification to be issued without affording prior notice and opportunity for public comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) because such notification would be impracticable. As previously noted, actual notice of the regulatory actions was provided to fishers through telephone hotline and radio notification. These actions comply with the requirements of the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (78 FR 25865, May 3, 2013), the West Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Salmon FMP), and regulations implementing the Salmon FMP, 50 CFR 660.409 and 660.411. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment was impracticable because NMFS and the state agencies had insufficient time to provide for prior

notice and the opportunity for public comment between the time the catch and effort projections were developed and fisheries impacts calculated, and the time the fishery modifications had to be implemented in order to ensure that fisheries are managed based on the best available scientific information, thus allowing fishers access to the available fish at the time the fish were available while ensuring that quotas are not exceeded. The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness required under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), as a delay in effectiveness of these actions would allow fishing at levels inconsistent with the goals of the Salmon FMP and the current management measures.

These actions are authorized by 50 CFR 660.409 and 660.411 and are exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Sean F. Corson,

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

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Proposed Rules

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

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 3

[Docket No. APHIS–2012–0106]

Petition To Promulgate Standards for Bears Under the Animal Welfare Act Regulations

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of petition.

SUMMARY: We are notifying the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition requesting that we amend the Animal Welfare Act regulations to add specific standards for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of all species of bears held in captivity except polar bears, for which there are already standards. We are making this petition available to the public and soliciting comments regarding the petition and any issues raised by the petition that we should take into account as we consider this petition.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 27, 2014.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0106-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2012–0106, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0106> or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW.,

Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Barbara Kohn, DVM, Senior Staff Officer, USDA, APHIS, Animal Care, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737–1234; (301) 851–3751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal Welfare Act (AWA, 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate standards and other requirements governing the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of certain animals by dealers, research facilities, exhibitors, operators of auction sales, and carriers and intermediate handlers. The Secretary has delegated the responsibility for enforcing the AWA to the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Within APHIS, the responsibility for administering the AWA has been delegated to the Deputy Administrator for Animal Care. Regulations and standards promulgated under the AWA are contained in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), parts 1, 2 and 3. Part 1 contains definitions for terms used in parts 2 and 3; part 2 contains licensing and registration regulations, regulations specific to research facilities, and regulations governing veterinary care, animal identification, recordkeeping, access for inspection, confiscation of animals, and handling, among other requirements; and part 3 contains specific standards for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of categories of animals covered under the AWA. Currently, part 3 comprises subparts A through E, which contain specific standards for dogs and cats, guinea pigs and hamsters, rabbits, nonhuman primates, and marine mammals (including polar bears), and subpart F, which contains general standards for warmblooded animals other than the aforementioned animals.

On September 25, 2012, APHIS received a petition from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals requesting that we initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend part 3 to add specific

standards for all species of bears held in captivity except polar bears, for which there are specific standards in subpart E. The petition states that the generic standards in subpart F are inadequate to ensure the humane handling, treatment, and care of bears, and do not address the complex and unique behavioral, dietary, and physiological needs of bears. The petition proposes specific regulatory language to, among other things, prohibit the use of barren and pit-type enclosures, set minimum space standards for primary housing, require environmental enrichment and den and pool access, and prescribe general feeding schedules. The petition also requests that APHIS hire a full-time specialist with knowledge, background, and experience in the proper husbandry and care of bears to oversee the implementation and enforcement of the requested regulations.

We are making this petition available to the public and soliciting comments to help determine what action, if any, to take in response to this request. The petition and any comments submitted are available for review as indicated under **ADDRESSES** above. We welcome all comments on the issues outlined in the petition. In particular, we invite responses to the following questions:

1. Do the current standards in subpart F adequately ensure the humane handling, treatment, and care of bears in captivity?

2. In what respects are the standards in subpart F inadequate for captive bears?

3. Would prohibiting pit-type enclosures adversely affect Native Americans regulated under the AWA?

4. Do bears have unique needs that should be addressed by special handling and care? If so, why?

5. What scientific knowledge of captive bears and their specific needs has been gained since the standards in subpart F were promulgated?

6. Should persons holding bears in captivity be required to provide the bears with environmental enrichment? If so, why?

7. Should persons holding bears in captivity be prohibited from housing them in pits or other similar enclosures? If so, why?

8. Are current standards for space adequate for captive bears? If not, why, and what would the minimal space requirements for bears be?

9. What are the physiological and psychological needs of bears in captivity, and would bear-specific standards address them?

10. Is there evidence that a captive bear housed in a particular type of enclosure is more prone to disease or injury, or more likely to develop aggressive behavior habits than captive bears housed in a different type of enclosure?

11. Should persons holding bears in captivity be required to provide bears with the means to self-groom, with enclosure mates, with the opportunity and means to hibernate, and with pools?

12. Should there be a prohibition on the sale or transportation of infant or young bears in captivity?

13. Should exhibitors and dealers be required to house captive bear cubs with their mothers until after they are naturally weaned?

14. Should exhibitors and dealers be prohibited from declawing captive bears?

15. Should exhibitors and dealers be prohibited from permitting public feeding of captive bears?

We encourage the submission of scientific data, studies, or research to support your comments and position, including scientific data or research that supports any industry or professional standards that pertain to the care of bears. We also invite data on the costs and benefits associated with any recommendations. We will consider all comments and recommendations we receive.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2131–2159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.7.

Done in Washington, DC, this 20th day of November 2013.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R05–OAR–2013–0501; FRL 9902–27–Region 5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Illinois state implementation plan (SIP). The

submission amends the Illinois Administrative Code by updating the definition of “Volatile organic material (VOM) or Volatile organic compound (VOC)” to add trans-1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFO–1234ze) to the list of compounds excluded from the definition of VOM or VOC. This revision is based on EPA’s 2012 rulemaking which added HFO–1234ze to the list of chemical compounds that are excluded from the Federal definition of VOC because of their negligible contribution to the formation of tropospheric ozone.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R05–OAR–2013–0501, by one of the following methods:

1. *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* blakley.pamela@epa.gov.

3. *Fax:* (312) 692–2450.

4. *Mail:* Pamela Blakley, Chief, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

5. *Hand Delivery:* Pamela Blakley, Chief, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Regional Office official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

Please see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register** for detailed instructions on how to submit comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Hatten, Environmental Engineer, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886–6031, hatten.charles@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state’s SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are

received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule, and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment. For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 17, 2013.

Susan Hedman,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

[FR Doc. 2013–27705 Filed 11–25–13; 8:45 am]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R04–OAR–2013–0562; FRL–9903–16–Region 4]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Non-Interference Demonstration for Removal of Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for the Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve the State of North Carolina’s April 12, 2013, State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision associated with the currently approved maintenance plan addressing the 1997 8-hour national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for the Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point (Triad) Area. Specifically, North Carolina’s revision, including updated modeling, shows that the Triad Area would continue to maintain the 1997 8-hour ozone standard if the currently applicable Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) standard for gasoline of 7.8 pounds per square inch (psi) were modified to 9.0 psi for four portions (Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford and Davie Counties) of the “Triad Area” during the high-ozone season. The State has included a technical demonstration with the revision to demonstrate that a

less-stringent RVP standard of 9.0 psi in these portions of this area would not interfere with continued maintenance of the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS or any other applicable standard. Approval of this SIP revision is a prerequisite for EPA's consideration of an amendment to the regulations to remove the aforementioned portions of the Triad Area from the list of areas that are currently subject to the Federal 7.8 psi RVP requirements. In addition, the revised on-road mobile and non-road mobile source emissions modeling associated with the requested modification to the RVP standard results in the use of the updated Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) and NONROAD2008 models which are the most current versions of modeling systems available for these sources. EPA has preliminarily determined that North Carolina's April 12, 2013, SIP revision with respect to the revisions to the modeling and associated technical demonstration associated with the State's request for the removal of the Federal RVP requirements, and with respect to the updated on-road mobile, non-road mobile and area source emissions, is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act). Should EPA decide to remove the subject portions of the Triad Area from those areas subject to the 7.8 psi Federal RVP requirements, such action will occur in a subsequent rulemaking.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA-R04-OAR-2013-0562 by one of the following methods:

1. *www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
2. *Email*: R4-RDS@epa.gov.
3. *Fax*: (404) 562-9019.
4. *Mail*: EPA-R04-OAR-2013-0562, Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.
5. *Hand Delivery or Courier*: Ms. Lynora Benjamin, Chief, Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation. The Regional Office's official

hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R04-OAR-2013-0562. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit through *www.regulations.gov* or email, information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The *www.regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through *www.regulations.gov*, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the electronic docket are listed in the *www.regulations.gov* index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in *www.regulations.gov* or in hard copy at the Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the person listed in the **FOR**

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Lakeman of the Regulatory Development Section, in the Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Mr. Lakeman may be reached by phone at (404) 562-9043, or via electronic mail at lakeman.sean@epa.gov.

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I. What is being proposed?

The Triad Area in North Carolina is currently designated attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The Area was redesignated from nonattainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS on April 2, 2008. *See* 73 FR 17897. This rulemaking proposes to approve a revision to the Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plan for 1997 8-hour ozone standard for the Triad Area submitted by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR). Specifically, EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the maintenance plan, including updated modeling, that show the Triad Area can continue to maintain the 1997 ozone standard without reliance on emissions reductions based upon the use of gasoline with an RVP of 7.8 psi in any of the Triad Area counties during the high ozone season—June 1 through September 15.¹ EPA is also proposing to conclude that the new modeling demonstrates that the area would continue to attain the 1997 8-hour ozone standard with the use of gasoline with

¹ As discussed further below, a separate rulemaking is required for relaxation of the current requirement to use gasoline with an RVP of 7.8 psi in the Area. This action proposes EPA's evaluation of the approvability of Florida's revision to the maintenance plan pursuant to section 110(l). The decision regarding removal of Federal RVP requirements pursuant to section 211(h) in the Area includes other considerations evaluated at the discretion of the Administrator. As such, the determination regarding whether to remove the Area from those areas subject to the section 211(h) requirements is made through a separate rule making action.

an RVP of 9.0 psi throughout the Triad Area during the high ozone season. Consistent with section 110(l) of the Act, EPA also proposes to conclude that the use of gasoline with an RVP of 9.0 psi throughout the Triad Area during the high ozone season would not interfere with other applicable requirements.

The new modeling conducted by North Carolina to account for the proposed relaxation of the applicable RVP standard in portions of the Triad Area also results in changes to the on-road mobile, non-road mobile and area source emissions associated with the maintenance plan.² As such, the North Carolina revision updates the on-road mobile, non-road mobile and area source emissions for the Triad Area. EPA is also proposing approval of this revision.

This preamble is hereafter organized into five parts. Section II provides the background of the Triad Area designation status with respect to the various Ozone NAAQS. Section III describes the applicable history of federal gasoline regulation. Section IV provides the Agency's policy regarding relaxation of the volatility standards. Section V provides EPA's analysis of the information submitted by North Carolina to support a relaxation of the more stringent volatility standard in the Triad Area and revisions to the on-road mobile, nonroad mobile and area source emissions associated with Maintenance Plan for the Triad Area and provides EPA's analysis regarding the proposed revision.

II. What is the background of the Triad Area?

On November 6, 1991 (56 FR 56694), EPA designated the Counties of Davidson, Forsyth and Guilford in their entirety and the portion of Davie County bounded by the Yadkin River, Dutchmans Creek, North Carolina Highway 801, Fulton Creek and back to Yadkin River in the Triad Area as Moderate nonattainment for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. Among the requirements applicable to nonattainment areas for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS was the requirement to meet certain volatility standards (known as Reid Vapor Pressure or RVP) for gasoline sold commercially. See 55 FR 23658 (June 11, 1990). As discussed in greater detail below, as part of the RVP requirements associated with the nonattainment designation, gasoline sold in the Triad 1-hour nonattainment area could not

exceed 7.8 psi RVP during the high-ozone season months.

Following implementation of the 7.8 psi RVP requirement in the Triad Area, on September 9, 1993, the Triad Area was redesignated to attainment for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS, based on 1989–1992 ambient air quality monitoring data. See 58 FR 47391. North Carolina's November 13, 1992, 1-hour ozone redesignation request did not include a request for the removal of the 7.8 psi RVP standard. The requirements remained in place for the Area when it was designated nonattainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS that was promulgated on July 18, 1997, and later designated attainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS that was promulgated March 12, 2008. See 77 FR 30088, May 21, 2012.

On April 30, 2004, EPA designated and classified areas for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS (69 FR 23857) unclassifiable/attainment or nonattainment for the new 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The Triad Area was designated as nonattainment with a deferred effective date as part of the Early Action Compact (EAC)³ program. (For more information on the EAC program, see, http://www.epa.gov/airquality/eac/fs20080331_eac.html.) The Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point nonattainment-deferred EAC Area for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS expanded the Triad Area to include the entire county of Davie, and Alamance, Caswell, Randolph, and Rockingham Counties in their entirety. The Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point EAC Area attained the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS with a design value of 0.083 parts per million (ppm) using three years of quality assured data for the years of 2005–2007. On February 6, 2008, EPA proposed that 13 nonattainment areas with deferred effective dates, including the Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point Area, be designated attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. See 73 FR 6863. These areas met all of the milestones of the EAC program and demonstrated that they were in attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS as of December 31, 2007. This rulemaking was finalized on April 2, 2008. See 73 FR 17897. Effective April 15, 2008, the Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point EAC Area was designated as attainment for the 1997 8-

hour ozone NAAQS. However, these attainment areas consequently were required to submit a 10-year maintenance plan under section 110(a)(1) of the CAA. As required, these plans provide for continued attainment and maintenance of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS for at least 10 years from the effective date of these areas' designation as attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. These plans also include components illustrating how each area will continue to attain the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS and provided contingency measures.

III. What is the history of the gasoline volatility requirement?

On August 19, 1987 (52 FR 31274), EPA determined that gasoline nationwide had become increasingly volatile, causing an increase in evaporative emissions from gasoline-powered vehicles and equipment. Evaporative emissions from gasoline, referred to as volatile organic compounds (VOC), are precursors to the formation of tropospheric ozone and contribute to the nation's ground-level ozone problem. Exposure to ground-level ozone can reduce lung function (thereby aggravating asthma or other respiratory conditions), increase susceptibility to respiratory infection, and may contribute to premature death in people with heart and lung disease.

The most common measure of fuel volatility that is useful in evaluating gasoline evaporative emissions is RVP. Under section 211(c) of CAA, EPA promulgated regulations on March 22, 1989 (54 FR 11868), that set maximum limits for the RVP of gasoline sold during the high ozone season. These regulations constituted Phase I of a two-phase nationwide program, which was designed to reduce the volatility of commercial gasoline during the summer ozone control season. On June 11, 1990 (55 FR 23658), EPA promulgated more stringent volatility controls as Phase II of the volatility control program. These requirements established maximum RVP standards of 9.0 psi or 7.8 psi (depending on the State, the month, and the area's initial ozone attainment designation with respect to the 1-hour ozone NAAQS during the high ozone season).

The 1990 CAA Amendments established a new section, 211(h), to address fuel volatility. Section 211(h) requires EPA to promulgate regulations making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, dispense, supply, offer for supply, transport, or introduce into commerce gasoline with an RVP level in excess of 9.0 psi during the high ozone season. Section 211(h) prohibits EPA from

²In addition to a less stringent RVP standard, the new modeling also utilizes updated models for on-road and off-road mobile emission sources.

³An EAC is an agreement between a State, local governments and EPA to implement measures not necessarily required by the Act in order to achieve cleaner air as soon as possible. The program was designed for areas that approach or monitor exceedances of the 8-hour ozone standard, but are in attainment for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS.

establishing a volatility standard more stringent than 9.0 psi in an attainment area, except that EPA may impose a lower (more stringent) standard in any former ozone nonattainment area redesignated to attainment.

On December 12, 1991 (56 FR 64704), EPA modified the Phase II volatility regulations to be consistent with section 211(h) of the CAA. The modified regulations prohibited the sale of gasoline with an RVP above 9.0 psi in all areas designated attainment for ozone, beginning in 1992. For areas designated as nonattainment, the regulations retained the original Phase II standards published on June 11, 1990 (55 FR 23658).

As stated in the preamble to the Phase II volatility controls and reiterated in the proposed change to the volatility standards published in 1991, EPA will rely on states to initiate changes to EPA's volatility program that they believe will enhance local air quality and/or increase the economic efficiency of the program within the statutory limits.⁴ In those rulemakings, EPA explained that the governor of a state may petition EPA to set a volatility standard less stringent than 7.8 psi for some month or months in a nonattainment area. The petition must demonstrate such a change is appropriate because of a particular local economic impact and that sufficient alternative programs are available to achieve attainment and maintenance of the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. A current listing of the RVP requirements for states can be found on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/gasolinefuels/volatility/standards.htm>.

As explained in the December 12, 1991 (56 FR 64704), Phase II rulemaking, EPA believes that relaxation of an applicable RVP standard is best accomplished in conjunction with the redesignation process. In order for an ozone nonattainment area to be redesignated as an attainment area, section 107(d)(3) of the Act requires the state to make a showing, pursuant to section 175A of the Act, that the area is capable of maintaining attainment for the ozone NAAQS for ten years after redesignation. Depending on the area's circumstances, this maintenance plan will either demonstrate that the area is capable of maintaining attainment for ten years without the more stringent volatility standard or that the more stringent volatility standard may be necessary for the area to maintain its attainment with the ozone NAAQS.

Therefore, in the context of a request for redesignation, EPA will not relax the volatility standard unless the state requests a relaxation and the maintenance plan demonstrates, to the satisfaction of EPA, that the area will maintain attainment for ten years without the need for the more stringent volatility standard. As noted above, however, North Carolina did not request relaxation of the applicable 7.8 psi RVP standard when the Triad Area was redesignated to attainment for the either the 1-hour or the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. Rather, North Carolina is now seeking to relax the 7.8 psi RVP standard after the Triad Area has been redesignated to attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. Accordingly, the original modeling and maintenance demonstration supporting the 1997 8-hour ozone maintenance plan must be revised to reflect continued attainment under the relaxed 9.0 psi RVP standard that the State has requested.

IV. What are the section 110(l) requirements?

Section 110(l) requires that a revision to the SIP not interfere with any applicable requirement concerning attainment and reasonable further progress (RFP) (as defined in section 171), or any other applicable requirement of the Act. EPA's criterion for determining the approvability of North Carolina's April 12, 2013, SIP revision is whether this requested action complies with section 110(l) of the CAA. Because the modeling associated with the current maintenance plan for North Carolina is premised in part upon the 7.8 psi RVP requirements, a request to revise the maintenance plan modeling to no longer rely on the 7.8 psi RVP requirement is subject to the requirements of CAA section 110(l). Therefore, the State must demonstrate that this revision will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any of the NAAQS or any other applicable requirement of the CAA.

This section 110(l) non-interference demonstration is a case-by-case determination based upon the circumstances of each SIP revision. EPA interprets 110(l) as applying to all NAAQS that are in effect, including those that have been promulgated but for which the EPA has not yet made designations. The specific elements of the 110(l) analysis contained in the SIP revision depend on the circumstances and emissions analyses associated with that revision. EPA's analysis of North Carolina's April 12, 2013, SIP revision, including review of section 110(l) requirements is provided below.

Finally, EPA notes that this rulemaking is only proposing to approve the State's revision to its existing maintenance plan for the Triad Area showing that the area can continue to maintain the standard without relying upon gasoline with an RVP of 7.8 psi being sold in the Triad Area during the high ozone season. Consistent with CAA section 211(h) and the Phase II volatility regulations a separate rulemaking is required for relaxation of the current requirement to use gasoline with an RVP of 7.8 psi in the Triad Area.

V. What is EPA's analysis of North Carolina's submittal?

a. Overall Preliminary Conclusions for Non-Interference Analyses for North Carolina's Request for Removal of the Federal RVP Requirement

On April 12, 2013, NC DENR submitted a revision to the maintenance plan for the Triad 1-hour ozone maintenance area. The revision updates the on-road mobile, non-road mobile, and area source emissions that would result from modifying the RVP summertime gasoline requirement from 7.8 psi to 9.0 psi for the Triad Area. North Carolina's April 12, 2013, SIP revision also includes an evaluation of the impact that the removal of the 7.8 psi RVP requirement would have on maintenance of the 1997 and 2008 ozone standards and on other applicable NAAQS. For the purposes of this change, EPA is making the preliminary determination that the applicable NAAQS⁵ of interest for the non-interference demonstration required by section 110(l) of the CAA are the carbon monoxide (CO), ozone, particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) standards.

VOC and NO_x emissions are precursors for ozone and PM, and NO₂ is a component of NO_x. In addition, EPA also believes that, in this instance, it is appropriate to also evaluate non-interference with respect to the CO NAAQS. Typically, EPA would not expect the CO NAAQS to be affected by a revision to RVP requirements because VOC and NO_x are not precursors to CO. The revised modeling submitted by North Carolina, however, demonstrates a slight increase in CO emissions, and as such, EPA believes a non-interference review for CO is also appropriate in this case.

There are no emissions reductions attributable to the emissions of lead and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) from RVP requirements. As a result, there is no

⁴ See 55 FR 23658 (June 11, 1990), 56 FR 24242 (May 29, 1991) and 56 FR 64704 (Dec. 12, 1991).

⁵ The six NAAQS for which EPA establishes health and welfare based standards are carbon monoxide, lead, NO₂, ozone, PM, and SO₂.

information indicating the proposed revision would have any impact on those NAAQS. Additionally, the Triad Area is currently designated attainment for the lead NAAQS, and is continuing to attain the standard. As for the SO₂ NAAQS, the Triad Area is not designated nonattainment and there is no available monitoring data indicating an exceedance of the NAAQS. Therefore, the analysis below focuses on the impact of North Carolina's requested RVP change to the ozone, particulate matter, NO₂ and CO NAAQS.

In North Carolina's April 12, 2013, SIP revision, the State provided a technical demonstration to support the request to modify the RVP summertime gasoline requirement from 7.8 psi to 9.0 psi for the Triad Area. NC DENR provided information regarding the emissions trends from the maintenance plans for the ozone NAAQS and conducted a photochemical modeling exercise to show that modifying the RVP summertime gasoline requirement from 7.8 psi to 9.0 psi would have no impact on the ozone and PM_{2.5} NAAQS.⁶

In the April 12, 2013, SIP revision, NC DENR provided an updated analysis utilizing EPA's MOVES emission modeling system to estimate emissions for mobile sources. These mobile source emissions are used as part of the evaluation of the potential impacts to the ozone NAAQS that might result exclusively from changing the high ozone season RVP requirements from 7.8 psi to 9.0 psi. The MOVES data resulted in minor increases to the on-road mobile and area source emissions. The State then used the MOVES-generated revised mobile source emissions in the Triad Area that

resulted from the RVP program change in photochemical grid modeling to simulate the impact on ozone formation. In addition to modeling the small RVP changes over the Triad Area, NC DENR also modeled the shutdown of three coal-fired electric generating units (EGUs) (Buck, Dan River, and Riverbend), that were located in counties adjacent to the Triad Area. Combined-cycle natural gas units have been built at two of these facilities (Buck and Dan River) replacing the now decommissioned coal-fired units. The federally-enforceable emission limits associated with these new combined-cycle units were included with the modeling conducted by NC DENR. The modeling shows that relaxation of the RVP standard to 9.0 psi would not interfere with continued maintenance of the ozone NAAQS in the Triad Area.

b. Non-Interference Analysis for the Ozone NAAQS

As previously discussed, effective November 6, 1991, the Triad Area (which consisted of Davidson, Forsyth and Guilford Counties in their entirety and a portion of Davie County) was designated as nonattainment for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. As a 1-hour ozone nonattainment area, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth and Guilford Counties were subject to the federal RVP requirements for high ozone season gasoline to aid the Area with compliance with the ozone NAAQS. On November 13, 1992, NC DENR submitted a redesignation request and maintenance plan for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS.

On February 6, 2008, EPA proposed that 13 nonattainment areas with deferred effective dates, including the

Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point Area, be designated attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. See 73 FR 6863. These areas met all of the milestones of the EAC program and demonstrated that they were in attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS as of December 31, 2007. Effective April 15, 2008, the Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point EAC Area was designated as attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS with a design value of 0.083 ppm using three years of quality assured data for the years of 2005–2007.

Throughout this history, there is an overall downward trend in ozone concentration in the Triad Area that can be attributed to Federal and State programs that have led to significant emissions reductions. The Triad Area is continuing to meet the 1-hour and 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.⁷ With respect to the 2008 ozone NAAQS, based on the 2010–2012 design values of 0.078 ppm and 0.076 ppm, Triad Area monitors in Forsyth and Guilford Counties, respectively, are violating the 2008 ozone NAAQS. However, the preliminary 2011–2013 design values for Forsyth and Guilford Counties are 0.073 ppm and 0.072 ppm, respectively.

The 2008 ozone NAAQS is met when the annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour average concentration, averaged over 3 years is 0.075 ppm or less. Currently (as shown in Table 1), all ozone monitors in the Triad Area are attaining the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS, and all but three ozone monitors (two located in Forsyth County and one located in Guilford County) are attaining the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

TABLE 1—TRIAD AREA DESIGN VALUE

County	2005–2007 DV (ppm)	2006–2008 DV (ppm)	2007–2009 DV (ppm)	2008–2010 DV (ppm)	2009–2011 DV (ppm)	2010–2012 DV (ppm)
Caswell	0.077	0.079	0.076	0.073	0.070	0.073
Davie	0.083	0.082	0.078	(⁸)	.....	0.073
Forsyth	0.081	0.081	0.077	0.076	0.075	0.078
Guilford	0.082	0.082	0.079	0.076	0.074	0.076
Rockingham	0.078	0.080	0.078	0.075	0.071	0.073

----- indicates no data available.

On October 22, 2013, NC DENR submitted a letter to EPA describing its intention to early certify ozone monitoring data for the Triad Area

based on 2011–2013 data. Once certified, this data is expected to demonstrate that all monitors in the Triad Area are attaining the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS based on 2011–2013

data. EPA is proposing this action contingent on the 2011–2013 monitoring data, showing continued attainment of the 2008 ozone NAAQS, being quality assured and certified prior

⁶In addition there was not a significant increase in CO and NO₂ emissions. See the non-interference discussions below for more details.

⁷The air quality design value for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS is the 3-year average of the annual

4th highest daily maximum 8-hour ozone concentration. The level of the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS is 0.075 ppm. The 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS is not met when the design value is greater than 0.075 ppm.

⁸The Davie County monitor was moved to a new location and began monitoring at the new location in 2008. There was not enough data at this location to calculate a 3 year averaged design value until 2012.

to the Agency taking final action on this proposed rule.

The primary precursors for ozone are VOC and NO_x emissions. Relaxation of the RVP standard from 7.8 to 9.0 psi results in a slight increase in emissions of 0.16 tons per day (tpd) (a 0.28 percent increase) in NO_x, and 1.43 tpd (a 1.34 percent increase) in VOC for Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford and Davie Counties. While modeling showed a slight increase in NO_x and VOC emissions resulting from the use of 9.0 psi RVP gasoline as opposed to 7.8 psi RVP gasoline, the most appropriate analysis for purposes of evaluating non-interference is whether the increase in emissions would interfere with air quality for the Triad Area. For this demonstration, NC DENR chose to use photochemical modeling which is described below.

In addition to analyzing the photochemical modeling provided by North Carolina, EPA also notes that the Triad Area is located within a NO_x-limited region.⁹ A NO_x-limited region is one in which the concentration of ozone is limited by the amount of NO_x emissions. As discussed above, NO_x and VOC are precursors to the formation of ozone in the atmosphere. In a NO_x-limited area, high prevailing concentrations of VOC from naturally-occurring sources are present in the atmosphere to contribute to ozone formation. Consequently, reduction of manmade, or anthropogenic, sources of VOC emissions generally do not result in reduced ozone formation. Instead, reductions of NO_x emissions provide a more effective ozone reduction strategy because reduced emissions of manmade NO_x emissions limit the amount of NO_x available in the atmosphere for ozone formation. These circumstances help support the reasonableness of the modeling showing that the small increase in VOC and even smaller increase in NO_x from the relaxation of the RVP standard would not interfere with continued maintenance of the ozone NAAQS in the Triad Area.

NC DENR utilized EPA's Mercury and Air Toxics (MATS) modeling platform to model changes in ozone and particle matter pollution. The modeling years used in the modeling included the 2005 base year and the 2016 future year. The future year 2016 was chosen because it is the latest MATS model data available. The USEPA MATS modeling platform was chosen because it is fairly recent, has undergone full model performance,

and uses the MOVES mobile model to generate on-road mobile emissions. The USEPA MATS modeling used a national 36 kilometer (km) domain and an eastern US 12 km domain. The NC DENR modeling was performed using the 12 km modeling domain. The EPA is currently using 12 km modeling to address the impacts of the proposed Tier 3 Motor Vehicle and Emissions Standards. Given that the EPA is using the 12 km modeling for Tier 3, NC DENR used the 12 km modeling to estimate the impacts of the change in summertime RVP to 9.0 psi.

The USEPA MATS modeling conducted by NC DENR demonstrates that the relaxation of the RVP 7.8 standard to 9.0 psi in the Triad 1-hour ozone maintenance area is not necessary to maintain the either the 1997 or 2008 ozone NAAQS. Both the 2005 base year and the 2016 future year were used in the modeling. In the modeling NC DENR applied several conservative estimates to determine the maximum impact of RVP relaxation. These included:

(1) Selecting the most populous county to represent on-road mobile emissions for the other counties. Guilford County was selected to represent the "highest" level of emissions increase expected because it has the greatest population of vehicles and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) within the Triad maintenance area.

(2) Applying the maximum emissions increase for a given hour to the entire summertime period. Typically, the next step is to run SMOKE¹⁰ to temporally and spatially allocate the MOVES output. However, NC DENR was unable to run the version of SMOKE used in the MATS modeling. As an alternative, for each pollutant, the average and maximum increase at any hour was calculated (see Table 2.3–8 of the NC submittal). In order to generate very conservative estimates of the impacts of the RVP relaxation, the maximum percent increase was applied to the mobile emissions for all hours of the June 1 to September 15 high-ozone season RVP period for both the 2005 and 2016 emissions in Guilford, Forsyth, Davie, and Davidson Counties where the RVP relaxation is proposed.

(3) Using the highest emissions increase for a given pollutant to represent VOC emissions.

(4) The liberal application of grid masking (i.e., the array of grid cells where the RVP emissions changes were applied). A grid cell was included in the

grid cell mask if as little as 20 percent of the cell area includes one or more of the counties where the RVP relaxation is proposed. The grid cell mask includes 42 grid cells with an area of 6,048 km². A typical application of the mask would include 32 grid cells with an area of 4,608 km². By comparison, the total area of the four counties is 4,935 km². The 20 percent threshold grid cell mask used in the modeling will adjust the mobile emissions in a larger area than the actual area of the four counties and will lead to conservative modeling results.

NC DENR used the Community Multiscale Air Quality Modeling System (CMAQ, v.4.71) to perform the air quality runs. A total of six runs were made from March 20, 2005 to September 30, 2005. A total of three runs were made using the 2005 emissions. The first run used the default 2005 MATS emissions (BASE05). The second run adjusted the mobile emissions due to the change in RVP from 7.8 psi to 9.0 psi during the June 1 to September 15 RVP period (RVP05). The third run for 2005 included the RVP adjustments and added expected NO_x changes at the Buck, Dan River, Riverbend power plants. The 2016 model runs were run in a similar fashion as the 2005 runs. The first run used the default 2016 MATS emissions (BASE16). The second run adjusted the mobile emissions due to the change in RVP from 7.8 to 9.0 psi during the June 1 to September 15 RVP period (RVP16) and the third included the RVP adjustments and added expected NO_x changes at the Buck, Dan River, Riverbend power plants.

In this application, The Model Attainment Test Software was used to compute relative reduction factors (RRFs) for each of the sensitivity runs at the area monitors. The 2005 sensitivity runs were compared to the Base05 run, and the 2016 sensitivity runs were compared to the Base16 run. RRF values of 1.0005 or less would indicate less than a 0.05 ppb rise within the base year or future year modeling. The change in ozone for monitors in and near the Triad Area generated by the change in RVP in the 2005 base year is shown in Table 2. The other runs had similar results. There is no appreciable change in ozone concentrations due to the increase in gasoline RVP.

See North Carolina's April 12, 2013, submittal for more information on the modeling demonstration.

(both onroad and nonroad), and point source emissions processing for criteria, particulate, and toxic pollutants and is integrated with the on-road emissions model *MOBILE6* and *MOVES*.

⁹ See, e.g., *The State of the Southern Oxidants Study (SOS) Policy Relevant Findings in Ozone and PM_{2.5} Pollution Research 1995–2003* (June 30, 2004), http://www.ncsu.edu/sos/pubs/sos3/State_of_SOS_3.pdf.

¹⁰ SMOKE, or "Sparse Matrix Operator Kernel Emissions" is an emissions processing system designed to create gridded, speciated, hourly emissions for input into a variety of air quality models. SMOKE supports area, biogenic, mobile

TABLE 2—CHANGE IN OZONE CONCENTRATIONS AND RRFs IN THE 2005 BASE YEAR MODELING WITH SUMMERTIME RVP CHANGE TO 9.0 PSI

County	County Base05 ozone design value ¹ (ppb)	RVP05 Ozone design value ² (ppb)	RRF	Change from Base05 to RVP05 (ppb)
Caswell	76.3	76.3	1.0002	0.0
Davie	81.3	81.3	1.0002	0.0
Forsyth	78.0	78.0	1.0004	0.0
Forsyth	73.0	73.0	1.0003	0.0
Forsyth	76.0	76.0	1.0004	0.0
Forsyth	80.0	80.0	1.0004	0.0
Guilford	77.0	77.0	1.0005	0.0
Guilford	82.0	82.0	1.0005	0.0
Rockingham	77.0	77.0	1.0003	0.0

¹ Default 2005 MATS concentrations.

² 2005 concentrations with summertime RVP changed to 9.0 psi.

It should also be noted that in its submission, North Carolina provided a demonstration that there is no appreciable change in future ozone design value concentrations at any of the area monitors when comparing changes in ozone concentration and RRFs in a future year scenario for 2016 that modeled summertime RVP at 9.0 psi. North Carolina's model runs were done solely for the purpose of determining potential and relative impact for changes in ozone concentration due to a change of RVP to 9.0 psi. More information on the MATS modeling can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/mats/actions.html>. Additional details on NC DENR's updates to the EPA MATS modeling platform to incorporate emissions in North Carolina are included in the State's April 12, 2013, SIP revision.

To provide a full evaluation, the State also compared total man-made (anthropogenic) emissions of VOC and NO_x for the years 2007 (base year), 2011, and 2018 using a RVP of 7.8 psi for Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford and Davie Counties (the remaining Counties are currently using a RVP of 9.0 psi) to emissions generated for the year 2018, using a RVP of 9.0 psi.

There are four different man-made emission inventory source classifications: (1) Point, (2) area, (3) on-road mobile and (4) non-road mobile.

(1) Point sources are those stationary sources that emit more than 10 tons per year of VOC or 100 tons per year of

NO_x from a single facility. The source emissions are tabulated from data collected by direct on-site measurements of emissions or mass balance calculations utilizing emission factors from EPA's AP-42, *Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors*. For the projected year's inventory, point sources are adjusted by growth factors based on Standard Industrial Classification codes. The growth factors are generated using the EPA's Economic Growth Analysis System version 5.0 (E-GAS 5.0) program.

(2) Area sources are those stationary sources whose emissions are relatively small but due to the large number of these sources, the collective emissions could be significant (i.e., dry cleaners, service stations, etc.). For area sources, emissions are estimated by multiplying an emission factor by some known indicator of collective activity such as production, number of employees, or population. These types of emissions are estimated on the county level. For the projected year's inventory, area source emissions are changed by population growth, projected production growth, or when applicable, by E-GAS 5.0 growth factors.

(3) On-road mobile sources are those vehicles that travel on the roadways. For on-road mobile sources, the MOVES model data represent the new motor vehicle emission budgets for the Triad Area. The MOVES model uses the road class VMT and other operating conditions as input parameters to

generate an output file that contains estimated emissions. For the projected years inventories, the on-road mobile sources emissions are calculated by running the MOVES mobile model for the future year with the projected VMT to generate emissions that take into consideration expected Federal tailpipe standards, fleet turnover and new fuel standards.

(4) Non-road mobile sources are equipment that can move but do not use the roadways (i.e., lawn mowers, construction equipment, railroad locomotives, aircraft). With the exception of the railroad locomotives and aircraft engines, the emissions from this category are calculated using the EPA's NONROAD2008a non-road mobile model. The railroad locomotive and aircraft engine emissions are estimated by taking an activity and multiply by an emission factor. All emissions are also estimated at the county level. Total off-road mobile source emissions represent the sum of emissions generated by the NONROAD 2008a model and emissions calculated for aircraft and railroad locomotives.

Despite the small increases in emissions projected for the less-stringent RVP standard of 9.0 psi, the Triad Area continues to demonstrate a downward trend in NO_x and VOC emissions through 2018. Tables 3 and 4 below provide the emissions inventory estimates for all source categories for the 1-hour ozone maintenance area.

TABLE 3—ANTHROPOGENIC VOC EMISSIONS (tpd) FOR THE TRIAD 1-HOUR MAINTENANCE AREA

County	Based on RVP of 7.8			Based on RVP of 9.0
	2007	2011	2018	2018
Davidson	19.31	17.60	14.29	14.50
Davie*	8.04	7.79	8.43	8.43
Forsyth	36.62	32.63	32.69	33.18

TABLE 3—ANTHROPOGENIC VOC EMISSIONS (*tpd*) FOR THE TRIAD 1-HOUR MAINTENANCE AREA—Continued

County	Based on RVP of 7.8			Based on RVP of 9.0
	2007	2011	2018	2018
Guilford	58.31	53.71	51.10	51.83
Total	122.28	111.73	106.51	107.94

* Emissions are for the entire County.

TABLE 4—ANTHROPOGENIC NO_x EMISSIONS (*tpd*) FOR THE TRIAD 1-HOUR MAINTENANCE AREA

County	Based on RVP of 7.8			Based on RVP of 9.0
	2007	2011	2018	2018
Davidson	21.99	17.94	9.88	9.91
Davie*	6.08	4.41	2.75	2.75
Forsyth	35.88	24.47	16.50	16.54
Guilford	57.68	44.76	28.00	28.09
Total	121.63	91.58	57.13	57.29

* Emissions are for the entire County.

As Tables 3 and 4 indicate, NO_x and VOC emissions in the Triad 1-hour ozone maintenance area will continue to decrease, even with the increase in high ozone season fuel RVP to 9.0 psi. The slight increase in emissions resulting from the control program change is being mitigated area-wide by a steady decrease in tailpipe emissions, which is the result of a cleaner new vehicle fleet replacing the older fleet and other Federal and State emissions reduction programs.

In light of the current designations, monitoring and emissions data, and the submitted modeling, including the fact that the NO_x emissions inventories are projected to continue to significantly decrease, EPA has preliminarily determined that the slight increase in NO_x and VOC emissions associated with the request RVP change will not interfere with the Area's ability to maintain the 1997 and 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. More details on the individual non-interference analyses for the PM_{2.5}, NO₂ and CO NAAQS are provided below.

c. Non-Interference Analysis for the PM NAAQS

The precursors for PM_{2.5} are NO_x, SO₂, VOC and ammonia. For the Triad Area, on-road mobile, non-road mobile and area sources are not considered to be large contributors to directly emitted PM_{2.5} or indirectly formed fine particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers (PM_{2.5}) concentrations. As mentioned earlier in this rulemaking,

the RVP requirements result in emissions benefits for VOC and NO_x, and as such EPA focused on these precursors for the analysis of the potential impact of North Carolina's SIP change. However, as described in North Carolina's April 12, 2013, submission, directly emitted PM_{2.5} is a very small component of the overall PM_{2.5} ambient concentrations. Instead the primary species impacting PM_{2.5} concentrations are the secondarily formed sulfates and organic carbons. Sulfates are formed through the chemical reaction of SO₂ and ammonia and the majority of the organic carbons come from natural sources like trees. See "Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan for the Hickory (Catawba County) and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point (Davidson and Guilford Counties) Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Areas," submitted to EPA on December 18, 2009, Figure 4-2, p. 4-4, which can be accessed at www.regulations.gov using docket ID No. EPA-R04-OAR-2009-1010. A 2009 analysis of SO₂ emissions, which is a primary contributor to the formation of PM_{2.5} within North Carolina, found about 3.3 percent of total SO₂ emissions came from on-road, non-road and area sources combined, while the remaining 96.7 percent came from point sources.

On July 18, 1997 (62 FR 36852), EPA established an annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS at 15.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³) based on a 3-year average of annual mean PM_{2.5} concentrations. At that time,

EPA also established a 24-hour NAAQS of 65 µg/m³. See 40 CFR 50.7. On October 17, 2006 (71 FR 61144), EPA retained the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS at 15.0 µg/m³ based on a 3-year average of annual mean PM_{2.5} concentrations, and promulgated a new 24-hour NAAQS of 35 µg/m³ based on a 3-year average of the 98th percentile of 24-hour concentrations. On January 15, 2013 (78 FR 3086), EPA established an annual primary PM_{2.5} NAAQS at 12.0 µg/m³ based on a 3-year average of annual mean PM_{2.5} concentrations. At that time, EPA retained the 2006 24-hour NAAQS at 35 µg/m³ based on a 3-year average of the 98th percentile of 24-hour concentrations.

On January 5, 2005 (70 FR 944), Davidson and Guilford Counties in the Triad Area were designated nonattainment for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} standard and all other Counties were designated Unclassifiable/Attainment. On November 13, 2009 (74 FR 58688), all counties in the Triad Area were designated unclassifiable/attainment for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard. On November 18, 2011, EPA redesignated Davidson and Guilford Counties to attainment for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} standard based on the measured air quality data and the 10-year maintenance plan submitted. See 76 FR 71455.

As Table 5 indicates the PM_{2.5} annual and 24-hour design values demonstrate attainment of the respective NAAQS and have been decreasing.

TABLE 5—PM_{2.5} DESIGN VALUES

Year	2008–2010	2009–2011	2010–2012
Annual Design Value			
Caswell	9.9	8.9	8.9
Davidson	12.1	11.1	11.1
Forsyth	10.9	10.0	9.7
Guilford	10.8	9.8	9.4
24-hour Design Value			
Caswell	19	18	18
Davidson	23	21	21
Forsyth	23	21	20
Guilford	22	21	21

EPA Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS: 15 µg/m³.
 EPA 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS: 35 µg/m³.

In light of the slight increase in VOC and NO_x emissions from the relaxation of the RVP controls in Davidson, Davie, Forsyth and Guilford Counties, EPA has preliminarily determined that a change to the Federal RVP requirement for Davidson, Davie, Forsyth and Guilford Counties would not interfere with the Triad Area maintaining the 1997 PM_{2.5} annual or the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standards. The photochemical modeling analysis discussed above was also used to calculate the changes in PM_{2.5} due to the RVP Program change. The analysis showed no change in particle pollution at any of the monitors.

d. Non-Interference Analysis for the 2010 NO₂ NAAQS

On February 17, 2012 (77 FR 9532), EPA finalized designations for 2010 NO₂ NAAQS. Counties in North Carolina, including those in the Triad Area, were designated unclassifiable/attainment for the 2010 NO₂ NAAQS. Based on North

Carolina’s April 12, 2013, SIP revision, the potential increase in the NO_x emissions associated with the requested less-stringent RVP standard is approximately a quarter of a ton per day between June 1st and September 15th. It is reasonable to believe that North Carolina’s requested change for its high ozone season RVP requirement would not cause the Area to be out of compliance with the 2010 NO₂ NAAQS because the slight projected NO_x emissions increase would be mitigated by a steady decrease in tailpipe emissions, which is the result of cleaner new vehicle fleet replacing the older fleet. In light of the current designation, monitoring and emissions trend data and the submitted modeling, including the fact that NO_x emissions inventories are projected to continue to significantly decrease,¹¹ EPA has preliminarily determined that a change to the Federal RVP requirements for the Triad Area

would not interfere with the continued decline in NO_x emissions, nor with attainment or maintenance of the 2010 NO₂ NAAQS.

e. Non-Interference Analysis for the CO NAAQS

Forsyth County in the Triad Area was previously designated nonattainment for the 8-hour CO NAAQS. See 56 FR 56694, November 6, 1991. Subsequently, Forsyth County attained the 8-hour CO NAAQS and was redesignated from nonattainment to attainment on September 21, 1994, based on the measured air quality data and the 10-year maintenance plan submitted. See 59 FR 48399. The 8-hour CO NAAQS is 9 ppm and the 1-hour CO NAAQS is 35 ppm. As provided in Table 6 below, monitoring data from 2008–2011 shows Forsyth County is well below the 8-hour and 1-hour CO NAAQS.

TABLE 6—AMBIENT AIR QUALITY CO 8-HOUR AND 1-HOUR DESIGN VALUES (PPM)

County	Monitor ID	2009	2010	2011	2012
8-hr NAAQS					
Forsyth	370670023	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.2
1-hr NAAQS					
Forsyth	370670023	2.3	2.7	2.6	1.8

It is estimated that Triad Area on-road CO emissions will increase approximately 5 tons per day in 2016 if the applicable RVP requirement is relaxed to 9.0 psi in the Triad Area. This increase equates to a less than a 1.0 percent increase in the total inventory of all anthropogenic sources for the Triad Area. In light of the slight increase in

CO emissions EPA has preliminarily determined that a change to the Federal RVP requirement for Greensboro/ Winston-Salem/High Point would not interfere with the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County Area maintaining the CO NAAQS.

VI. Proposed Action

EPA is proposing to approve the State of North Carolina’s April 12, 2013, revision to its 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plan for the Triad 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area. Specifically, EPA is proposing to approve the State’s showing that the Triad Area can continue to maintain the 1997 ozone

¹¹ See table 5, above.

standard without emissions reductions associated with the use of gasoline with an RVP of 7.8 psi in the four Triad Area counties during the high ozone season—June 1 through September 15.

In addition, due to the updated modeling reflecting a change in the applicable RVP standard, the North Carolina revision also includes an updated on-road mobile, non-road mobile and area source emissions for the Triad Area. EPA is also proposing approval of this revision.

EPA has preliminarily determined that North Carolina's April 12, 2013, SIP revision, including the technical demonstration associated with the State's request for the removal of the Federal RVP requirements, and the updated on-road mobile, non-road mobile and area source emissions are consistent with the applicable provisions of the CAA. Should EPA decide to remove subject portions of the Triad Area from those areas subject to the 7.8 psi Federal RVP requirements, such action will occur in a separate, subsequent rulemaking.

VII. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submittal that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the CAA. Accordingly, this proposed action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this proposed action:

- Is not a "significant regulatory action" subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
- does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*);
- is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);
- does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4);
- does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, October 7, 1999);

- is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);

- is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);

- is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the CAA; and

- does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, this proposed rule does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because the SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country located in the state, and EPA notes that it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: November 12, 2013.

Beverly H. Banister,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R6-ES-2013-0120; 4500030113]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of Status Review of Arctic Grayling in the Upper Missouri River System

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of status review.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), announce the initiation of a status review of the Arctic grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*) upper Missouri River system distinct

population segment (DPS). We conduct status reviews to determine whether the entity meets the definition of an endangered or threatened species under the Act. Following this status review, we will issue a proposed listing rule or a not warranted finding for the Arctic grayling upper Missouri River system DPS. Through this document, we encourage all interested parties to provide us information regarding the Arctic grayling in the upper Missouri River basin.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we request that we receive information no later than December 26, 2013. Information submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES** section, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date. After December 26, 2013, you must submit information using the U.S. mail or hand-delivery option provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below. Please note that we may not be able to address or incorporate information that we receive after the above requested date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit information by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R6-ES-2013-0120, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rules link to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!"

(2) *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R6-ES-2013-0120; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

We request that you send information only by the methods described above. We will post all submissions on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Request for Information section below for more information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jodi Bush, Field Supervisor, Montana Field Office, 585 Shepard Way, Suite 1, Helena, MT 59601; telephone (406) 449-5225, extension 205. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Arctic grayling is a fish belonging to the family Salmonidae (salmon, trout, charr, whitefishes), subfamily *Thymallinae* (graylings), and is represented by a single genus, *Thymallus* (Scott and Crossman 1973, pp. 301–302; Behnke 2002, pp. 327–331). Arctic grayling have long, thin bodies with deeply forked tails, and adults typically average 254 to 330 millimeters (10 to 13 inches) in length. Coloration varies from silvery or iridescent blue and lavender, to dark blue (Behnke 2002, pp. 327–328). Arctic grayling have a prominent sail-like dorsal fin, which is large and vividly colored with rows of orange to bright green spots, and often has an orange border. Dark spots often appear on the body toward the head (Behnke 2002, pp. 327–328).

Arctic grayling are native to Arctic Ocean drainages of northwestern Canada and Alaska; the Peace, Saskatchewan, and Athabasca River drainages in Alberta, eastward to Hudson Bay and westward to the Bering Straits; and eastern Siberia and northern Eurasia (Scott and Crossman 1973, pp. 301–302). Arctic grayling also are native to Pacific coast drainages of Alaska and Canada as far south as the Stikine River in British Columbia (Scott and Crossman 1973, pp. 301–302; Nelson and Paetz 1991, pp. 253–256; Behnke 2002, pp. 327–331).

Pleistocene glaciations isolated two North American populations of Arctic grayling outside of Canada and Alaska (Vincent 1962, pp. 23–31). One population occurred in streams and rivers of the Great Lakes region of northern Michigan, but was extirpated in the 1930s (Hubbs and Lagler 1949, p. 44; Scott and Crossman 1973, p. 301). The second population (Arctic grayling of the upper Missouri River) inhabits watersheds in the upper Missouri River basin upstream of Great Falls, Montana. This population is the subject of our status review.

Previous Federal Actions

We have reviewed the status of the Arctic grayling several times since 1982. Most recently, on September 8, 2010, we published a revised 12-month finding for the Arctic grayling (75 FR 54708). In that finding, we determined that fluvial (stream dwelling) and adfluvial (residing in lakes and spawning in streams) Arctic grayling of the upper

Missouri River did constitute a DPS under the Act. Therefore, we found that the upper Missouri River DPS was a listable entity under the Act, and we further found that listing the DPS was warranted but precluded by higher priority listing actions.

On May 10, 2011, we filed a multiyear work plan as part of a proposed settlement agreement with Wild Earth Guardians and others in a consolidated case in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. On September 9, 2011, the Court accepted our agreement with the plaintiffs in *Endangered Species Act Section 4 Deadline Litig.*, Misc. Action No. 10–377 (EGS), MDL Docket No. 2165 (D. DC) (known as the “MDL case”), which requires the Service to submit to the **Federal Register** for publication either a proposed rule or a not-warranted finding for the Arctic grayling on or before September 30, 2014.

For additional information on the biology or previous Federal actions on the Arctic grayling, including Federal actions prior to 2010, see the September 8, 2010, revised 12-month finding (75 FR 54708).

Request for Information

To ensure that the status review and, if warranted, our subsequent listing determination are based on the best available scientific and commercial information, and to provide an opportunity to any interested parties to provide information for consideration during the status assessment, we are requesting information concerning the Arctic grayling in the upper Missouri River system. We request information from other concerned governmental agencies, Native American tribes, the scientific community, industry, and any other interested party. Specifically, we are seeking:

(1) General information concerning the taxonomy, biology, ecology, genetics, and status of the Arctic grayling of the upper Missouri River system.

(2) Specific information on the conservation status of Arctic grayling in the upper Missouri River system, including information on distribution, abundance, and population trends.

(3) Specific information on factors that that may affect the continued existence of the Arctic grayling in the upper Missouri River, which may include habitat modification or

destruction, overutilization, disease, predation, the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms, or other natural or manmade factors.

(4) Specific information on planned and ongoing conservation actions designed to improve Arctic grayling habitat or reduce threats to Arctic grayling in the upper Missouri River system.

(5) Habitat selection, use, and any changes or trends in the amount and distribution of Arctic grayling habitat.

(6) Habitat requirements for feeding, breeding, and sheltering, including particular physical or biological features that are essential to the conservation of Arctic grayling and where such physical or biological features are found.

(7) Whether any of these features may require special management considerations or protection.

(8) Specific areas outside the geographical area occupied by the DPS that may be essential for the conservation of the Arctic grayling in the upper Missouri River system.

(9) The possible benefits and impacts (including economic impacts) of a possible critical habitat designation for the Arctic grayling.

(10) Whether the designation of critical habitat for the Arctic grayling would be beneficial to the conservation of the Arctic grayling in the upper Missouri River system or whether the identification of specific areas as critical habitat may increase threats to the DPS or its habitat.

If you submit information, we request you support it with documentation such as data, maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. Section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act directs that determinations as to whether any species is an endangered or threatened species must be made “solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.”

You may submit your information concerning this status review by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. If you submit information that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this personal identifying information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

References Cited

A complete list of all the references cited in this document is available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> and upon request from the Field Supervisor, Montana Field Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Authors

The primary authors of this document are staff members of the Montana Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 12, 2013.

Stephen Guertin,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: State Options
OMB Control Number: 0584-0496
Summary of Collection: The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110-246, Section 4001-4002, amended the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to rename the Food Stamp Program the "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Act establishes SNAP as a means-tested program under which needy households may apply for and receive assistance to supplement their ability to purchase food. The Act specifies national eligibility standards and imposes certain administrative requirements on State agencies in administering the program. The program is directly administered by State welfare agencies, which are responsible for determining the eligibility of applicant households and issuing benefits to those households entitled to benefits under the Act.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information from State agencies on how the various SNAP implementation options will be determined. The information collected will be used by FNS to establish quality control reviews, standards and self-employment costs.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 52.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 316.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 21, 2013.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by December 26, 2013 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Pesticide Protection Equipment.
OMB Control Number: 0535-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) are to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop production, livestock production, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow-on surveys. NASS has been asked by The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to assist in its efforts to reduce the risks of illness and injury associated with pesticide exposure due to incorrect

personal protective equipment (PPE) practices. NIOSH is mandated to conduct research and make recommendations for the prevention of work-related disease and injury under Section 20 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. 669 and Section 501 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, 30 U.S.C. 951. General authority for these data collection activities by NASS is granted under U.S.C. Title 7, Section 2204(a). This pilot study project will concentrate on assessing pesticide safety practices among Pennsylvania crop farm operators who have personally applied pesticides for crop production using methods other than aerial applications and enclosed cab vehicles.

Need and Use of the Information: The Pesticide Safety Practices among Pennsylvania Farms Survey will use a sampling universe defined as crop growers in PA. The survey will be conducted in a two step process. First, the screening phase will consist of an information letter, blank screening form and a postage paid return envelope. Finally, operations will be selected from the screening phase to conduct the survey. The primary goals of the project are: (1) To determine the extent to which PA crop growers use appropriate PPE practices; and (2) when applicable, to identify the factors that cause incorrect PPE practices, and (3) when applicable, identify the factors that would motivate a crop grower to start using correct practices. Without this information NIOSH is not able to verify whether these applicators are using correct practices and potentially at increased risk for pesticide exposure and related illnesses.

Description of Respondents: PA crop producers who applied pesticides in the past six months using a method other than helicopters, airplanes, or equipment pulled by enclosed cab tractors or ATVs.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 822.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Cotton Quality Research Station Land Transfer

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has made a FONSI for transferring the land and real estate at the Cotton Quality Research Station (CQRS) in Clemson, SC, to Clemson University. The FONSI document is based on impact analysis documented in the EA that was issued for 30-day public comment beginning July 18, 2013, and that was finalized on August 28, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cal Mather, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA ARS SHEMA, NCAUR, 1815 North University Street, Room 2060, Peoria, Illinois 61604; Telephone: 309-681-6608 or email: cal.mather@ars.usda.gov. You may contact Mr. Mather for a copy of the FONSI document. Copies of the Final EA and FONSI are also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following Web site and locations:

- www.clemson.edu/usda-property
- Former CQRS, 133 Old Cherry Road, Clemson, SC 29631
- Strom Thurmond Institute, Special Collections, 230 Kappa St., Clemson, SC 29634

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the United States Department of Agriculture USDA has prepared an EA for the proposed transfer of approximately 10 acres of land and facilities at the Cotton Quality Research Station (CQRS) from the USDA Agricultural Research Service ARS in Clemson, South Carolina, to Clemson University Research Farm Services. As a condition of the transfer, Clemson University is committed to using the property for agricultural research for a period of 25 years, supporting the strategic goals of USDA and establishing a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, effective March 27, 2013. Clemson University will assume responsibility

and maintenance of the constructed facilities and land to be conveyed from USDA.

The property was developed to function as a cotton gin and was converted by USDA for use in the ARS research program. USDA ARS and Clemson University have both utilized the property for agricultural research and development programs since the 1970s. The facility was closed under Public Law (PL) 112-55, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012. In August 2012, a 5-year revocable permit was issued between USDA and Clemson University that allows Clemson University to utilize the Property for a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program and conduct a wide range of research, teaching, extension, and demonstration activities. Since August 2012 it has been operated by Clemson University under this permit. Under the terms of the PL, the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to formally transfer the Property from USDA to Clemson University.

The property transfer will be done with no monetary cost to Clemson University and a Quit Claim Deed will be prepared by the USDA to convey the title/property rights to the University. The Quit Claim Deed will incorporate any use restrictions identified by the NEPA process, as well as the 25-year use restriction for agricultural and natural resources research as required by Section 732 of the PL.

Two alternatives are analyzed in the Final EA, the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. The Final EA addresses potential impacts of these alternatives on the natural and human environment.

- **Alternative 1—No Action.** The USDA would retain possession of the 10 acres of land and facilities at the 133 Old Cherry Road Property. USDA would no longer operate and/or maintain the property and current research operations at the property would cease. USDA does not have adequate resources to operate and/or maintain the property, which would likely fall into disrepair.

- **Alternative 2—Proposed Action.** The USDA would formally transfer 10 acres of land at the 133 Old Cherry Road Property to Clemson University. As a condition of the transfer, Clemson University would commit to using the Property for agricultural and natural resources research for a period of 25 years, supporting the strategic goals of USDA and establishing a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program. Clemson University would assume responsibility and maintenance of the constructed facilities and land to be conveyed from USDA.

In addition, one alternative was considered in the Final EA but eliminated from detailed study. In this alternative, USDA would retain possession of the land and it would be transferred to the General Services Administration for disposal. Since it cannot reasonably be determined who would ultimately take possession of the property and how it would be utilized, it was not analyzed in detail in the EA.

The USDA used and coordinated the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470(f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3)). One public comment was received during the public comment period but it did not identify any substantial evidence regarding adverse environmental impacts resulting from the proposed land transfer and did not warrant a change in the Final EA. Based on its analysis of the Final EA for the property transfer, ARS has found that transferring the land and buildings to Clemson University would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, ARS will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposed action.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Caird E. Rexroad, Jr.,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2012-0064]

Notice of Determination; New and Revised Treatments for the Imported Fire Ant Program

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we are adding or revising certain treatment schedules for the Imported Fire Ant Program in the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Treatment Manual. In a previous notice, we made available to the public for review and comment a treatment evaluation document that discussed the existing treatment schedules, described the new treatment schedules, and explained why these changes are necessary. We also made available an environmental assessment that explained pesticide use

in the new and revised treatments in the imported fire ant program. Based on the treatment evaluation document, the environmental assessment, and the comments we received, we are announcing our determination to add those new and revised treatments to the PPQ Treatment Manual.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 26, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Brown, Director, Emergency Management, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 135, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-2119.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The imported fire ant, *Solenopsis invicta* Buren and *Solenopsis richteri* Forel, is an aggressive, stinging insect that, in large numbers, can seriously injure or even kill livestock, pets, and humans. The imported fire ant feeds on crops and builds large, hard mounds that damage farm and field machinery. Imported fire ants are notorious hitchhikers and are readily transported long distances when articles such as soil and nursery stock are shipped outside the infested area.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) works to prevent further imported fire ant spread by enforcing a Federal quarantine and cooperating with imported fire ant-infested States to mitigate the risks associated with the movement of regulated articles such as nursery stock and used soil-moving equipment.

The regulations in "Subpart—Imported Fire Ant" (7 CFR 301.81 through 301.81-11, referred to below as the regulations) are intended to prevent the imported fire ant from spreading throughout its ecological range within the country. The regulations quarantine infested States or infested areas within States and restrict interstate movement of regulated articles to prevent the artificial spread of the imported fire ant.

Sections 301.81-4 and 301.81-5 of the regulations provide, among other things, that regulated articles requiring treatment prior to interstate movement must be treated in accordance with 7 CFR part 305, which contains our phytosanitary treatment regulations.

In § 305.2, paragraph (b) states that approved treatment schedules are set out in the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Treatment Manual.¹

¹ The PPQ Treatment Manual is available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/index.shtml or by contacting the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Manuals

Section 305.3 sets out a process for adding, revising, or removing treatment schedules in the PPQ Treatment Manual. In that section, paragraph (a) sets out the process for adding, revising, or removing treatment schedules when there is no immediate need to make a change.

In accordance with § 305.3(a)(1), we published a notice² in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2013 (78 FR 14510-14511, Docket No. APHIS-2012-0064), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a treatment evaluation document (TED) we prepared to discuss the existing treatment schedules, describe the new treatment schedules, and explain why certain changes were necessary. In addition, we prepared an environmental assessment (EA) entitled, "Pesticide Use in the Imported Fire Ant Program" (March 2012) to document our review and analysis of the environmental impacts associated with the new pesticides and new uses for previously approved pesticides.

We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending on May 6, 2013. We received four comments by that date, from a State agriculture department, an organization of State plant pest regulatory agencies, an industry association, and a private citizen. All four commenters supported the changes to the PPQ Treatment Manual described in the TED. Therefore, in accordance with § 305.3, we are announcing the Administrator's determination to add the new and revised treatment schedules for use for the imported fire ant program to the PPQ Treatment Manual.

We are also announcing that we have prepared a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this action. The FONSI, which is based on the EA and the comments we received, documents our conclusion that the updates to the PPQ Treatment Manual will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

The EA and FONSI were prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA

Unit, 92 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 200, Frederick, MD 21702.

² To view the notice, the treatment evaluation document, the environmental assessment, and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0064>.

Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 20th day of November 2013.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ashley Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: The Ashley Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting scheduled on the date below is cancelled. The meeting was scheduled to meet in Vernal, Utah. The RAC is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) (Pub. L. 110-343) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: The cancelled meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on February 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The cancelled meeting was to be held at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office, Conference Room, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, Utah. Written comments concerning this cancellation may be submitted as described under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis Haynes, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 435-781-5105 or email at: *lhaynes@fs.fed.us.*

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 5, 2013.

John R. Erickson,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below.

Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
[11/07/2013 through 11/20/2013]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
DryCase, LLC	349 Military Cutoff Road, Wilmington, NC 28405.	11/08/2013	The firm manufactures waterproof bags for electronic devices.
Benchmark Clothing Company, Inc. (dba—Benchmark Clothing and Benchmark FR).	1521 East McFadden Suite F, Santa Ana, CA 92705.	11/08/2013	The firm manufactures flame resistant garments.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Michael DeVillo,
Eligibility Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign Trade Zones Board

[B-98-2013]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 93—Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; GlaxoSmithKline, PLC (Pharmaceutical Products); Zebulon, North Carolina

The Triangle J Council of Governments, grantee of FTZ 93, submitted a notification of proposed

production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of GlaxoSmithKline, PLC (GlaxoSmithKline), located in Zebulon, North Carolina. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on November 18, 2013.

The GlaxoSmithKline facility is located within Site 6 of FTZ 93. The facility is used for the production and packaging of pharmaceutical products. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products listed in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt GlaxoSmithKline from

customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, GlaxoSmithKline would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to inhalers, tablets, and capsules which treat a variety of medical conditions (duty rates range from free to 6.4%) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The finished products include devices such as respiratory placebo inhalers, Relenza anti-viral inhalers, Seretide/Advair, Serevent and Flovent diskus respiratory inhalers, Advair and Ventolin HFA respiratory inhalers, and the following tablets and capsules—Lovaza antihyperlipidemic, Paxil depression, Avandamet metabolic, Avandary metabolic, Avandia metabolic, Lamictal central nervous system (CNS), Potiga CNS, Amerge CNS, Horizant CNS, Imitrex CNS, Lamictal ODT CNS, Requip/Requip XL CNS, Treximet CNS, Telzir anti-viral, Valtrex anti-viral, Zovirax anti-viral, Wellbutrin/Bupropion depression, Zantac gastrointestinal (GI), Zofran GI, Votrient urology, Coreg CR cardiovascular, Rythmol cardiovascular, Innopran XL hypertension, Jalyn urology, Avodart urology, Lanoxin cardiovascular, Malarone anti-malarial, Promacta immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), and Tykerb oncology.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include corn starch, carnuba wax, lactose monohydrate, fluticasone/salmeterol placebo diskus (a type of inhaler), respiratory placebo inhaler, silica colloidal anhydrous, precipitated calcium carbonate, pharmaceutical talc, zephex 134a propellant, mannitol, magnesium stearate, stearic acid, potassium sorbate, propafenon hcl, bupropion hydrochloride, melphalan, albuterol sulfate, salbuterol sulfate, salmeterol, vilanterol trifenate, umeclidinium api, paracetamol, ezogabine (retigabine), paracetamol, metformin hydrochloride, ranitidine hydrochloride, zanamivir, ondansetron hydrochloride, abacavir sulfate, valacyclovir hydrochloride, lamotrigine, rosiglitazone maleate, paroxetine hydrochloride, lamivudine, zidovudine, pazopanib, fluticasone propionate, fluticasone furoate, dutasteride, Lovaza capsules, breo ellipta inhalers, avodart capsules, flovent diskus, Paxil tablets, lexiva oral suspension, sumatriptan succinate/naproxen (Treximet), abacavir/lamivudine tablets (epzicom) tablets, atovaquone and proguanil hcl tablets, combivir tablets, dolutegravir

tablets, epivir tablets, epzicom tablets, malarone tablets, ziagen tablets, Zantac tablets, mekinist tablets, trametinib tablets, pazopanib tablets, tafinlar capsules, votrient tablets, coreg cr capsules, flolan for injection, propafenon sr, Rythmol (proafenon) sr, Amerge tablets, imigran injection, imitrex bulk pack, sumatriptan succinate 85mg/naproxen, lamictal, parnate tablets, ondansetron odt bulk, requip tablets, soriatane (acitretin) capsules, Zofran, Ventolin actuator dose counter, Advair diskus, Advair diskus inhalation powder, fluticasone/salmeterol aerosol inhalers, Ventolin samples, Seretide, argatroban, arixtra, Avandamet tablets, Avandia tablets, dutasteride-tamsulosin hcl fdc capsules, eltrombopag, flolan sterile diluent, Jalyn fixed dose combination capsules, panadol tablets, opadry (an excipient), starch pregel, Avandamet placebo tablets, placebo diskus, nasal spray demo pack, respiratory placebo, triacetin, crosopovidone, povidone, spectracel, alginate acid ep, 20 micron aluminum powder, empty aerosol cans, pressure can spray valves, diskus subassemblies, multi-dose powder inhalers, novel dry powder inhalers, multi-dose powder inhaler subassembly and placebo, multi-dose powder inhaler diskus devices, actuators—and their dose counters and assemblies (duty rates range from free to 6.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 6, 2014.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact *Diane.Finver@trade.gov* or (202) 482-1367.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-99-2013]

Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc., Subzone 29F, (Automotive Electric-Hybrid Drive System Components), Harrodsburg, Kentucky

The Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, grantee of FTZ 29, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. (HIAMS-HK), operator of Subzone 29F, at its facilities located in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on November 12, 2013.

HIAMS-HK already has authority to produce various automotive components, including mass air sensors, throttle bodies and chambers, starter motors, motor/generator units, alternators, distributors, other static converters, inverter modules, rotors/stators, batteries, ignition coils, sensors and modules, fuel injectors, emissions control equipment, valves, pumps, and electronic control units for engines and transmissions within Subzone 29F. The current request would add finished products (lithium-ion hybrid battery pack assemblies, electrical power steering modules, and electronic torque, traction and transmission control modules) and certain foreign components to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt HIAMS-HK from customs duty payments on the foreign status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, HIAMS-HK would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to lithium-ion hybrid battery pack assemblies, rotors A&B, stators A&B, electrical power steering modules, and electronic torque, traction and transmission control modules (free-3.4%) for the foreign status inputs noted below and in the existing scope of authority. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Plastic

grommets; rubber drain tubes; bushings; gaskets; lead/tin solder; parts of batteries (covers, cover assemblies, cell case assemblies, insulator covers, cells, inlet/outlet harness holders, inlet/outlet ducts); resolver rotors; and, battery control units (duty rate ranges from free to 5.3%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 6, 2014.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For Further Information Contact: Pierre Duy at Pierre.Duy@trade.gov or (202) 482-1378.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1920]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 18 (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework, San Jose, California

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

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

Whereas, the City of San Jose, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 18, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B-72-2013, docketed 07-01-2013) for authority to expand the service area of the zone to include all of Santa Clara County, California, the cities of Santa Cruz and Scotts Valley in Santa Cruz County, California, and the cities of Fremont, Hayward, Newark and Union City in Alameda County, California, as described in the application, adjacent to the San Jose U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 40691-40692, 07-08-2013) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 18 to expand the service area under the ASF is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of November 2013.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Enforcement and Compliance, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-904]

Certain Activated Carbon From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2011-2012

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") published its *Preliminary Results* of the fifth antidumping duty administrative review on certain activated carbon from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") on May 8, 2013,¹ in which we gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. Based upon our analysis of the comments and information received, we made changes to the margin calculations for these final results of the antidumping duty administrative review. The final weighted-average dumping margins are listed below in the "Final Results of the Reviews" section

¹ See *Certain Activated Carbon From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Fourth Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2011-2012*, 78 FR 26748 (May 8, 2013) ("*Preliminary Results*").

of this notice. The period of review ("POR") is April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 26, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Palmer or Emeka Chukwudebe, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-9068, or (202) 482-0219, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published the *Preliminary Results* on May 8, 2012.² In accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii), we invited parties to comment on our *Preliminary Results*.³ On June 5, 2013, the Department fully extended the time limit for completion of the final results of this administrative review.⁴ On August 29, 2013, the Department extended the deadline for interested parties to submit case briefs and rebuttal briefs to September 5, 2013, and September 11, 2013, respectively. On September 5, 2013, Petitioners,⁵ Albemarle,⁶ Cherishmet,⁷ Calgon Tianjin,⁸ Huahui,⁹ and Jacobi¹⁰ submitted case briefs.¹¹ On September 6, 2013, the Department extended the rebuttal brief deadline to September 13, 2013. On September 13, 2013,

² See *id.*

³ See *id.*, 78 FR at 26749.

⁴ See Memorandum to Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, through James Doyle, Office Director, Office 9, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, from Bob Palmer, International Trade Compliance Analyst, Office 9, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations: Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Deadline for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, dated June 5, 2013.

⁵ Calgon Carbon Corporation and Cabot Norit Americas Inc. (collectively, "Petitioners").

⁶ Albemarle Corporation ("Albemarle").

⁷ Beijing Pacific Activated Carbon Products Co., Ltd., Ningxia Guanghua Cherishmet Activated Carbon Co., Ltd., and Cherishmet Inc., (collectively, "Cherishmet").

⁸ Calgon Carbon (Tianjin) Co., Ltd. ("Calgon Tianjin").

⁹ Ningxia Huahui Activated Carbon Co., Ltd. ("Huahui").

¹⁰ Jacobi Carbons AB and its affiliates, Tianjin Jacobi International Trading Co. Ltd., Jacobi Carbons Industry (Tianjin) Co., Ltd., and Jacobi Carbons, Inc. (collectively, "Jacobi").

¹¹ Jacobi Carbons AB and its affiliates, Tianjin Jacobi International Trading Co. Ltd., Jacobi Carbons Industry (Tianjin) Co., Ltd., and Jacobi Carbons, Inc. (collectively, "Jacobi"). Carbon Activated Corporation, a U.S. importer domestic interested party, submitted a letter supporting respondents' case brief arguments.

Petitioners, Albemarle, and Huahui submitted rebuttal briefs.¹²

As explained in the memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from October 1, through October 16, 2013.¹³ Therefore, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 16 days. The revised deadline for the final results of this review is now November 20, 2013.

Verification

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.307(b)(iv), we conducted verification of Jacobi's section C questionnaire responses.¹⁴

Final Determination Not To Revoke Order in Part

In the *Preliminary Results*, we announced our intention to not revoke the *Order* in part with respect to Jacobi under section 751 of the Tariff Act Of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), because we find that Jacobi has not satisfied the requirements of 19 CFR 351.222(b).¹⁵ We have received no further information following the issuance of the *Preliminary Results* that would warrant revocation of the order with regard to Jacobi. No parties have commented on our preliminary decision not to revoke the *Order* in part. Therefore, we will not revoke the *Order* with respect to Jacobi because they have not met the regulatory criteria for revocation set forth in 19 CFR 351.222(b).¹⁶

¹² See Petitioners' Rebuttal Brief, dated September 13, 2013 and Albemarle/Huahui's Rebuttal Brief, dated September 13, 2013.

¹³ See Memorandum for the Record from Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government" (October 18, 2013).

¹⁴ See "Memorandum to the File through Catherine Bertrand, Program Manager, Office 9, from Emeka Chukwudebe, International Trade Analyst, Office 9, and Robert Palmer, Senior International Trade Analyst, Office 9, re: "Verification of the CEP Sales Response of Jacobi Carbons AB in the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China," dated August 7, 2013.

¹⁵ See *Preliminary Results*, 78 FR at 26749; see also *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 20988 (April 27, 2007) ("*Order*").

¹⁶ The Department recently modified the section of its regulations concerning the revocation of antidumping and countervailing duty orders in whole or in part, but that modification does not apply to this administrative review. See *Modification to Regulation Concerning the Revocation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 77 FR 29875 (May 21, 2012). Reference to 19 CFR 351.222(b) thus refers to the Department's regulations prior to the modification.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is certain activated carbon.¹⁷ The products are currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") subheading 3802.10.00. Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order remains dispositive.¹⁸

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties are addressed in the Issues & Decision Memo. A list of the issues which parties raised is attached to this notice as an Appendix. The Issues & Decision Memo is a public document and is on file in the Central Records Unit ("CRU"), Room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building, as well as electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System ("IA ACCESS"). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov> and it is available to all parties in the CRU. In addition, a complete version of the Issues & Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the internet at <http://trade.gov/enforcement>. The signed Issues & Decision Memo and the electronic version of the Issues & Decision Memo are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our review of the record and comments received from interested parties regarding our *Preliminary Results*, we have made certain revisions to the margin calculations for Jacobi, Huahui, and the non-examined, separate rate respondents.¹⁹ Further, the Surrogate Values Memo²⁰ contains descriptions of our changes to the surrogate values.

Separate Rate Respondents

In our *Preliminary Results*, we determined that the following

¹⁷ See Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Fifth Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, ("Issues & Decision Memo") dated concurrently with this notice for a complete description of the Scope of the *Order*.

¹⁸ See *Order*.

¹⁹ See Issues & Decision Memo and the company-specific analysis memoranda for further explanation regarding these changes.

²⁰ See Memorandum to the File, through Catherine Bertrand, Program Manager, Office V, from Emeka Chukwudebe, Case Analyst, Office V, Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"): Surrogate Values for the Final Results," dated concurrently with this notice ("Surrogate Values Memo").

companies met the criteria for separate rate status: Jacobi, Huahui, Cherishmet; Datong Juqiang Activated Carbon Co., Ltd.; Datong Municipal Yunguang Activated Carbon Co., Ltd.; Jilin Bright Future Chemicals Company, Ltd.; Ningxia Mineral and Chemical Limited; Shanxi DMD Corporation; Shanxi Sincere Industrial Co., Ltd.; Shanxi Industry Technology Trading Co., Ltd.; Sinoacarbon International Trading Co., Ltd.; Tancarb Activated Carbon Co., Ltd.; Tangshan Solid Carbon Co., Ltd.; and Tianjin Maijin Industries Co., Ltd.²¹ We have received no comments or argument since the issuance of the *Preliminary Results* that provides a basis for reconsideration of these determinations. Therefore, the Department continues to find that the companies listed above meet the criteria for a separate rate.

Rate for Non-Examined Separate Rate Respondents

In the *Preliminary Results*,²² and consistent with the Department's practice,²³ we assigned the non-examined, separate rate companies a rate calculated using the ranged total sales quantities from the public version of the submissions from the individually-examined respondents with weighted-average dumping margins that are not zero or *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.5 percent)²⁴ from the public versions of their submissions.²⁵ No parties have comments on this methodology. For the final results, we continue to find this approach to be consistent with the intent of section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act and our use of section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act as guidance when we establish the rate for respondents not examined individually in an administrative review.²⁶

Because the calculated net U.S. sales values for the individually-examined respondents with weighted-average dumping margins that are not zero or *de*

²¹ See *Preliminary Results*, at 78 FR 26749.

²² See *id.*, and accompanying Decision Memorandum at 9.

²³ See *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results and Final Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 76 FR 56158, 56160 (September 12, 2011) ("*Vietnam Shrimp*"); see also *Galvanized Steel Wire From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination*, 77 FR 68407, 68415 (November 4, 2011) ("*Galvanized Wire LTFV*").

²⁴ See Jacobi's Response to the Department's Supplemental Section A Questionnaire (Public Version) dated October 31, 2012, at Exhibit 1; see also Huahui's Public Version of Exhibit A-1 for the Section A Response, dated August 13, 2012.

²⁵ See *id.*

²⁶ See *Vietnam Shrimp*, 76 FR at 56160; see also *Galvanized Wire LTFV*, 77 FR at 68415.

minimis are business-proprietary figures, we find that \$0.16 U.S. Dollars/kilogram (“USD/kg”), which we calculated using the publicly available figures of U.S. sales quantities for these firms, is the best reasonable proxy for the weighted-average dumping margin based on the calculated U.S. sales quantities of these respondents.²⁷

PRC-Wide Entity

In the *Preliminary Results*, the Department determined that those

companies which did not demonstrate eligibility for a separate rate are properly considered part of the PRC-wide entity.²⁸ Since the *Preliminary Results*, we received no comments regarding these findings. Therefore, we continue to treat these entities as part of the PRC-wide entity.

Rate for the PRC-Wide Entity

The Department used the rate of 2.42 USD/kg in the most recently completed administrative review of this

antidumping order for the PRC-wide entity.²⁹ Because nothing on the record of the instant review calls into question the reliability of this rate, we find it appropriate to continue to apply the rate of 2.42 USD/kg to the PRC-wide entity for these final results.³⁰

Final Results of the Review

The weighted-average dumping margins for this POR are as follows:

Exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (dollars per kilogram) ³¹
Jacobi Group ³²	\$0.03
Ningxia Huahui Activated Carbon Co., Ltd.	0.39
Calgon Carbon (Tianjin) Co., Ltd.	0.16
Datong Juqiang Activated Carbon Co., Ltd.	0.16
Datong Municipal Yunguang Activated Carbon Co., Ltd.	0.16
Jilin Bright Future Chemicals Company, Ltd.	0.16
Ningxia Guanghua Cherishmet Activated Carbon Co., Ltd. ³³	0.16
Ningxia Mineral and Chemical Limited	0.16
Shanxi DMD Corporation	0.16
Shanxi Sincere Industrial Co., Ltd.	0.16
Shanxi Industry Technology Trading Co., Ltd.	0.16
Sinoacarbon International Trading Co., Ltd.	0.16
Tancarb Activated Carbon Co., Ltd.	0.16
Tangshan Solid Carbon Co., Ltd.	0.16
Tianjin Majin Industries Co., Ltd.	0.16
PRC-Wide Entity ³⁴	2.42

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.212(b), the Department will determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. The Department intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication date of these final

results of this review. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we are calculating importer- (or customer-) specific assessment rates for the merchandise subject to this review. As the Department stated in the most recent administrative review,³⁵ we will continue to direct CBP to assess importer-specific assessment rates based on the resulting per-unit (*i.e.*, per-kilogram) rates by the weight in

kilograms of each entry of the subject merchandise during the POR. Specifically, we calculated importer-specific duty assessment rates on a per-unit rate basis by dividing the total amount of dumping for each importer by the total sales quantity of subject merchandise sold to that importer during the POR. For any individually examined respondent whose weighted-average dumping margin is above *de*

²⁷ See “Memorandum to the File from Emeka Chukwudebe, Case Analyst, Office V, AD/CVD Operations, Re: Calculation of Separate Rate,” dated concurrently with this notice.

²⁸ The PRC-Wide entity includes Datong Locomotive Coal & Chemicals Co., Ltd., Ningxia Lingzhou Foreign Trade Co., Ltd. and Shanxi Qixian Foreign Trade Corporation. See *Preliminary Results*, 78 FR at 26749.

²⁹ See *Certain Activated Carbon From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Third Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 76 FR 67142, 67145 (October 31, 2011).

³⁰ See *Administrative Review of Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 76 FR 51940, 51942 (August 19, 2011) (where the Department used the rate for the PRC-wide entity from the previous review).

³¹ In the second administrative review of this order, the Department determined that it would calculate per-unit assessment and cash deposit rates for all future reviews. See *Certain Activated Carbon From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results*

and Partial Rescission of Second Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 75 FR 70208, 70211 (November 17, 2010).

³² In the third administrative review, the Department found Jacobi, Tianjin Jacobi International Trading Co. Ltd., and Jacobi Carbons Industry (Tianjin) (collectively, “Jacobi Group”) are a single entity and, because there were no changes to the facts which supported that decision, we continued to find these companies part of a single entity in the fourth administrative review. Because there have been no changes to the facts which supported that decision in the present review, we will assign this rate to the companies in the single entity. See *Preliminary Results*, and accompanying Decision Memorandum, at 16, at “Affiliation and Collapsing”; see also *Certain Activated Carbon From the People’s Republic of China: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Third Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 76 FR 67142 (October 31, 2011) (“AR3 Carbon”); *Certain Activated Carbon From the People’s Republic of China: 2010–2011; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 77 FR 67337, 67339 at footnote 22 (November 9, 2012) (“AR4 Carbon”).

³³ In the first administrative review, the Department found Beijing Pacific Activated Carbon

Products Co., Ltd., Ningxia Guanghua Cherishmet Activated Carbon Co., Ltd., and Ningxia Guanghua Activated Carbon Co., Ltd. are a single entity and, because there were no changes to the facts which supported that decision, we continued to find these companies to be part of a single entity in the present review. Because there have been no changes to the facts which supported that decision in the present review, we will assign this rate to the companies in the single entity. See *Certain Activated Carbon From the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Extension of Time Limits for the Final Results*, 74 FR 21317 (May 7, 2009), unchanged in *First Administrative Review of Certain Activated Carbon from the People’s Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 74 FR 57995 (November 10, 2009); *AR4 Carbon*, 77 FR at 67339 at footnote 23.

³⁴ The PRC-wide entity includes Datong Locomotive Coal & Chemicals Co., Ltd., Ningxia Lingzhou Foreign Trade Co., Ltd. and Shanxi Qixian Foreign Trade Corporation.

³⁵ See *AR4 Carbon*, 77 FR at 67339.

minimis (i.e., 0.50 percent), the Department will calculate importer-specific assessment rates on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the importer's examined sales and the total entered value of sales.³⁶ We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review when the importer-specific assessment rate is above *de minimis*. Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

The Department announced a refinement to its assessment practice in NME cases. Pursuant to this refinement in practice, for entries that were not reported in the U.S. sales databases submitted by companies individually examined during this review, the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the NME-wide rate. In addition, if the Department determines that an exporter under review had no shipments of the subject merchandise, any suspended entries that entered under that exporter's case number (i.e., at that exporter's rate) will be liquidated at the NME-wide rate. For a full discussion of this practice, see *NME Antidumping Proceedings*.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise from the PRC 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) For Jacobi, Huahui and the non-examined, separate rate respondents, the cash deposit rate will be equal to their weighted-average dumping margins established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then no cash deposit will be required; (2) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed above that have separate rates, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the exporter-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding; (3) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the equal

to the weighted-average dumping margin for the PRC-wide entity established in the final results of this review; and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC exporters that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure

We intend to disclose the calculations performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Notification to Importers Regarding the Reimbursement of Duties

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties has occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

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

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

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix—Issues & Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Public Law 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before December 16, 2013. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3720.

Docket Number: 13-030. *Applicant:* South Dakota State University, Box 2202 N Rotunda, Brookings, SD 57007.

Instrument: iMIC Andromeda. *Manufacturer:* Till Photonics, Germany.

Intended Use: The instrument will be used to fluorescently label the macrophage colony stimulating factor (MCSF) and other signaling molecules in live primary bone marrow macrophages (BMMs). This instrument is the only confocal using a single micro lens disk, making it the only spinning disk system available that meets the needs for fast, multi fluorophore and Fluorescence Resonance Energy

³⁶ See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings: Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012) ("NME Antidumping Proceedings").

Transfer experiments over a range of objective lens magnifications. Furthermore, it is the only instrument that can rapidly interchange custom dichroic mirrors, which is essential for experiments relying on new fluorescent proteins. *Justification for Duty-Free Entry:* There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* September 20, 2013.

Docket Number: 13-043. *Applicant:* University of Colorado at Boulder, 1111 Engineering Drive 428 UCB, ECOT 514, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO 80309. *Instrument:* Cyclic Triaxial Testing Device. *Manufacturer:* Wille Geotechnik, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to study the response of soils under monotonic static loading compared to 1-D and 2-D cyclic loading, evaluate the influence of load amplitude and frequency content on the response of soils in terms of shear modulus and damping versus strain, and evaluate the influence of soil-content on its dynamic properties. It is critical to have the capability to simulate realistic static and dynamic stress conditions to the soil samples, which is facilitated by the instrument. The key specification in the research that was satisfied by the instrument is the ability to apply cyclic loading at high frequencies (up to about 30Hz) to simulate earthquake loading. The instrument is also capable of testing soil samples larger than 70mm, the pressure system/pressure controller has a resolution of 0.1 KPa which provides greater accuracy, and the load frame capacity for both static and dynamic loading is 25 KN. *Justification for Duty-Free Entry:* There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* September 26, 2013.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Gregory W. Campbell,
Director of Subsidies Enforcement,
Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of California, Berkely, et al.; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and

Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 13-002. *Applicant:* University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720. *Instrument:* High Speed Atomic Force Microscope (HSAFM). *Manufacturer:* Research Institute of Biomolecule Metrology (RIBM), Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 78 FR 7399-7400, February 1, 2013. *Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order. *Reasons:* The instrument will be used for a number of experiments including tracking the enzymatic activity of an RNA II polymerase along its template, a DNA gene, while synthesizing the messenger RNA. Having access to higher scan rates in an aqueous environment will provide an unprecedented view of transcription through nucleosomal DNA. By visualizing transcription steps, it is possible to precisely follow in real time the dynamics of events that accompany transcription by RNAP II through the nucleosome including spontaneous DNA unwrapping from the core particle, histone transfer, and histone dissociation under different conditions while determining the main factors that regulate nucleosome stability/instability during transcription. In addition to this capability, the instrument will have the time and spatial resolution to visualize individual tubulin subunits as they arrive at the microtubule end and will complement cryo-EM studies at near nanometer resolution on stabilized intermediates in the assembly process. The unique characteristics of this instrument are the ability to capture images at a rate of up to 15-20 frames per second, reading scan rates as high as 25 frames per second, resonant frequencies of 3.5 MHz in air and 1.2 MHz in water, spring constants of 0.2 N m⁻¹, a quality factor in water of ~2, and a response time in water of ~0.5 microseconds.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Gregory W. Campbell,
Director, Subsidies Enforcement Office,
Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-BD80

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Target and Missile Launch Activities at San Nicolas Island, California

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for letter of authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy (Navy), Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to missile launches from San Nicolas Island (SNI) from June 2014 through January 2019. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing our receipt of the Navy's request for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals and inviting information, suggestions, and comments on the Navy's application and request.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than December 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. The mailbox address for providing email comments is ITP.Magliocca@noaa.gov. NMFS is not responsible for email comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

A copy of the Navy's application may be obtained by visiting the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/>

incidental.htm#applications.

Documents cited in this notice may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Magliocca, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by United States citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specific geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as ". . . an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

With respect to military readiness activities, the MMPA defines "harassment" as: "(i) any act that injures or has the significant potential to injure a marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A Harassment]; or (ii) any act that disturbs or is likely to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of natural behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, surfacing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering, to a point where such behavioral patterns are abandoned or significantly altered [Level B Harassment]."

Summary of Request

On July 24, 2013, NMFS received an application from the Navy requesting regulations governing a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for the take of three species of marine mammals incidental to NAWCWD's missile launches from SNI over 5 years:

northern elephant seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*), Pacific harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), and California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*). The Navy is requesting a 5-year LOA proposed to be conducted from 2014 through 2019.

These activities are classified as military readiness activities. The Navy states that these activities may expose some of the marine mammals present around SNI to elevated sound levels from up to 40 missile launches per year. The Navy is requesting authorization to take three marine mammal species by Level B harassment.

Description of the Specified Activity

In the application submitted to NMFS, the Navy requests authorization to take marine mammals incidental to conducting up to 40 missile launches a year from SNI. A detailed description of the proposed activity, including duration, location, and missiles involved, are provided in the Navy's application (pages 5-14). In summary, NAWCWD plans to continue a launch program for missiles and targets from several launch sites on SNI. Some launches are used for practicing defensive drills and some launches may be conducted for testing new types of targets. Missiles vary from tactical and developmental weapons to target missiles used to test defensive strategies and other weapons systems. Up to 200 missiles may be launched over a 5-year period, but the number and type of launch varies depending on operational needs.

Information Sought

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the Navy's request (see **ADDRESSES**). All input related to the Navy's request and NMFS' role in governing the incidental taking of marine mammals will be considered by NMFS when developing, if appropriate, the most effective regulations governing the issuance of LOAs.

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Donna S. Wieting,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA832

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Missile Launch Operations From San Nicolas Island, CA

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that a letter of authorization (LOA) has been issued to the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, U.S. Navy (Navy), to take three species of seals and sea lions incidental to missile launch operations from San Nicolas Island (SNI), California, a military readiness activity.

DATES: Effective December 1, 2013, through June 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The LOA and supporting documentation are available for review on the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications>.

Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address and at the Southwest Regional Office, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Magliocca, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301-427-8401, or Monica DeAngelis, NMFS, 562-980-3232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. However, for military readiness activities, the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 108-136) removed the "small numbers" and "specified geographical region" limitations. Under the MMPA, the term

“take” means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill marine mammals.

Authorization may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant). In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements for monitoring and reporting of such taking.

Regulations governing the taking of northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*), and California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), by harassment, incidental to missile launch operations at SNI, were issued on June 2, 2009, and remain in effect until June 2, 2014 (74 FR 26580, June 3, 2009). For detailed information on this action, please refer to that document. The regulations include mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements for the incidental take of marine mammals during missile launches at SNI.

Summary of Request

On September 24, 2013, NMFS received a request for a LOA renewal pursuant to the aforementioned regulations that would authorize take of pinnipeds, by harassment, incidental to missile launch operations from SNI. The request covers the remaining 6 months of the Navy's current regulations.

Summary of Activity Conducted During 2012–2013

As described in the Navy's annual monitoring report, the missile launch operations conducted by the Navy during this time period were within the scope and amounts authorized by the 2012–2013 LOA, and the levels of take remain within the scope and amounts contemplated by the final rule and detailed in the 2012–2013 LOA. A total of eight launches took place using two missile types on seven different days.

Planned Activities and Estimated Take for 2013–2014

During 2013–2014, the Navy expects to conduct the same type and amount of

launches identified in the 2012–2013 LOA. Therefore, NMFS is authorizing the same amount of take authorized in 2012.

2012–2013 Monitoring

The Navy conducted the monitoring required by the 2012–2013 LOA and described in the Monitoring Plan, which included acoustic monitoring of missile launches and visual monitoring of pinnipeds. The Navy submitted their 2012–2013 Monitoring Report, which is posted on NMFS' Web site (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>), within the required timeframe. In summary, visual monitoring shows that pinnipeds startled and moved in response to launch sounds and most individuals returned to normal behavior within 5 minutes.

Authorization

The Navy complied with the requirements of the 2012–2013 LOA and NMFS has determined that there was no evidence of pinniped injuries or mortalities related to vehicle launches from SNI. The Navy's activities fell within the scope of the activities analyzed in the 2009 rule, and the observed take did not exceed that authorized in the 2012–2013 LOA. NMFS has determined that this action continues to have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks of marine mammals on SNI. Accordingly, NMFS has issued an LOA to the Navy authorizing the take of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to missile launch activities from SNI. The provision requiring that the activities not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the affected species or stock for subsistence uses does not apply for this action.

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Donna S. Wieting,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 13, 2013.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Surveillance, Enforcement Matters, and Examinations. In the event that the times, dates or locations of this or any future meetings change, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date and location of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.cftc.gov>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Melissa D. Jurgens, 202–418–5516.

Natise Stowe,

Executive Assistant.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 6, 2013.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Surveillance, Enforcement Matters, and Examinations. In the event that the times, dates or locations of this or any future meetings change, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date and location of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.cftc.gov>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Melissa D. Jurgens, 202–418–5516.

Natise Stowe,

Executive Assistant.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public

and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, CNCS is soliciting comments concerning its revised Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Application Instructions. Submission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Application Instructions is required to be considered for funding.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the Addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by January 27, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Florida State Office; Attention Ms. Gail Killeen, State Program Specialist, Suite 115; 3615 McCrory Place, Orlando, FL, 32803.

(2) By hand delivery or by courier to the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) By fax to: (407) 648-6116, Attention Ms. Gail Killeen, State Program Specialist.

(3) Electronically through mlkgrants@cns.gov or www.regulations.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call 1-800-833-3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Killeen, (407) 648-6118, or by email at gkilleen@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CNCS is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, 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 expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

Background

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Grant application is completed by applicant organizations interested in supporting a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Program. The application is completed electronically via the Corporation's web-based system, eGrants.

Current Action

CNCS seeks to renew the current information collection. Minor revisions are proposed, including new instructions for Year Two (2) and Year Three (3) Continuation Applications. The revised application instructions also now require selection of up to two CNCS National Performance Measures in 2014.

The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. CNCS seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application is due to expire on 10/31/2014.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Grants.

OMB Number: 3045-0110.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Eligible applicants for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service grants.

Total Respondents: 80.

Frequency: Annual.

Average Time per Response: 11 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 880 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Michael Berning,

Director, Office of Field Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force

AGENCY: Director of Administration and Management, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting correction.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to correct a previously announced notice of a Federal advisory committee closed meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force ("the Commission") (78 FR 68826-68828, November 15, 2013).

DATES: *Dates of Closed Meeting,*

including Hearing and Commission

Discussion: Monday, November 18, 2013 through Tuesday, November 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 525, Crystal City, VA 22202 and, as necessary, a secure video teleconferencing line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Marcia Moore, Designated Federal Officer, National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force, 1950 Defense Pentagon, Room 3A874, Washington, DC 20301-1950. Email: marcia.l.moore12.civ@mail.mil. Desk (703) 545-9113. Facsimile (703) 692-5625.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to difficulties finalizing the meeting agenda for the scheduled meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force for November 18-19, 2013, the requirements of 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) were not met. 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.

Purpose of Meeting: This meeting was held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150. The previous announcement of the November 19, 2013 closed meeting was published on Friday, November 15, 2013, but is

modified by this **Federal Register** notice to acknowledge the closed meeting was increased to two days whereas it was originally scheduled for only one day, and to update the November 19 agenda to include testimonies from the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff, as shown in the agenda items in this notice. This meeting was the third in a series of three meetings held for the Commissioners to consider information and data from a variety of sources that will be presented and aggregated by employing several data, analytic and decision support tools that contain classified information.

Agenda: The updated agenda items were:

- The role of airpower in the post-Afghanistan national security situations likely to be encountered by the Air Force capabilities and Airmen and the implications for the structure of the Air Force. This discussion will be organized into three categories. The “Away Game,” will involve emerging demands on Air Force capabilities such as: Intelligence, Surveillance and reconnaissance, Remotely Piloted Aircraft, Space, Cyber, Special Operations, and Building Partnership Capacity. Commissioners will also explore the implications of rising demands and expectations for the “Home Game” in missions such as Homeland Defense, Homeland Security, and Defense Support to Civil Agencies. This will include implications for the structure of the Air Force from the growing threat of the “Away Game” involving simultaneous attacks on the Homeland. The third area of discussion will be on the continuing growth of demand on traditional Air Force core functions including: Air Superiority, Air Mobility, Global Precision Attack, Nuclear Deterrence Operations, Command and Control, Personnel Recovery, Agile Combat Support, Training and Education, and other specific mission sets such as security forces, civil engineering and science and technology.
- Testimony from the Honorable Eric Fanning, Acting Secretary of the U.S. Air Force and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. Their testimonies will provide the key decisions the Air Force is considering if forced to make sequester cuts based on its Program Objective Memorandum (POM) for fiscal year (FY) 2015 and the alternate POM. The Commission is particularly interested in the Air Force’s considerations to change the force mix and capabilities across the components of the

Department of Defense as part of the FY 15 alternate POM and the anticipated challenges caused by those changes. The Commission is also interested in human capital, specific mission sets, and trade-offs the Air Force envisions among other major program areas such as modernization readiness, procurement, manpower, research development test and evaluation.

- Projections and assumptions about future resource levels that will be available to organize, train and equip the Air Force. This will include assumptions about how the Budget Control Act and Sequestration legislation will affect Total Obligational Authority and associated planning, programming and budgeting flexibility. Commissioners will also consider the impact of strategic choices on Air Force capabilities and force structure options derived from the selection of national priorities among modernization, technology, recapitalization, readiness, capacity and force structure. In this discussion Commissioners will consider the various approaches to how to calculate and apply cost methods and data to questions of force structure.
- The root causes of legislative and bureaucratic development of the force structure issues that led to the creation of the Commission in 2013. They will consider how these issues are rooted in the American militia heritage and the history of the Air Force since 1947. This discussion will extend to accounting for the socio-cultural dimensions of force structure issues ranging from the fundamental relationship of the American people to their military and to sub-cultures within the Air Force.
- How to institutionalize the shift in the fundamental role of the reserve components from a strategic reserve to an operational reserve with associated expectations. Commissioners will also consider the force mix options they are prepared to assess in terms of relative weight of force structure in each of the components. Commissioners will consider whether to recommend that the Department of Defense invert the force sizing planning paradigm from sizing to meet the expected wartime surge to an approach that begins with the Steady State Requirement then resource the components to provide the nation with a meaningful surge capacity for the strategy. They will also address considerations for measuring and assessing Active, Reserve and Guard Effectiveness—both cost and mission effectiveness.

—Alternative approaches to how the nation should direct, control and guide the active, reserve and National Guard Air Forces, including:

- Whether, and if so how, to simplify Title 10, Title 32 and other governing legislative authorities;
- How to re-balance the current mix of Active, Reserve and Guard components into and across any and all mission functions;
- Whether, and if so how, to reorganize the Air Force Active, Reserve and National Guard into less than 3 components;
- Can the Air Force move to a periodic readiness schedule without creating a “hollow force;”
- Does component “ownership” of aircraft matter anymore and how can the Associate Unit paradigm be adapted to the future;
- Approaching future force integration of new systems capabilities by means of a Concurrent Proportional resourcing method across the components to replace today’s priority of equipping the Active Component first;
- Accelerating the adoption of a “Continuum of Service” model to facilitate the ability of Airmen to move from any component into another at multiple points in their career path without prejudice;
- Enhancing the total force through equalized opportunities across the components for professional and technical education and shared experiences.
- Recognizing in promotion and selection processes differing but equivalent ends, ways, and means of professional development
- Fundamental shift in policy goals for “Deploy-to-Dwell,” “Mobilization-to-Dwell,” and associated metrics for the post-Afghanistan period, as well as how deployment credit will be accounted.
- Reconsider the nation’s needs for Overseas Basing and the capacity of continental United States’ infrastructure afforded by investments in Reserve and Guard basing capacities available to the Total Force.

Meeting Accessibility: In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the DoD determined that the meeting scheduled for November 18–19, 2013 was closed to the public in its entirety. Specifically, the Director of Administration and Management, with the coordination of the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this meeting was closed to the public because it

discussed classified information and matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Written Comments: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Commission in response to the stated agenda of the open and/or closed meeting or the Commission’s mission. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will review all submitted written statements before forwarding to the Commission. Written comments should be submitted to Mrs. Marcia Moore, DFO, via facsimile or electronic mail, the preferred modes of submission. Each page of the comment must include the author’s name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. All contact information may be found in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. While written comments are forwarded to the Commissioners upon receipt, note that all written comments on the Commission’s charge, as described in the “Background” section, must be received by November 29, 2013, to be considered by the Commissioners for the final report. The postmark deadline to mail comments was November 8, 2013.

Background

The National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force was established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112–239). The Department of Defense sponsor for the Commission is the Director of Administration and Management, Mr. Michael L. Rhodes. The Commission is tasked to submit a report, containing a comprehensive study and recommendations, by February 1, 2014 to the President of the United States and the Congressional defense committees. The report will contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with its recommendations for such legislation and administrative actions it may consider appropriate in light of the results of the study. The comprehensive study of the structure of the U.S. Air Force will determine whether, and how, the structure should be modified to best fulfill current and anticipated mission requirements for the U.S. Air Force in a manner consistent with available resources.

The evaluation factors under consideration by the Commission are for a U.S. Air Force structure that—(a) meets current and anticipated requirements of the combatant commands; (b) achieves an appropriate balance between the regular and reserve

components of the Air Force, taking advantage of the unique strengths and capabilities of each; (c) ensures that the regular and reserve components of the Air Force have the capacity needed to support current and anticipated homeland defense and disaster assistance missions in the United States; (d) provides for sufficient numbers of regular members of the Air Force to provide a base of trained personnel from which the personnel of the reserve components of the Air Force could be recruited; (e) maintains a peacetime rotation force to support operational tempo goals of 1:2 for regular members of the Air Forces and 1:5 for members of the reserve components of the Air Force; and (f) maximizes and appropriately balances affordability, efficiency, effectiveness, capability, and readiness.

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Forces Policy Board, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board will take place. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

DATES: Thursday, December 12, 2013, from 9:10 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address is the Pentagon, Room 3E863, and Arlington, VA. An escort may be required as discussed in the meeting accessibility section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT Steven Knight, Designated Federal Officer, (703) 681–0608 (Voice), (703) 681–0002 (Facsimile), Email—*steven.p.knight.mil@mail.mil*. Mailing

address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 601, Falls Church, VA 22041. Web site: *http://ra.defense.gov/rfpb/*. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting can be found on the Reserve Forces Policy Board Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

Agenda: The Reserve Forces Policy Board will hold a meeting from 9:10 a.m. until 4:40 p.m.

The portion of the meeting from 2:40 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. will be closed to the public. The open portion of the meeting will consist of remarks from Admiral Gary Roughead, USN (Ret), General Ronald Fogelman USAF (Ret), and the Honorable Michele Flournoy. They will share their views as the Department balances force structure and missions with increased fiscal constraints that may have a profound impact on the Reserve Components. A General Officer from the United Kingdom has been invited to provide remarks on the reforms being made to the British Army. The three Reserve Forces Policy Board subcommittees will also provide updates on their past recommendations to the Secretary of Defense. The Subcommittee on the Operational Reserve plans to discuss medical readiness. The Subcommittee on the Homeland plans to discuss National Security Special Event funding issues and give the Reserve Forces Policy Board an update regarding the status of U.S. Northern Command’s identification of Defense Support of Civilian Authorities requirements. The Subcommittee on Personnel plans to discuss Warrior Care Policy findings. The closed portion of the meeting will consist of remarks from the Secretary of the Air Force whom will likely address future strategies for use of the Reserve Component, issues impacting reserve organizations, the right balance of Active and Reserve Component forces, and force structure management. The Cyber Policy Task Group will update the Board on its current findings concerning the logical mission fit for

Reserve Component members with regards to cyber security.

Meeting Accessibility: 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, the meeting is open to the public from 9:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Captain Steven Knight, the Designated Federal Officer, not later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013, as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 8:45 a.m. on December 12, 2013. To complete the security screening, please be prepared to present two forms of identification. One must be a picture identification card. In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the portion of this meeting scheduled to occur from 2:40 p.m. until 4:40 p.m. will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), in coordination with the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public, because it is likely to disclose matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit written statements to the Reserve Forces Policy Board at any time. Written statements should be submitted to the Reserve Forces Policy Board's Designated Federal Officer at the address or facsimile number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Reserve Forces Policy Board until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Please note that since the Reserve Forces Policy Board operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection,

including, but not limited to, being posted on the Board's Web site.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2013–OS–0221]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Defense Information Systems Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a new system of records.

SUMMARY: The Defense Information Systems Agency proposes to add a new system of records, KWHC 08, entitled "DefenseReady", to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This system will manage personnel and security records for the purpose of validation, analysis, and appraisal throughout the lifecycle. This system is used to track travel, security, sensitive items such as access/accountable badges, ownership and employment data of White House Communications Agency (WHCA) employees for the White House community.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective on December 27, 2013 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination. Comments will be accepted on or before December 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, 2nd Floor, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeanette Weathers-Jenkins 6916 Cooper Avenue, Fort Meade, MD 20755–7901 or telephone: (301) 225–8158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Information Systems Agency notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or at <http://dpcllo.defense.gov/privacy/SORNs/component/disa/index.html>.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on November 21, 2013, to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

KWHC 08

SYSTEM NAME:

DefenseReady

SYSTEM LOCATION:

White House Communications Agency, 2743 Defense Blvd. SW., Bldg 399, Anacostia Annex, Washington DC 20373–5117.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Current and former Military personnel, Federal Government employees and DoD Contractors supporting the White House Communications Agency (WHCA).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Full name, office room, building, home address, home of record, civilian education level, gender, race, marital status, previous work experience, date of birth, Social Security Number (SSN), DoD ID Number, communications devices (e.g., blackberries, secure travel phones), vehicles (makes, models and licenses plates) evaluations/job performance, deployment status, sensitive items (e.g., access and accountable badges), awards, decorations and medals.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 1303 Investigations; 5 U.S.C. 3301, Civil service; 44 U.S.C. 3101,

Administrative Procedure Act; DoDI 5025.01, DoD Directives Program; and E.O. 9397 (SSN), as amended.

PURPOSE(S):

To manage personnel and security records for the purpose of validation, analysis, and appraisal throughout the lifecycle. This system is used to track travel, security, sensitive items such as access/accountable badges, ownership and employment data of White House Communications Agency (WHCA) employees for the White House community.

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

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, these records contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD Blanket Routine Uses set forth at the beginning of the DISA's compilation of systems of records policies may apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Electronic storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by name, SSN or other aforementioned unique identifiers.

SAFEGUARDS:

The facility is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is on a military installation. The room is inside a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF).

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Disposition pending (until the National Archives and Records Administration approves retention and disposal schedule, records will be treated as permanent).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

White House Communications Agency, Washington Area Communications Command, Information Systems Division, Enterprise Architect Branch, 2743 Defense Blvd. SW., Bldg 399, Anacostia Annex, Washington, DC 20373-5117.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to

White House Communications Agency, 2743 Defense Blvd. SW., Anacostia Annex, Washington, DC 20373-5117.

The full name of the requesting individual will be required to determine if the system contains a record about him or her.

The requester may also visit one of the system managers listed on the WHCA intranet. As proof of identity the requester must present a current DISA identification badge or a driver's license.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to White House Communications Agency, 2743 Defense Blvd. SW., Anacostia Annex, Washington, DC 20373-5117.

The full name of the requesting individual will be required to determine if the system contains a record about him or her.

The requester may also visit one of the system managers listed on the WHCA intranet. As proof of identity the requester must present a current DISA identification badge or a driver's license.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

DISA's rules for accessing records, for contesting content and appealing initial agency determinations are published in DISA Instruction 210-225-2; 32 CFR part 316; or may be obtained from the systems manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

From the individual.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. A conference session and business meeting will be held the following day on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. The hearing, conference session and business meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor Center, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

Public Hearing. The public hearing on December 3, 2013 will begin at 1:30

p.m. Hearing items will include draft dockets and resolutions for projects subject to the Commission's review. The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, is currently available in a long form of this notice posted on the Commission's Web site, www.drbc.net. Draft dockets scheduled for hearing are posted on the Web site approximately ten days prior to the hearing date. Written comments on draft dockets and resolutions scheduled for hearing on December 3 will be accepted through the close of the hearing that day. After the hearing on all scheduled matters has been completed, there will be an opportunity for public dialogue. *Because hearings on particular projects may be postponed to allow additional time for the commission's review, interested parties are advised to check the Web site periodically prior to the hearing date.* Any postponements will be duly noted there.

Public Meeting. The public meeting on December 4, 2013 will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will consist of a conference session followed by a business meeting. The conference session will include presentations by staff on (a) new interactive mapping capability, and (b) the updated PCB criterion formally proposed by the Commission in August 2013. The business meeting will include the following items: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's September 12, 2013 business meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. In addition to those items for which the public hearing is completed on December 3, 2013, the Commissioners may consider action on revised water quality criteria for PCBs and pH, for which public hearings were completed on September 10 and October 24, 2013, respectively.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comments at the December 4 business meeting on hearing items for which the hearing was completed on December 3 or a previous date. Commission consideration on December 4 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in either approval of the item (docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already

received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Individuals who wish to comment for the record at the public hearing on December 3 or to address the Commissioners informally during the public dialogue portion of the hearing on December 3 are asked to sign up in advance by contacting Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us or by phoning Ms. Schmitt at 609-883-9500 ext. 224.

Addresses for Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be delivered by hand at the public hearing or submitted in advance of the hearing date to: Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 7360, 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, NJ 08628; by fax to Commission Secretary, DRBC at 609-883-9522 or by email to paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us. If submitted by email in advance of the hearing date, written comments on a docket should also be sent to Mr. William Muszynski, Manager, Water Resources Management at william.muszynski@drbc.state.nj.us.

Accommodations for Special Needs. Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the informational meeting, conference session or hearings should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609-883-9500 ext. 203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

Updates. Items scheduled for hearing are occasionally postponed to allow more time for the Commission to consider them. Other meeting items also are subject to change. Please check the Commission's Web site, www.drbc.net, closer to the meeting date for changes that may be made after the deadline for filing this notice.

Additional Information, Contacts. The list of projects scheduled for hearing, with descriptions, is currently available in a long form of this notice posted on the Commission's Web site, www.drbc.net. Draft dockets and resolutions for hearing items will be posted as hyperlinks from the notice at the same location approximately ten days prior to the hearing date. Additional public records relating to hearing items may be examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Carol Adamovic, 609-883-9500, ext. 249. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact

Project Review Section assistant Victoria Lawson at 609-883-9500, ext. 216.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Pamela M. Bush,

Commission Secretary and Assistant General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 11472-060, 11132-028, 11482-030, 4202-023, 3562-024]

KEI (Maine) Power Management (I) LLC, KEI (Maine) Power Management (II) LLC, KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC, KEI (Maine) Power Management (IV) LLC; Notice of Application for Amendment of Licenses and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.
- b. *Project Nos:* 11472-060, 11132-028, 11482-030, 4202-023, 3562-024.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 19, 2013.
- d. *Applicants:* KEI (Maine) Power Management (I) LLC, KEI (Maine) Power Management (II) LLC, KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC, KEI (Maine) Power Management (IV) LLC.
- e. *Name of Projects:* The Burnham Project, the Eustis Project, the Marcal Project, the Lowell Tannery Project, and the Barker Mill Upper Project.
- f. *Locations:* The Burnham Project is located on the Sebasticook River, in Waldo and Somerset Counties, Maine; the Eustis Project is located on the North Branch of the Dead River, in Franklin County, Maine; the Marcal Project is located on the Little Androscoggin River, in Androscoggin County, Maine; the Lowell Tannery Project is located on the Passadumkeag River, in Penobscot County, Maine; and the Barker Mill Upper Project is located on the Little Androscoggin River, in Androscoggin County, Maine.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Lewis C. Loon, Manager, KEI (USA) Power Management Inc., 37 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Suite 2, Lewiston, ME 04240.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney, (202) 502-6778, or christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file any motion to intervene, protest, comments, and/or recommendations using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-11472-060, P-11132-028, P-11482-030, P-4202-023, and/or P-3562-024, as applicable.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests to amend the five project licenses to eliminate the authorization to conduct store-and-release drawdowns, and to authorize run-of-river operation, limiting drawdowns. Under the licensee's proposal, drawdowns would be limited to those necessary for maintenance or emergency operations.

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number P-11472, P-11132, P-11482, P-4202, or P-3562 in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above and at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214,

respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works that are the subject of the license amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7518-015]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.:* 7518-015.

c. *Date Filed:* September 30, 2013.

d. *Applicant:* Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.

e. *Name of Project:* Hogansburg Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the St. Regis River in Franklin County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steven Murphy, Licensing Manager, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., 33 West 1st Street South, Fulton, New York, 13069, (315) 598-6130 or email at steven.murphy@brookfieldpower.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Mudre at (202) 502-8902 or email at john.mudre@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-7518-015.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Project Description:* The existing Hogansburg Project consists of: (1) A reservoir having a surface area of about 18.6 acres and a maximum storage capacity of approximately 112 acre-feet; (2) a 247-foot-long, 11.5-foot-high concrete gravity dam with a spillway crest elevation of 165.2 feet above mean sea level; (3) a 34-foot-long, 22-foot-high stoplog gate structure; (4) a 45-foot by 48-foot integrated intake/powerhouse structure at the dam's right abutment; (5) a single S. Morgan Smith vertical propeller generating unit having a rated capacity of 485 kilowatts; (6) a 600-foot-long tailrace having varying widths between 24 feet and 100 feet; and (7) 2.4-kilovolt (kV) generator leads extending about 25 feet to an adjacent electrical substation containing a 2.4/4.8-kV, 600-kilovolt-amperes, step-up transformer bank. A transmission line owned and operated by National Grid Corporation connects directly to the substation. Power generated at the project interconnects with the electrical grid at the substation.

At the time the Commission issued the original license for the Hogansburg Project (1985), the Commission's regulations did not require minor projects occupying non-federal lands to have an established project boundary. Therefore, the boundary for the project is being established through this relicensing process.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>

esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRELIMINARY FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

o. Procedural Schedule:

The application will be processed according to the following revised Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions.	January 2014.
Commission issues Draft EA Comments on Draft EA	July 2014.
Modified Terms and Conditions.	August 2014.
	October 2014.

Milestone	Target date
Commission Issues Final EA	January 2015.

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

q. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of the notice of acceptance and ready for environmental analysis provided for in 5.22: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

Docket Numbers: EC14-31-000.

Applicants: Prairie Breeze Wind Energy LLC.

Description: Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Waivers and Expedited Action of Prairie Breeze Wind Energy LLC.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118-5077.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. e.t. 12/9/13.

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

Docket Numbers: ER14-417-000.

Applicants: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

Description: NCMPA1 RS 318 Amendment to be effective 12/31/2013.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118-5090.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. e.t. 12/9/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-418-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: City of Coffeyville Revised Stated Rate to be effective 7/1/2013.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118-5094.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. e.t. 12/9/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-419-000.

Applicants: Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC.

Description: Filing of CIAC Agreement with Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc. to be effective 1/18/2014.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118-5095.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. e.t. 12/9/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-420-000.

Applicants: Macquarie Energy LLC. *Description:* First Rev MBR Tariff to be effective 3/1/2014.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118-5096.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. e.t. 12/9/13.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: November 18, 2013.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EC14-24-000.

Applicants: Steele Flats Wind Project, LLC, Tuscola Wind II, LLC.

Description: Amendment to November 6, 2013 Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Steele Flats Wind Project, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5235.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 11/27/13.

Docket Numbers: EC14-30-000.

Applicants: Shiloh IV Lessee, LLC.

Description: Application of Shiloh IV Lessee, LLC for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Requests for Waivers, Confidential Treatment and Expedited Consideration.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5238.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

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

Docket Numbers: ER07-956-007.

Applicants: Entergy Services, Inc.

Description: Compliance Filing of Entergy Services, Inc.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5236.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

Docket Numbers: ER09-1224-006.

Applicants: Entergy Operating Companies.

Description: Compliance Filing of Entergy Operating Companies.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5240.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-75-004.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: 2013-11-15-SPS Order 1000 Compliance Filing to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5160.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/16/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-366-002.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Order No. 1000 Regional Compliance Filing to be effective 3/30/2014.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5198.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/16/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-343-001.

Applicants: NV Energy, Inc.

Description: OATT Order No. 764 Compliance—Section 14.6 to be effective 11/12/2013.

Filed Date: 11/13/13.

Accession Number: 20131113-5185.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/4/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-346-001.

Applicants: MATL LLP.

Description: Errata to ER14-346-000 to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 11/14/13.

Accession Number: 20131114-5131.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/5/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-411-000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: 2013-11-15-SPS-Cancellation of Attach-R to be effective 1/14/2014.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5154.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-412-000.

Applicants: MidAmerican Energy Company.

Description: Engineering and Procurement Agreement—Macksburg to be effective 11/18/2013.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5157.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-413-000.

Applicants: ALLETE Clean Energy, Inc.

Description: ALLETE Clean Energy MBR Tariff Filing to be effective 1/6/2014.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5158.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-414-000.

Applicants: Entergy New Orleans, Inc.

Description: WDS Tariff to be effective 12/19/2013.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5161.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-415-000.

Applicants: Macquarie Energy LLC.

Description: Second Revised

Reassignment Tariff to be effective 6/30/2013.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5163.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-416-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Integrated Marketplace Third Supplemental Filing to be effective 3/1/2014 under ER14-416 Filing Type: 10.

Filed Date: 11/15/13.

Accession Number: 20131115-5195.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/6/13.

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

Docket Numbers: ES14-2-000.

Applicants: AEP Generation Resources Inc.

Description: Second Amendment to October 15, 2013 Application Under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act for Authorization to Issue Securities of AEP Generation Resources Inc.

Filed Date: 11/14/13.

Accession Number: 20131114-5177.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 11/25/13.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and

385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

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Dated: November 18, 2013.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: ER10-1246-006; ER10-1982-007; ER10-1253-006; ER10-1252-006; ER13-764-006; ER12-2498-006; ER12-2499-006.

Applicants: Consolidated Edison Energy, Inc., Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc., Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., Alpaugh 50, LLC, Alpaugh North, LLC, CED White River Solar, LLC.

Description: Notice of non-material change in status of Consolidated Edison Energy, Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 11/19/13.

Accession Number: 20131119-5040.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/10/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-50-000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: 2013-11-18_PSC-Multi-T-Fac-350-0.0.0 EXB-M -Supp Record.doc to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118-5141.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/9/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-172-001.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc.

Description: ISO New England Inc. submits Amendment to Conforming Sections to be effective 10/7/2013.

Filed Date: 11/19/13.

Accession Number: 20131119-5044.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/10/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14-421-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

submits 2013–11–18 Re-collation Filing to be effective 11/19/2013.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118–5114.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/9/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14–422–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: 2013–11–18 Re-Collation Filing to be effective 11/19/2013.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118–5186.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/9/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14–423–000.

Applicants: MidAmerican Energy Company.

Description: Engineering & Procurement—Macksburg to be effective 11/18/2013.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118–5142.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/9/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14–424–000.

Applicants: Pennsylvania Electric Company, The Potomac Edison Company, West Penn Power Company, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: PJM, Penelec et al. submit Grandfathered & First Revised FE Service Agreements to be effective 12/31/2050.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118–5194.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 11/29/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14–425–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submits Agreements Re-Collation Part 1 to be effective 11/20/2013.

Filed Date: 11/19/13.

Accession Number: 20131119–5056.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/10/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14–425–002.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submits 11–19–13 Agreements Re-Collation Part 3 to be effective 11/20/2013.

Filed Date: 11/19/13.

Accession Number: 20131119–5070.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/10/13.

Docket Numbers: ER14–426–000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: Southern California Edison Company submits Notice of Cancellation of Letter Agreement with Satsuma Solar to be effective 6/6/2013.

Filed Date: 11/19/13.

Accession Number: 20131119–5061.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/10/13.

Take notice that the Commission received the following public utility holding company filings:

Docket Numbers: PH14–3–000.

Applicants: Cross & Company, PLLC, Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation.

Description: Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation submits FERC 65–A Exemption Notification.

Filed Date: 11/18/13.

Accession Number: 20131118–5210.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. E.T. 12/9/13.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

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Dated: November 19, 2013.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14539–000; Project No. 14540–000]

Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund III, LLC, Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Notice Announcing Preliminary Permit Drawing

The Commission has received two preliminary permit applications deemed filed on July 23, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.,¹ for proposed projects to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Melvin Price Locks and Dam on the Mississippi River, near the City of Alton, in Madison County, Illinois, and the City of West Alton, in St. Charles County, Missouri. The applications were filed by Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund III, LLC for Project No. 14539–000 and Western

¹ Under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, any document received after regular business hours is considered filed at 8:30 a.m. on the next regular business day. See 18 CFR.385.2001(a)(2) (2013).

Minnesota Municipal Power Agency for Project No. 14540–000.

On November 25, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), the Secretary of the Commission, or her designee, will conduct a random drawing to determine the filing priority of the applicants identified in this notice. The Commission will select between the two competing permit applications as provided in section 4.37 of its regulations.² The priority established by this drawing will be used to determine which applicant, between those with identical filing times, will be considered to have the first-filed application.

The drawing is open to the public and will be held in room 2C, the Commission Meeting Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Secretary will issue a subsequent notice announcing the results of the drawing.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OA–2013–0125; FRL–9903–45–OA]

National and Governmental Advisory Committees to the U.S. Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting Teleconference Call.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The National and Governmental Advisory Committees advise the EPA Administrator in her capacity as the U.S. Representative to the CEC Council. The Committees are authorized under Articles 17 and 18 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Public Law 103–182, and as directed by Executive Order 12915, entitled “Federal Implementation of the North American Agreement on

² See *id.* 4.37.

Environmental Cooperation.” The NAC is composed of 14 members representing academia, environmental non-governmental organizations, and private industry. The GAC consists of 15 members representing state, local, and Tribal governments. The Committees are responsible for providing advice to the U.S. Representative on a wide range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, and economic issues related to implementation and further elaboration of the NAAEC.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice on the 20th anniversary of the NAAEC and to discuss other trade and environment issues in North America. The meeting will also include a public comment session. The agenda and meeting materials will be available at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OA-2013-0125. General information about NAC and GAC can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ofacmo/nacgac-page.htm>.

DATES: The NAC/GAC will hold a public teleconference on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. (This meeting replaces the October 16th 2013, meeting cancelled due to the government shutdown.)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via teleconference call from U.S. EPA William Jefferson Clinton East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 1132, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Oscar Carrillo, Designated Federal Officer, carrillo.oscar@epa.gov, 202-564-0347, U.S. EPA, Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach (1601-M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to make oral comments or to provide written comments to NAC/GAC should be sent to Oscar Carrillo at carrillo.oscar@epa.gov by Tuesday, December 10, 2013. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Oscar Carrillo at carrillo.oscar@epa.gov or 202-564-0347 by December 10, 2013.

Meeting Access: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Oscar Carrillo at 202-564-0347 or carrillo.oscar@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Oscar Carrillo, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 14, 2013.

Oscar Carrillo,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9903-48-OA]

Announcement of the Board of Directors for the National Environmental Education Foundation

AGENCY: Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) was created by Section 10 of Public Law #101-619, the National Environmental Education Act of 1990. It is a private 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established to promote and support education and training as necessary tools to further environmental protection and sustainable, environmentally sound development. It provides the common ground upon which leaders from business and industry, all levels of government, public interest groups, and others can work cooperatively to expand the reach of environmental education and training programs beyond the traditional classroom. The Foundation supports a grant program that promotes innovative environmental education and training programs; it also develops partnerships with government and other organizations to administer projects that promote the development of an environmentally literate public. The Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as required by the terms of the Act, announces the following appointment to the National Environmental Education Foundation Board of Trustees. The appointee is Jacqueline M. Thomas, Vice President of corporate responsibility at Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice of Appointment, please contact, Ms. Christina Moody, Acting Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education, Office of Environmental Education (1701A) U.S. EPA 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information concerning NEEF can be found on their Web site at: <http://www.neefusa.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Considerations: Great care has been taken to assure that this new appointee not only has the highest degree of expertise and commitment, but also brings to the Board diverse points of view relating to environmental education. This appointment is a four-year term which may be renewed once for an additional four years pending successful re-election by the NEEF nominating committee.

This appointee will join the current Board members which include:

- Phillipe Cousteau, Co-Founder and CEO, EarthEcho International
- Decker Anstrom (Chairman), Former U.S. Ambassador, Retired Chairman, The Weather Channel Companies, Washington, DC
- JL Armstrong (Vice Chair), National Manager, External Affairs, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., Torrance, CA
- Kenneth Strassner (Treasurer), Strassner Consulting, LLC, Roswell, GA
- Diane Wood (Secretary), President, NEEF, Washington, DC
- Megan Reilly Cayten, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Catrinka, LLC, Brooklyn, NY
- Philippe Cousteau, Co-Founder and CEO, EarthEcho International, Washington, DC
- Manuel Diaz, Partner, Lydecker Diaz, Former Mayor of Miami, Miami, FL
- Wonya Lucas, President, Lucas Strategic Consulting, Atlanta, GA
- Trish Silber, President, Aliniad Consulting Partners, Inc., Potomac, MD
- Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Provost, Emeritus Dean, Huxley College of the Environment, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
- Official as of October 13, 2013:
- Carlos Alcazar, CEO and Creative Director, Hispanic Communications Network, Washington, DC
- Shannon Schuyler, Principal, Corporate Responsibility Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Chicago, IL

Background: Section 10(a) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 mandates a National Environmental Education Foundation. The Foundation is established in order to extend the contribution of environmental education and training to meeting critical environmental protection needs, both in this country and internationally; to facilitate the cooperation, coordination, and contribution of public and private resources to create an environmentally

advanced educational system; and to foster an open and effective partnership among Federal, State, and local government, business, industry, academic institutions, community based environmental groups, and international organizations.

The Foundation is a charitable and nonprofit corporation whose income is exempt from tax, and donations to which are tax deductible to the same extent as those organizations listed pursuant to section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Foundation is not an agency or establishment of the United States. The purposes of the Foundation are—

(A) Subject to the limitation contained in the final sentence of subsection (d) herein, to encourage, accept, leverage, and administer private gifts for the benefit of, or in connection with, the environmental education and training activities and services of the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

(B) to conduct such other environmental education activities as will further the development of an environmentally conscious and responsible public, a well-trained and environmentally literate workforce, and an environmentally advanced educational system;

(C) to participate with foreign entities and individuals in the conduct and coordination of activities that will further opportunities for environmental education and training to address environmental issues and problems involving the United States and Canada or Mexico.

The Foundation develops, supports, and/or operates programs and projects to educate and train educational and environmental professionals, and to assist them in the development and delivery of environmental education and training programs and studies.

The Foundation has a governing Board of Directors (hereafter referred to in this section as ‘the Board’), which consists of 13 directors, each of whom shall be knowledgeable or experienced in the environment, education and/or training. The Board oversees the activities of the Foundation and assures that the activities of the Foundation are consistent with the environmental and education goals and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency and with the intents and purposes of the Act. The membership of the Board, to the extent practicable, represents diverse points of view relating to environmental education and training. Members of the Board are appointed by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Within 90 days of the date of the enactment of the National Environmental Education Act, and as appropriate thereafter, the Administrator will publish in the **Federal Register** an announcement of appointments of Directors of the Board. Such appointments become final and effective 90 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The directors are appointed for terms of 4 years. The Administrator shall appoint an individual to serve as a director in the event of a vacancy on the Board within 60 days of said vacancy in the manner in which the original appointment was made. No individual may serve more than 2 consecutive terms as a director.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Gina McCarthy,
Administrator.

Jacqueline M. Thomas

Ms. Thomas is the Vice President of corporate responsibility at Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. (TMS). She joined TMS in 1999. She is responsible for providing strategic direction and leadership over multiple departments, including internal audit; compliance and ethics; enterprise risk management; environment, hazmat, health and safety; and the office of privacy.

Prior to joining TMS she worked at Atlantic Richfield Company. She is active in a number of church and community programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[CERCLA–04–2014–3750; FRL 9903–42–Region 4]

Macalloy Superfund Site, North Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina; Notice of Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Settlement.

SUMMARY: Under 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency has entered into a settlement with the Metallurg, Inc., Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc., and Glencore LTD., addressing past costs and a portion of future costs concerning the Macalloy Superfund Site located in North Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina. The settlement addresses costs from a Remedial Action taken by EPA at the Site.

DATES: The Agency will consider public comments on the settlement until December 26, 2013. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the settlement are available from the Agency by contacting Ms. Paula V. Painter, Environmental Protection Specialist using the contact information provided in this notice. Comments may also be submitted by referencing the Site’s name through one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* www.epa.gov/region4/superfund/programs/enforcement/enforcement.html.

- *U.S. Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Division, Attn: Paula V. Painter, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

- *Email:* Painter.Paula@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula V. Painter at 404/562–8887.

Dated: October 29, 2013.

Anita L. Davis,

Chief, Superfund Enforcement & Information Management Branch, Superfund Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC or Commission) Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) IV will hold its second meeting. At the meeting, each of the Working Groups will present an update on topics including emergency warning systems, 9–1–1 location accuracy, distributed denial-of-service (DDoS), and cybersecurity best practices.

DATES: December 4, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Room TW–C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffery Goldthorp, Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418–1096 (voice) or

jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov (email); or Lauren Kravetz, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418-7944 (voice) or lauren.kravetz@fcc.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of this meeting was first published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2013, only 14 days in advance of the meeting. While the publication did not meet the 15-day requirement for advance publication, exceptional circumstances warrant proceeding with the December 4, 2013, CSRIC meeting. CSRIC members were informed of the December 4th meeting at the September 12, 2013, public meeting of the Council, and have been informed informally of the December meeting date on more than one occasion since then. A significant number of Council members have made business and travel plans in accordance with this schedule, and there is no date within one month of the planned date that will accommodate Council members' schedules. Delaying the meeting will also cause undue financial burdens on many of the members who have made travel arrangements.

In addition, it is not possible at this time to schedule a half-day meeting in the FCC's Commission Meeting Room for any date within one month of December 4, 2013. Further, recognizing the one-day delay in **Federal Register** publication, the agency issued a Public Notice of this meeting on November 20, 2013, to mitigate the late **Federal Register** publication and as an additional way of advising the public of this meeting and their right to attend. As the December 2013 meeting date was announced at the September 2013 public meeting of the Council, the meeting has now been broadly announced to the public more than once.

The November 21, 2013, **Federal Register** notice is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-11-21/pdf/2013-27844.pdf>. The FCC Public Notice announcing the meeting is available at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db1120/DA-13-2225A1.pdf. Additional information regarding the CSRIC can be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council-iv>.

Federal Communications Commission.

Lisa M. Fowlkes,

Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products

AGENCY: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Final guidance.

SUMMARY: The FDIC is issuing final supervisory guidance entitled "Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products" (Guidance), which addresses safe and sound banking practices and consumer protection in connection with deposit advance products.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Luke H. Brown, Associate Director, Supervisory Policy, (202) 898-3842; Rae-Ann Miller, Associate Director, Risk Management Policy, (202) 898-3898; Surya Sen, Section Chief, Supervisory Policy, (202) 898-6699; Ardie Hollifield, Senior Policy Analyst, Supervisory Policy, (202) 898-6638; or Louis Bervid, Senior Examination Specialist, Risk Management Policy, (202) 898-6896.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is issuing the Guidance to clarify the FDIC's application of principles of safe and sound banking practices and consumer protection in connection with deposit advance products. The Guidance details the FDIC's supervisory expectations in connection with any deposit advance product offered by FDIC-supervised financial institutions (banks) to address potential credit, reputation, operational, and compliance risks. The FDIC expects a bank to apply the principles set forth in this Guidance to any deposit advance product it offers.

II. Description of Guidance

A deposit advance product is a small-dollar, short-term loan or line of credit that a bank makes available to a customer whose deposit account reflects recurring direct deposits. The customer obtains a loan, which is to be repaid from the proceeds of the next direct deposit. These loans typically have high fees, are repaid in a lump sum in advance of the customer's other bills, and often are not subject to fundamental and prudent banking practices through which a bank can determine the customer's ability to repay the loan and meet other necessary financial obligations.

The FDIC continues to encourage banks to respond to customers' small-dollar credit needs; however, banks should be aware that deposit advance products can pose a variety of credit, reputation, operational, compliance, and other risks. The FDIC is issuing the Guidance to ensure that any bank offering these products does so in a safe and sound manner and does not engage in practices that would increase these risks.

III. Comment Letters Received

The FDIC received over 100 official comments on the proposal.¹ After consideration of all such comments, the FDIC is issuing the Guidance substantially as proposed, but with certain amendments. The amendments to the Guidance are meant to provide further clarification of certain provisions, including those raised by the commenters.

Several commenters stated they believed the FDIC issued the Guidance to address consumer protection issues, not safety and soundness concerns. Additionally, some commenters stated the Guidance would create new rules and regulations within the consumer protection arena, which the FDIC does not have the jurisdiction to promulgate. The Guidance, like other supervisory guidance issued by the prudential banking regulators, highlights supervisory expectations based on applicable laws and regulations. It is intended to make a bank aware of the risks related to deposit advance products and provide guidelines to follow, based on safety and soundness principles, if it offers, or is considering offering, deposit advance products. The Guidance, in part, is also designed to help a bank understand which specific consumer compliance laws and regulations may be applicable to these types of loans.

Many commenters also questioned whether guidance relating to a determination of a customer's financial capacity and the level of effort necessary to complete such an analysis may be overly burdensome. The FDIC, however, believes analyzing recurring deposits (inflows) and checks/credits/customer withdrawals (outflows) over at least a six-month period is appropriate because it would afford a bank the opportunity to use readily available information to determine whether the customer has the ability to repay the loan without needing to borrow repeatedly from any source, including re-borrowing, to meet necessary expenses. When determining

¹ See "Proposed Guidance on Deposit Advance Products," 78 FR 25268 (April 20, 2013).

the appropriate credit limit for a customer, there is no expectation in the Guidance that the bank do any additional analysis of inflows and outflows to determine ability to repay other than the specific transactions occurring within the account being used to repay the deposit advance product. However, as a matter of policy, a bank may consider other factors in determining overall eligibility for the product, including performance related to other accounts at the bank.

Several commenters also expressed concerns that this Guidance would have a “chilling effect” on the overall small-dollar, short-term credit market, and potentially drive consumers to illegal and/or unregulated lenders. However, the FDIC is aware of a number of banks offering affordable small-dollar loans at reasonable terms to their customers.

Certain other commenters expressed concerns with the underwriting requirements as they relate to classified credits. Specifically, commenters interpreted the proposal to mean it was necessary to look outside of their bank (e.g., obtaining a credit report) to determine whether the customer had any delinquent or adversely classified credits, and was therefore ineligible for their product. This was never the intent of the Guidance. The FDIC has added language to clarify that the eligibility and underwriting expectations described in the Guidance do not require the use of credit reports.

A number of other commenters questioned whether the Guidance would be applicable to deposit advance products that are designed to resemble “lines of credit” given that the proposal uses the term “loan.” To address this concern, language has been added to state that the Guidance is applicable to all deposit advance products regardless of how the extension of credit is structured.

Some commenters, primarily state regulatory agencies, raised the concern that the Guidance would preempt applicable state laws, including usury laws, and potentially limit the ability of states to regulate these types of products. This was never the intent of the Guidance. Therefore, to address these concerns, the FDIC has added a footnote to the section on Compliance and Consumer Protection Related Concerns clarifying that the Guidance does not impinge on state usury laws, to the extent they are applicable.

Commenters also raised concerns about banks using the proceeds of certain government benefits (e.g., Social Security) in determining a customer’s ability to repay a deposit advance loan. The commenters suggested that, because

government benefits are “designed to cover basic living expenses,” the Guidance should discourage a bank from using proceeds from these benefits to determine a customer’s ability to repay deposit advance loans. The Guidance does not distinguish between types of inflows, but more generally cautions a bank against making a loan that cannot be repaid to any customer, including Social Security and other government benefit recipients.

A related concern raised by commenters had to do with the impact of the “cooling off” period. For example, the commenters felt a required cooling off period might result in some customers obtaining larger advances than they might otherwise, because their access to additional advances would be delayed by the cooling off period.

The Guidance makes clear that an FDIC-supervised bank is expected to assess the customer’s ability to repay a loan while allowing the customer to continue to meet typical recurring and other necessary expenses such as food, housing, transportation, and healthcare, as well as other outstanding debt obligations. Additionally, the bank’s underwriting criteria should ensure the appropriate deposit advance limit is established and that customers can meet these criteria without needing to borrow repeatedly. The underwriting standards detailed in the Guidance, along with the cooling off provision, should prevent customers from taking out loans they cannot repay.

IV. Guidance

The text of the Guidance follows:

FDIC Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is issuing this “Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products” (Guidance) to FDIC-supervised financial institutions (banks) that offer deposit advance products. The Guidance is intended to ensure that banks are aware of the significant risks associated with deposit advance products and supplements the FDIC’s existing guidance on payday loans and subprime lending.² Although the FDIC

² FDIC Financial Institutions Letter FIL-14-2005, “Guidelines for Payday Lending,” (Guidelines for Payday Lending) (February 25, 2005); FDIC Financial Institutions Letter FIL-50-2007, “Affordable Small-Dollar Loan Guidelines,” (June 19, 2007); and FDIC Financial Institutions Letter FIL-9-2001, “Expanded Guidance for Subprime Lending Programs” (Subprime Lending Guidance), jointly signed by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), the FDIC, and the

encourages banks to respond to customers’ small-dollar credit needs in a responsible manner and with reasonable terms and conditions, deposit advance products pose a variety of credit, reputation, operational, and compliance risks to banks.³

Background: A deposit advance product is a type of small-dollar, short-term credit product offered to customers maintaining a deposit account, reloadable prepaid card, or similar deposit-related vehicle at a bank. The bank provides a credit feature that allows the customer to obtain a loan in advance of the customer’s next direct deposit. The deposit advance is based on the customer’s history of recurring deposits. Typically, the advance is offered as an open-end line of credit.⁴ While the specific details of deposit advance products vary from bank to bank, and also may vary over time, those currently offered incorporate some or all of the characteristics described below.

Cost: The cost of the deposit advance is typically based on a fee structure, rather than an interest rate. Generally advances are made in fixed dollar increments and a flat fee is assessed for each advance. For example, a customer may obtain advances in increments of \$20 with a fee of \$10 per every \$100 advanced. The cost of the deposit advance can be more expensive than other forms of credit, such as a credit card or a traditional line of credit.

Eligibility, Loan Limits, and Ability to Repay: Typically, a customer is eligible for a deposit advance if the deposit account has been open for a certain period of time and the customer receives recurring deposits. Banks typically require a minimum sum to be directly deposited each month for a certain period of time in order for the customer to be eligible for a deposit advance loan. Currently, some banks permit a recurring deposit as low as \$100.

The maximum dollar amount of the advance is typically limited to a percent or amount of the recurring monthly deposit. For example, some banks permit the deposit advance to be the lesser of \$500 or 50 percent of the scheduled direct deposits from the preceding statement cycle, rounded up to the nearest \$10. The advance limit

Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) (January 31, 2001).

³ This Guidance does not apply to banks’ overdraft lines of credit. Overdraft lines of credit typically do not have repayment characteristics similar to deposit advance products.

⁴ This Guidance applies to all deposit advance products, regardless of whether the deposit advance product is structured as open- or closed-end credit.

does not include the fee associated with the advance. In addition, some banks will allow the advance even if the customer's account is currently overdrawn. Some banks also permit a customer to exceed the advance limit, at the bank's discretion.

Typically, the bank does not analyze the customer's ability to repay the loan based on recurring debits or other indications of a need for residual income to pay other bills. The decision to advance credit to customers, based solely on the amount and frequency of their deposits, stands in contrast to banks' traditional underwriting standards for other products, which typically include an assessment of the ability to repay the loan based on an analysis of the customer's finances.

Repayment: Repayment is generally required through an electronic payment of the fee and the advance with the next direct deposit. Typically, the bank is paid first before any other transactions are paid. In some cases, a bank will apply a time limit on how soon it will take the fee and the advance from the direct deposit, but the time limit is minimal, usually one or two days. If the first deposit is insufficient to repay the fee and the advance, the repayment will be obtained from subsequent deposits. If the deposits are insufficient to repay the fee and the advance within a certain time period, typically 35 days, then the bank executes a forced repayment by sweeping the underlying deposit account for the remaining balance. Unlike a payday lender, the bank has automatic access to the underlying deposit account. In some cases, customers may be able to access program features that allow for a longer repayment period than 35 days; however, this is not usually allowed.

If the deposit account funds are insufficient to repay the fee and the advance, then the account goes into overdraft status. Some banks will charge an overdraft fee based on the deposit advance overdrawing the account. Other banks will only charge overdraft fees based on any subsequent transactions that overdraw the account.

Although the deposit advance limit is based on an amount or percentage of the monthly deposit, the repayment can be based on a shorter time period. For example, if a customer receives direct deposits of \$500 every other Friday from her employer, her monthly direct deposit would be \$1000. Under the typical bank's advance limit, she could receive an advance of \$500 with a fee of \$50. If she obtains the deposit advance on the Thursday before her payday, then the bank will obtain repayment on Friday. The bank will

take the entire \$500 paycheck. In addition, the customer will still owe \$50 in principal because the deposit was only sufficient to pay the \$50 fee and \$450 in principal. Assuming the customer has no other source of income, the customer will need to rely on savings to pay bills until the next paycheck. At the next paycheck, the bank will take the remaining \$50 in principal and the customer will have \$450 to pay all outstanding bills.

Some banks have implemented alternative repayment methods that provide more flexibility to the customer. For example, some banks will permit repayment to extend through to the second direct deposit if the first direct deposit falls below a specific dollar threshold. In addition, some banks allow payment by mail rather than electronic transfer, but may charge a fee for this option. Finally, some banks offer an installment loan option, but may also charge an additional fee or may only offer this option if the customer cannot repay the advance and fee from the monthly deposits.

Repeat Usage Controls: Banks often have repeat usage limits that trigger a "cooling off" period during which the customer cannot take out a deposit advance, or the credit limit is reduced. For example, some banks may prevent an advance for 35 days if the customer has used the service at least once each month in the previous six-month period. However, the customer can resume use of the product after the 35-day period is completed. Other banks may prevent an advance for one full billing cycle if the customer borrows the entire amount of the advance each month in the previous six months. However, the customer can avoid this limit by taking out something less than the maximum advance.

Marketing and Access: Banks market deposit advance products as intended to assist customers through a financial emergency or to meet short-term needs. These advances, however, are typically not included with the bank's list of available credit products, but are instead listed as a deposit account "feature." Customers are alerted to the availability of the products by a reference on their account statements or a "button" or hot link on their personal accounts' Web pages, but it is not clear that the customers are made equally aware of less expensive alternatives.

Supervisory Concerns With Deposit Advance Loans

Although the FDIC encourages a bank to respond to customers' small-dollar credit needs, deposit advance products pose supervisory risks. These products

share a number of characteristics seen in traditional payday loans, including: High fees; very short, lump-sum repayment terms; and inadequate attention to the consumer's ability to repay. As such, a bank needs to be aware of these products' potential to harm consumers, as well as elevated credit, reputation, operational, and compliance risks.

The combined impact of both an expensive credit product and short repayment periods increases the risk that customers may end up using what is marketed as a short-term credit product that results in debt over an extended period of time. Specifically, deposit advance customers may repeatedly take out loans because they are unable to fully repay the balance in one pay period while also meeting typical recurring and other necessary expenses (e.g., housing, food, and transportation). Customers may feel compelled to take out another loan very soon thereafter to make up for the shortfall. This is similar to the practice of "loan flipping," which the OCC, the FDIC, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (Board) have previously noted to be an element of predatory lending.⁵ Though deposit advance products are often marketed as intended for emergency financial assistance, and as unsuitable for meeting a customer's recurring or long-term obligations, the FDIC believes the product's design results in consumer behavior that is frequently inconsistent with this marketing and is detrimental to the customer.

To address concerns that certain customers become dependent on deposit advance products to meet their daily expenses (as evidenced by their repeated borrowings), certain lenders now require customers who have taken out a specified number of deposit advance loans within a certain time frame to wait for a specified period before they are eligible to take out a new loan. However, the FDIC is concerned these cooling off periods can be easily avoided and are ineffective in preventing repeated usage of these high-cost, short-term loans, for longer-term borrowing needs.

Weak underwriting increases the risk that the customer's account may become overdrawn and result in multiple overdraft fees when subsequent transactions are presented for payment. Some banks assess overdraft fees when the automatic repayment of the deposit

⁵ *Subprime Lending Guidance*, jointly signed by the OCC, the Board, the FDIC, and the OTS (January 31, 2001).

advance loan causes the associated account to reflect a negative balance.

Safety and Soundness Risks

Credit Risk: Customers who obtain deposit advance loans may have cash flow difficulties or blemished or insufficient credit histories that limit other borrowing options. The high aggregate cost of numerous and repeated extensions of credit that may be a consequence of this product further increases credit risk. Lenders that offer deposit advance loans typically focus on the amount of the customer's monthly deposit for underwriting purposes. Failure to consider whether the income sources are adequate to repay the debt while covering typical living expenses and other debt payments presents safety and soundness risks.

Numerous and repeated extensions of credit to the same individual may be substantially similar to continuous advances and subject the bank to increased credit risk. While re-aging, extensions, deferrals, renewals, and rewrites of lending products can be used to help customers overcome temporary financial difficulties, such practices, if repeated, can cloud the true performance and delinquency status of the portfolio.⁶

Relying on the amount of the customer's incoming deposits without consideration of expected outflows does not allow for a proper assessment of the customer's ability to repay the loan and other necessary expenses. This failure to properly assess the customer's financial capacity, a basic underwriting principle, increases default risk.

Reputation Risk: Reputation risk is the risk arising from negative public opinion. Deposit advance products are receiving significant levels of negative news coverage and public scrutiny. This increased scrutiny includes reports of high fees and customers taking out multiple advances to cover prior advances and everyday expenses. Engaging in practices that are perceived to be unfair or detrimental to the customer can cause a bank to lose community support and business.

Third-Party Risk: Banks remain responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the activities of a third party.⁷ The FDIC is aware of banks working with third parties to develop, design and service the deposit advance

product. The existence of third-party arrangements may, when not properly managed, significantly increase banks' reputation, compliance, and operational risks. Some of the risks are associated with the underlying activity itself, similar to the risks faced by a bank directly conducting the activity. Consequently, third-party arrangements may expose the bank to regulatory action and may impact the bank's ability to establish new or service existing customer relationships.

Legal Risk: The significant risks associated with deposit advance lending products may subject banks to the risk of litigation — both from private lawsuits and regulatory enforcement actions.

Compliance and Consumer Protection Related Concerns

Deposit advance products must comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, some of which are outlined below. In some circumstances, certain state laws may be applicable.⁸ It is important that a bank's deposit advance products be reviewed by counsel for compliance with all applicable laws prior to implementation. Furthermore, although the guidance below outlines federal laws and regulations as of the date this Guidance is published, applicable laws and regulations are subject to amendment. In addition, statutes and regulations will have different applications depending on how a deposit advance product is structured. A bank offering deposit advances should carefully consider whether and how these laws and rules will apply to the particular version of the deposit advance product it is providing. Accordingly, a bank should monitor applicable laws and regulations for revisions and to ensure that its deposit advance product is fully compliant. Federal laws and regulations applicable to deposit advance products include the following:

The Federal Trade Commission Act (FTC Act): Section 5 of the FTC Act prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices (UDAP).⁹ The FDIC enforces this section pursuant to its authority in Section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1818.¹⁰ An act or practice is unfair where it: (1) Causes or is likely to cause substantial injury to consumers; (2) cannot be reasonably

avoided by consumers; and (3) is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or to competition. Public policy may also be considered. An act or practice is deceptive if: (1) There is a representation, omission, or practice that misleads or is likely to mislead a consumer; (2) the consumer's interpretation is reasonable under the circumstances; and (3) the misleading representation, omission, or practice is material.

Deposit advance products may raise issues under the FTC Act depending upon how the products are marketed and administered. Any FTC Act analysis will be dependent on the facts and circumstances in a particular matter.

The prohibition on UDAP applies not only to the product, but to every stage and activity, from product development to the creation and rollout of marketing campaigns, and to servicing and collections. For example, marketing materials and disclosures should be clear, conspicuous, accurate, and timely and should describe fairly and adequately the terms, benefits, potential risks, and material limitations of the product.

Truth in Lending Act (TILA): TILA and Regulation Z require creditors to provide cost disclosures for extensions of consumer credit.¹¹ Different rules apply to Regulation Z disclosures depending on whether the loan is an open- or closed-end credit product. A bank should ensure the product's disclosures comply with the applicable requirements. TILA advertising rules for open-end credit require that, if an advertisement states any periodic rate that may be applied, it must state the rate as an Annual Percentage Rate, using that term.¹² Similarly, TILA advertising rules for closed-end credit require that, if an advertisement states a rate of finance charge, it must state the rate as an Annual Percentage Rate, using that term.¹³

Electronic Fund Transfer Act (EFTA): A program that involves the use of electronic fund transfers must meet the applicable disclosure and other requirements of EFTA and Regulation E.¹⁴ EFTA requires disclosures,¹⁵ prohibits creditors from mandating that loans be repaid by "preauthorized electronic fund transfers,"¹⁶ and allows

⁶ See "Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's Uniform Retail Credit Classification and Account Management Policy," 65 FR 36903 (June 12, 2000). This policy is addressed more fully in the "Credit Quality" section of this Guidance.

⁷ See FDIC FIL 44-2008, "Guidance for Managing Third-Party Risk" (June 6, 2008).

⁸ The Guidance has no bearing on state usury laws or existing federal laws regarding usury. See 12 U.S.C. 85, 1831d(a).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 45(a) and (n).

¹⁰ Joint Board and FDIC Guidance on "Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices by State-Chartered Banks" (March 11, 2004).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.* TILA is implemented by Regulation Z, 12 CFR Part 1026.

¹² See 12 CFR 1026.16(b)(1).

¹³ See 12 CFR 1026.24(c).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 1693 *et seq.* EFTA is implemented by Regulation E, 12 CFR Part 1005.

¹⁵ See, e.g., 12 CFR 1005.7, 1005.8, and 1005.9.

¹⁶ See 12 CFR 1005.10(e).

customers to withdraw authorization for "preauthorized fund transfers."¹⁷

Truth in Savings Act (TISA): A program that involves a consumer's deposit account must meet the disclosure requirements of TISA and Regulation DD.¹⁸ Under TISA, deposit account disclosures must include the amount of any fee that may be imposed in connection with the account and the conditions under which the fee may be imposed.¹⁹ TISA also prohibits a bank from making any advertisement, announcement, or solicitation relating to a deposit account that is inaccurate or misleading or that misrepresents their deposit contracts.²⁰ TISA disclosures enable consumers to make informed decisions about their deposit accounts at a bank. A consumer is entitled to receive TISA disclosures at account opening, when the terms of the consumer's account are changed, and when a periodic statement is sent.

Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA): Under ECOA and Regulation B, creditors are prohibited from discriminating against an applicant on a prohibited basis in any aspect of a credit transaction.²¹ This prohibition applies to deposit advance products. The creditor's discretion, for example in determining the application of eligibility requirements, loss mitigation options, and fee waivers, may raise fair lending risk.²² Steering or targeting certain customers on a prohibited basis toward deposit advance products while offering other customers more favorable credit products may also raise fair lending risk. Additionally, providing different product terms or conditions and different servicing or loss mitigation options to similarly situated customers on a prohibited basis may also violate ECOA.

In addition to the general prohibition against discrimination, ECOA and Regulation B contain specific rules concerning procedures and notices for credit denials and other adverse actions. Regulation B defines the term "adverse action," and generally requires a

creditor who takes an adverse action to send a notice to the consumer providing, among other things, the reasons for the adverse action.²³

Supervisory Expectations

Deposit advance lending presents significant consumer protection and safety and soundness concerns, irrespective of whether the products are issued by a bank directly or by a third party. The FDIC will take appropriate supervisory action to address any unsafe or unsound banking practices associated with these products, to prevent harm to consumers, and to ensure compliance with all applicable laws. Examinations will focus on potential safety and soundness issues and compliance with applicable consumer protection statutes.

Examiners will assess credit quality, including underwriting and credit administration policies and practices. In addition, examiners will assess the adequacy of capital, reliance on fee income, and adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses (ALLL). Compliance with applicable federal consumer protection statutes, management's oversight, and relationships with third parties will also be assessed.

Credit Quality: The Uniform Retail Credit Classification and Account Management Policy (Retail Classification Policy) establishes guidelines for classifying consumer loans, such as deposit advance loans, based on delinquency, but also grants examiners the discretion to classify individual retail loans that exhibit signs of credit weakness, regardless of delinquency status. An examiner also may classify consumer portfolios, or segments thereof, in which underwriting standards are weak and present unreasonable credit risk.

Deposit advance loans often have weaknesses that may jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. Customers often have limited repayment capacity. A bank should adequately review repayment capacity to assess whether a customer will be able to repay the loan without needing to incur further deposit advance borrowing.

Deposit advance loans that have been accessed repeatedly or for extended periods of time could be evidence of inability to repay and inadequate underwriting. A bank should monitor for repeated or extended use, as will be discussed in greater detail in the discussion of underwriting expectations below.

Underwriting and Credit Administration Policies and Practices:

As part of the credit quality review, examiners will assess underwriting and administration policies and practices for deposit advance loan products. Eligibility and underwriting criteria for deposit advance loans, consistent with eligibility and underwriting criteria for other bank loans, should be well documented in the bank's policy. The criteria should be designed to assure that the extension of credit, including all associated fees and expenses, can be repaid according to its terms while allowing the customer to continue to meet typical recurring and other necessary expenses such as food, housing, transportation, and healthcare, as well as other outstanding debt obligations. Additionally, criteria should ensure that customers can meet these requirements without needing to borrow repeatedly. Banks should maintain appropriate criteria to prevent churning and prolonged use of these products. Underwriting for deposit advance products should occur prior to opening such accounts and should be monitored on an ongoing basis. Repetitive deposit advance borrowings could indicate weak underwriting and may be criticized in the Report of Examination and then taken into account in a bank's ratings, as appropriate.

Bank policies regarding the underwriting of deposit advance loan products should be written and approved by the bank's board of directors, and be consistent with the bank's general underwriting standards and risk appetite. Factors a bank should address in its written underwriting policies for deposit advance products include the following:

- *The Length of a Customer's Deposit Relationship With the Bank.* A bank should ensure that the customer relationship is of sufficient duration to provide the bank with adequate information regarding the customer's recurring deposits and expenses in order to prudently underwrite deposit advance loans. The FDIC will consider sufficient duration to evaluate a customer's deposit advance eligibility to be no less than six months.

- *Classified Credits.* Customers with delinquent or adversely classified credits with the bank that is offering the deposit advance product should be ineligible.

- *Financial Capacity.* In addition to any eligibility requirements, the bank should conduct an analysis of the customer's financial capacity, including income levels.²⁴ Underwriting

²⁴ While a bank may choose to obtain and review a customer's credit report for the purposes of

¹⁷ See 12 CFR 1005.10(c).

¹⁸ 12 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* TISA is implemented by Regulation DD at 12 CFR Part 1030 (concerns banks and federal savings associations).

¹⁹ See 12 CFR 1030.4(b)(4).

²⁰ See 12 CFR 1030.8.

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 1691 *et seq.* ECOA is implemented by Regulation B, 12 CFR Part 1002. ECOA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age (provided the applicant has the capacity to contract), the fact that all or part of the applicant's income derives from a public assistance program, and the fact that the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

²² See Interagency Fair Lending Examination Procedures (August 2009) at 9–13.

²³ See 12 CFR 1002.2(c) and 1002.9.

assessments should consider the customer's ability to repay a loan without needing to borrow repeatedly from any source, including re-borrowing, to meet necessary expenses. The financial capacity assessment should include:

- An analysis of the customer's account for recurring deposits (inflows) and checks/credit/customer withdrawals (outflows) over at least six consecutive months. Lines of credit of any sort, including overdrafts, and drafts from savings, should not be considered inflows. In reviewing a customer's transactions to determine deposit advance eligibility, the bank should consider the customer's net surplus or deficit at the end of each of the preceding six months, and not rely on a six-month transaction average.

- After conducting the above-described analysis, determine whether an installment repayment is more appropriate.

- *Cooling Off Period.* Each deposit advance loan, along with all applicable fees, should be repaid in full before the extension of a subsequent deposit advance loan, and a bank should not offer more than one loan per monthly statement cycle.²⁵ A cooling off period of at least one monthly statement cycle after the repayment of a deposit advance loan should be completed before another advance may be extended in order to avoid repeated use of the short-term product.

- *Increasing Deposit Advance Credit Limits.* The amount of credit available to a customer should not be increased without a full underwriting reassessment in compliance with the bank's underwriting policies and in accordance with the factors discussed in this Guidance. Additionally, any increase in the credit limit should not be automatic and should be initiated by a request from the customer.

- *Ongoing Customer Eligibility.* As part of underwriting for this product, a bank should, no less than every six months, reevaluate the customer's eligibility and capacity for this product. Additionally, a bank should identify risks that could negatively affect a customer's eligibility to receive additional deposit advances.

assessing financial capacity or ongoing eligibility, obtaining a customer's credit report to assess ability to repay is not expected pursuant to this Guidance.

²⁵ The Interagency "Expanded Guidance for Subprime Lending Programs" (2001) states that loans to borrowers who do not demonstrate the capacity to repay the loan, as structured, from sources other than the collateral pledged, in this case the customer's direct deposit, are generally considered unsafe and unsound. Such lending practices should be criticized in the Report of Examination as imprudent.

For example:

- Repeated overdrafts (establish/set a certain number during a specified number of months).

- Evidence that the customer is overextended with respect to total credit obligations.

Additionally, a bank should monitor for repeated customer usage, which may indicate a need for alternative credit arrangements or other services, and inform customers of these available options when appropriate.

Capital Adequacy: Higher capital requirements generally apply to loan portfolios that exhibit higher-risk characteristics and are subject to less stringent loan underwriting requirements. Loans exhibiting subprime credit characteristics are higher-risk loans and may require higher levels of capital.

Over-Reliance on Fee Income: Fees associated with deposit advance products should be based on safe and sound banking principles. A bank should monitor for any undue reliance on the fees generated by such products for its revenue and earnings.

Adequacy of the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (ALLL): Examiners will assess whether the ALLL is adequate to absorb estimated credit losses within the deposit advance loan portfolio. Examiners will also determine whether a bank engaged in deposit advance lending has methodologies and analyses in place that demonstrate and document that the level of the ALLL is appropriate.

Consumer Compliance: A bank should implement effective compliance management systems, processes and procedures to mitigate risks appropriately. Examiners will review a bank's program with respect to deposit advance products for compliance with applicable consumer protection statutes and regulations, including TILA, EFTA, TISA, ECOA, and Section 5 of the FTC Act.

Operational Risk and Third-Party Relationships: A bank is responsible for ensuring that the processes and systems and the associated internal controls are appropriate for the delivery of products to the customer in a safe and sound manner, and in compliance with laws and regulations, whether performed by the bank or a third party. In the review of a bank's relationships with third parties, the FDIC's primary supervisory concern is whether the bank is assuming more risk than it can identify, monitor, and manage. Management should allocate sufficient qualified staff to monitor for significant third-party relationships, excessive usage by customers, and excessive risk taking by

the bank. Therefore, examiners will review the risks associated with all material third-party relationships and activities together with other bank risks. In certain high-risk situations, examiners may conduct on-site third-party reviews under specific authorities granted to the FDIC.

Management Oversight: Examiners will assess bank management's ability to administer a deposit advance program and board oversight of the program. Furthermore, examiners will determine whether bank management has established controls and implemented a rigorous analytical process to identify, measure, monitor, and manage the risks associated with deposit advance products.

A bank should maintain adequate oversight of deposit advance programs and adequate quality control over those products and services to minimize exposure to potential significant financial loss, reputation damage, and supervisory action. The bank's compliance management system should ensure continuing compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, as well as internal policies and procedures.

Management should provide the appropriate oversight and allocate sufficient qualified staff to monitor deposit advance programs. Results of oversight activities—including identified weaknesses that should be documented and promptly addressed—should be reported periodically to the bank's board of directors or designated committee.

Responsible Products To Meet Small-Dollar Credit Needs

The FDIC recognizes consumers' need for responsible small-dollar credit products. A number of banks are currently offering reasonably priced small-dollar loans at reasonable terms to their customers. The FDIC's 2007 *Affordable Small-Dollar Loan Guidelines* (Guidelines) encourage banks to offer small-dollar loan products that have affordable, reasonable interest rates with no or low fees and payments that reduce the principal balance of the loan.²⁶ The Guidelines indicate that if structured properly, small-dollar loans can provide a safe and affordable means for customers to transition from reliance on high-cost debt products. The FDIC conducted a two-year case study from 2007 to 2009 that demonstrated that safe and affordable small-dollar lending is feasible for banks and resulted in a

²⁶ See FDIC Financial Institutions Letter FIL-50-2007, "Affordable Small-Dollar Loan Guidelines," (June 19, 2007).

template of important elements for such lending.²⁷ The FDIC encourages banks to continue to offer these products, in a manner consistent with safety and soundness and other supervisory considerations, and encourages other banks to consider offering such products. Properly managed small-dollar loan products offered with reasonable terms and at a reasonable cost do not pose the same level of supervisory risk as deposit advance products. The FDIC encourages banks to develop new or innovative programs to effectively meet the need for small-dollar credit that do not exhibit the risks associated with deposit advance products and payday loans.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 21st day of November, 2013.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

FDIC Systemic Resolution Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FDIC Systemic Resolution Advisory Committee (the "SR Advisory Committee"), which will be held in Washington, DC. The SR Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of issues regarding the resolution of systemically important financial companies pursuant to Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Public Law 111-203 (July 21, 2010), 12 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.* (the "Dodd-Frank Act").

DATES: Wednesday, December 11, 2013, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the FDIC Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Committee Management Officer of the FDIC, at (202) 898-7043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: The agenda will include a discussion of a range of issues related to the resolution of systemically important financial companies pursuant to Title II of the Dodd-Frank Act. The agenda may be subject to change. Any changes to the agenda will be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

Type of Meeting: The meeting will be open to the public, limited only by the space available, on a first-come, first-served basis. For security reasons, members of the public will be subject to security screening procedures and must present valid photo identification to enter the building. The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (703) 562-6067 (Voice or TTY) at least two days before the meeting to make necessary arrangements. Written statements may be filed with the SR Advisory Committee before or after the meeting. This SR Advisory Committee meeting will be Webcast live via the Internet at http://www.vodium.com/MediapodLibrary/index.asp?library=pn100472_fdic_SRAC. This service is free and available to anyone with the following systems requirements: <http://www.vodium.com/home/sysreq.html>. Adobe Flash Player is required to view these presentations. The latest version of Adobe Flash Player can be downloaded at: http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Version=ShockwaveFlash. Installation questions or troubleshooting help can be found at the same link. For optimal viewing, a high speed Internet connection is recommended. The SR Advisory Committee meeting videos are made available on-demand approximately two weeks after the event.

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Review of Proposed Changes with ICD-10-CM/PCS; Conversion of Quality Indicators™ (QIs)

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) seeks comments on the proposed conversion of the AHRQ Quality Indicators™ to "International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System" (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) codes. These changes would be applicable to hospital discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2014. The proposed ICD-10-CM/PCS codes are posted on the AHRQ QI Web site for review at: <http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/icd10/default.aspx>

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT of December 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments can be filed via email or on paper. Write "AHRQ QI ICD-10 Conversion" on the comments.

Postal mail addressed to AHRQ is subject to delay due to security screening. As a result, AHRQ encourages submission of comments via email. Please submit email comments to: QIComment@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

If comments are filed on paper, write "AHRQ QI ICD-10 Conversion" on such comments and on the envelope, and mail them to the following address: Pam Owens, Scientific Lead, AHRQ QI Program, Center for Delivery, Organization and Markets, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850.

AHRQ will remove all identifying information from the comments and will not provide individual responses. AHRQ will provide a summary of comments and actions taken as a result of those comments. The summary document will be posted on the AHRQ QI Web site no later than the end of January 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Owens, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Delivery, Organization and Markets, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850, Email: pam.owens@AHRQ.hhs.gov, Phone: (301) 427-1412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A structured approach was adopted for

²⁷ FDIC, "FDIC Model Safe Accounts Pilot Final Report," (April 2012).

converting the existing AHRQ QI specifications from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS, incorporating coding expertise, clinical expertise, and health services research/quality measurement expertise. This process is summarized in a document available for review at: <http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Downloads/Resources/Publications/2013/ICD-10%20Report%2007-15-2013.pdf>

Each current AHRQ QI technical specification with ICD-9-CM codes must be converted to ICD-10-CM/PCS codes. In each AHRQ QI technical specification, there can be one or more clinical concepts of selected ICD-9-CM codes for the numerator, denominator, and exclusion specifications. These clinical concepts are called 'set names,' and they represent the basic foundation or building blocks in the construction of the AHRQ QIs. Every set name, whether diagnosis or procedure, must be mapped and reviewed for its clinical relationship to the clinical concept used within the current QI technical specification.

Following consensus guidance from the National Quality Forum (http://www.qualityforum.org/Publications/2010/10/ICD-10-CM/PCS_Coding_Maintenance_Operational_Guidance.aspx), AHRQ's process for QI conversion in 2012 and 2013 included the following components:

1. "Convene Clinical and Coding Experts: * * * use a team approach that involves experts in the code sets and the appropriate clinical domain. The team should be used to identify specific areas where questions of clinical comparability exist, evaluate consistency of clinical concepts, and ensure appropriate conversion. Experts are needed in both the source and the target code set (e.g., ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM/PCS). Clinical expertise should be in the care setting represented by the clinical domain for the measure and may require specialized knowledge in some clinical areas." To this end, AHRQ contracted with clinical and coding experts at the University of California Davis and convened ten workgroups with a total of 27 physicians, 22 nurses, 26 coding professionals, and 9 QI data users in the following domains: Cancer, Cardiac, Critical Care/Pulmonary, Infection, Internal Medicine, Neonatal/Pediatric, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedic, General and Trauma Surgery. Work group members were trained on the ICD-10 code sets and supported by at least two American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)-approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainers.

2. "Determine Intent: When converting a quality measure from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS, rather than doing a code-to-code conversion, a measure developer may choose to take advantage of the added granularity and specificity [that] ICD-10-CM/PCS offers, potentially making the updated measure inherently different* * * [T]he most ideal way to convert code sets for quality measures would be to examine the original intent of the measure and select codes directly from the target code set to define the concepts rather than relying on mapping alone* * * (1) The measure steward's goal was to convert this measure to a new code set, fully consistent with the intent of the original measure; (2) The measure steward's goal was to take advantage of the more specific code set to form a new version of the measure, but fully consistent with the original intent; (3) The measure steward has changed the intent of the measure." AHRQ adopted approaches (1) and (2) in the current conversion effort. Specifications consistent with (1) are called "legacy specifications" and are offered for historical analyses that require maximal comparability over time. Specifications consistent with (2) are called "enhanced specifications" and are offered for use in analyses of current health care quality, including public reporting and other accountability applications.

3. "Use Appropriate Conversion Tool: When converting from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS, for example, maps such as General Equivalence Maps (GEMs) can be useful for narrowing the choice of target codes* * * GEM files were the foundation of AHRQ's code mapping effort.

4. "Assess for Material Change: Measure developers should determine during the process whether the measure has materially changed based on the intent of the updated measure and any testing that has been performed . . . This step is intended to address the comparability of the converted measure (using ICD-10-CM/PCS) to its predecessor (using ICD-9-CM) . . . Measure sponsors also should assess, if possible, whether the conversion results in rates that are similar within defined tolerances . . ." This work will be undertaken over the next year as dual coded data becomes available for testing. AHRQ welcomes suggestions regarding dual-coded (ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM/PCS) data that may be available for testing purposes in early 2014.

5. "Solicit Stakeholder Comments: Conversion to new code sets requires involvement of many stakeholders; measure developers should solicit

comments from a wide audience for additions and deletions, and with specific attention to new codes." This notice represents one component of AHRQ's comprehensive effort to solicit and respond to stakeholder comments.

6. "Version the Updated Measure: Measures with coding updates should be identified by version. Different versions of measures may be used longitudinally for various purposes but may not be exactly comparable." This final step will be implemented when the updated AHRQ QI specifications have been tested and are ready for public use, not later than October 2014.

For additional information about the AHRQ QIs, please visit the AHRQ Web site at <http://www.QUALITYindicators.AHRQ.gov>.

Background

The AHRQ Quality Indicators (AHRQ QIs) are a unique set of measures of health care quality that make use of readily available hospital inpatient administrative data. The AHRQ QIs are provider- and area-level quality indicators and currently consist of four modules: The Prevention Quality Indicators (PQI), the Inpatient Quality Indicators, the Patient Safety Indicators (PSI), and the Pediatric Quality Indicators (PDI). The AHRQ QIs serve multiple purposes, including research, needs assessments for planning at the local, state, and national levels, hospital quality improvement initiatives, performance assessment for public reporting to enable consumers to make more informed choices about their sites of care, public reporting to reward favorable outcomes and encourage changes in provider behavior, and information to be used by healthcare purchasers that link performance with payment. Users of the AHRQ QIs vary and include researchers, State data organizations, hospital systems and networks, hospital associations, State Medicaid agencies, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), large private purchasers and public-private purchaser coalitions, and consumer groups.

AHRQ is committed to converting the AHRQ QIs from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS in an accurate and transparent manner, taking advantage of the additional specificity of ICD-10-CM/PCS to improve the validity and usefulness of the QIs from October 2014 onward.

Dated: November 13, 2013.

Richard Kronick,
AHRQ Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Patient Safety Organizations: Voluntary Relinquishment From Morgridge Institute for Research PSO

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of delisting.

SUMMARY: The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act), Public Law 109–41, 42 U.S.C. 299b–21–b–26, provides for the formation of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs), which collect, aggregate, and analyze confidential information regarding the quality and safety of health care delivery. The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule (Patient Safety Rule), 42 CFR Part 3, authorizes AHRQ, on behalf of the Secretary of HHS, to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” by the Secretary if it is found no longer to meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, or when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason. AHRQ has accepted a notification of voluntary relinquishment from Morgridge Institute for Research PSO of its status as a PSO, and has delisted the PSO accordingly.

DATES: The directories for both listed and delisted PSOs are ongoing and reviewed weekly by AHRQ. The delisting was effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on November 6, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Both directories can be accessed electronically at the following HHS Web site: <http://www.pso.AHRQ.gov/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eileen Hogan, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403–3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427–1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438–7231; TTY (local): (301) 427–1130; Email: psa@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

The Patient Safety Act authorizes the listing of PSOs, which are entities or component organizations whose mission and primary activity is to conduct activities to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery.

HHS issued the Patient Safety Rule to implement the Patient Safety Act. AHRQ administers the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and *Patient Safety Rule* (PDF file, 450 KB. [PDF Help](#)) relating to the listing and operation of PSOs. The Patient Safety Rule authorizes AHRQ to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, or when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason. Section 3.108(d) of the Patient Safety Rule requires AHRQ to provide public notice when it removes an organization from the list of federally approved PSOs.

AHRQ has accepted a notification from Morgridge Institute for Research PSO, PSO number P0126, a component entity of The Morgridge Institute for Research, Inc., to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO. Accordingly, Morgridge Institute for Research PSO, Inc. was delisted effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on November 6, 2013.

More information on PSOs can be obtained through AHRQ’s PSO Web site at <http://www.pso.AHRQ.gov/index.html>.

Dated: November 14, 2013.

Richard Kronick,
AHRQ Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Patient Safety Organizations: Voluntary Relinquishment From GE–PSO

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of delisting.

SUMMARY: The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act), Public Law 109–41, 42 U.S.C. 299b–21–b–26, provides for the formation of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs), which collect, aggregate, and analyze confidential information regarding the quality and safety of health care delivery. The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule (Patient Safety Rule), 42 CFR part 3, authorizes AHRQ, on behalf of the Secretary of HHS, to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the

statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” by the Secretary if it is found no longer to meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, or when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason. AHRQ has accepted a notification of voluntary relinquishment from the GE–PSO of its status as a PSO, and has delisted the PSO accordingly.

DATES: The directories for both listed and delisted PSOs are ongoing and reviewed weekly by AHRQ. The delisting was effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on September 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Both directories can be accessed electronically at the following HHS Web site: <http://www.pso.AHRQ.gov/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eileen Hogan, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403–3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427–1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438–7231; TTY (local): (301) 427–1130; Email: psa@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

The Patient Safety Act authorizes the listing of PSOs, which are entities or component organizations whose mission and primary activity is to conduct activities to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery.

HHS issued the Patient Safety Rule to implement the Patient Safety Act. AHRQ administers the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and *Patient Safety Rule* (PDF file, 450 KB. [PDF Help](#)) relating to the listing and operation of PSOs. The Patient Safety Rule authorizes AHRQ to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, or when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason. Section 3.108(d) of the Patient Safety Rule requires AHRQ to provide public notice when it removes an organization from the list of federally approved PSOs.

AHRQ has accepted a notification from GE–PSO, PSO number P0072, a component entity of GE Healthcare, to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO. Accordingly, GE–PSO was delisted effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on September 30, 2013. GE–PSO has patient safety work product (PSWP) in its possession. The PSO will meet the

requirements of section 3.108(c)(2)(i) of the Patient Safety Rule regarding notification of providers that have reported to the PSO. In addition, according to section 3.108(c)(2)(ii) of the Patient Safety Rule regarding disposition of PSWP, the PSO has 90 days from the effective date of delisting and revocation to complete the disposition of PSWP that is currently in the PSO's possession.

More information on PSOs can be obtained through AHRQ's PSO Web site at <http://www.pso.AHRQ.gov/index.html>.

Dated: November 14, 2013.

Richard Kronick,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Patient Safety Organizations: Delisting for Cause for Leadership Triad

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of delisting.

SUMMARY: AHRQ has delisted Leadership Triad due to its failure to correct a deficiency. The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act), Public Law 109-41, 42 U.S.C. 299b-21-b-26, authorizes the listing of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs), which are entities or component organizations whose mission and primary activity is to conduct activities to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery. HHS issued the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule (Patient Safety Rule) to implement the Patient Safety Act. AHRQ administers the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule relating to the listing and operation of PSOs.

DATES: The directories for both listed and delisted PSOs are ongoing and reviewed weekly by AHRQ. The delisting was effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on October 4, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Both directories can be accessed electronically at the following HHS Web site: <http://www.pso.AHRQ.gov/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eileen Hogan, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403-3697;

Telephone (local): (301) 427-1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438-7231; TTY (local): (301) 427-1130; Email: psa@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Patient Safety Act, provides for the formation of PSOs, which collect, aggregate, and analyze confidential information regarding the quality and safety of health care delivery. The Patient Safety Rule, 42 CFR Part 3, authorizes AHRQ, on behalf of the Secretary of HHS, to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be "delisted" by the Secretary if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule. Section 3.108(d) of the Patient Safety Rule requires AHRQ to provide public notice when it removes an organization from the list of federally approved PSOs.

In response to a Notice of Proposed Revocation and Delisting sent by AHRQ pursuant to 42 CFR 3.108(a)(3)(iii)(C), Leadership Triad stated that it did not meet the requirement that, within 24 months of initial listing, the PSO must have two bona fide contracts with different providers for the purpose of receiving and reviewing patient safety work product. Accordingly, pursuant to 42 CFR 3.108(a)(5), the notice of proposed revocation was affirmed and AHRQ revoked the listing of Leadership Triad, PSO number P0117, a component entity of Triad Health Care LLC, effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on October 4, 2013.

More information on PSOs can be obtained through AHRQ's PSO Web site at <http://www.pso.AHRQ.gov/index.html>.

Dated: November 14, 2013.

Richard Kronick,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-14-0770]

Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Proposed Project

National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System (NHBS)—(0920-0770, Expiration 05/31/2014)—Extension—Center for HIV, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The purpose of this data collection is to monitor behaviors of persons at high risk for infection that are related to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) transmission and prevention in the United States. The primary objectives of the NHBS system are to obtain data from samples of persons at risk to: (a) Describe the prevalence and trends in risk behaviors; (b) describe the prevalence of and trends in HIV testing and HIV infection; (c) describe the prevalence of and trends in use of HIV prevention services; (d) identify met and unmet needs for HIV prevention services in order to inform health departments, community based organizations, community planning groups and other stakeholders.

By describing and monitoring the HIV risk behaviors, HIV seroprevalence and incidence, and HIV prevention experiences of persons at highest risk for HIV infection, NHBS provides an important data source for evaluating progress towards national public health

goals, such as reducing new infections, increasing the use of condoms, and targeting high risk groups.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention request approval for a 3-year extension of this information collection. Data are collected through anonymous, in-person interviews conducted with persons systematically selected from 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) throughout the United States; these 25 MSAs were chosen based on having high AIDS prevalence. Persons at risk for HIV infection to be interviewed for NHBS include men who have sex with men (MSM), injecting drug users (IDU), and heterosexuals at increased risk of HIV (HET). A brief screening interview will be used to determine eligibility for

participation in the behavioral assessment.

The data from the behavioral assessment will provide estimates of (1) Behavior related to the risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, (2) prior testing for HIV, (3) and use of HIV prevention services.

All persons interviewed will also be offered an HIV test, and will participate in a pre-test counseling session. No other federal agency systematically collects this type of information from persons at risk for HIV infection. These data have substantial impact on prevention program development and monitoring at the local, state, and national levels.

CDC estimates that NHBS will involve, per year in each of the 25 MSAs, eligibility screening for 50 to 200 persons and eligibility screening plus the behavioral assessment with 500 eligible respondents, resulting in a total of 37,500 eligible survey respondents and 7,500 ineligible screened persons during a 3-year period. Data collection will rotate such that interviews will be conducted among one group per year: MSM in year 1, IDU in year 2, and HET in year 3. The type of data collected for each group will vary slightly due to different sampling methods and risk characteristics of the group.

Participation of respondents is voluntary and there is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondent	Form	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Persons Screened	Eligibility Screener	15,000	1	5/60	1,250
Eligible Participants:	Behavioral Assessment MSM	4,167	1	30/60	2,084
Eligible Participants:	Behavioral Assessment IDU	4,167	1	54/60	3,750
Eligible Participant	Behavioral Assessment HET	4,167	1	39/60	2,709
Peer Recruiters:	Recruiter Debriefing	4,167	1	2/60	139
Total Annualized Burden .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,932

LeRoy Richardson,

Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-14-14CW]

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Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to *omb@cdc.gov*.

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Proposed Project

Health and Socioeconomic Sequelae of the WTC Disaster among Responders—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Since the inception of the World Trade Center (WTC) Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program (MMTP), health reports have focused on disorders of the

aerodigestive tract and mental health consequences, and with the exception of spirometry, comparisons with general and normative population data have not been made. Furthermore, none of the previous studies comprehensively evaluated the changes of socioeconomic status in WTC responders after 9/11. Lowered socioeconomic status (SES) is an important potential consequence of WTC exposures that can negatively impact the physical and mental health status among WTC responders. The main objective of this study is to establish an expanded occupational health surveillance system that summarizes overall health status of WTC responders over time, and also provides information about symptoms not previously reported. Through this work, it is possible that other health outcomes will be identified and reported, such as autoimmune disorders. This expanded surveillance system will supplement reports the WTC Data Center (DC) will be providing. To provide a reference population, the WTC cohort will be compared to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to compare physical and mental health status by matching variables. The comparison will estimate

the magnitude of the impact of WTC exposure on the health of WTC responders compared with the general population in U.S. and New York-White Plains-Wayne, NY/NJ metropolitan area. Findings from this expanded surveillance will be reported through an integrated occupational health surveillance report. The term “integrated occupational health surveillance report” means a detailed and overall description of health status over time, with a comparison of groups both within the cohort and from the general population. The findings from this report will also aid in the future development of new guidelines for the implementation of an occupational health surveillance system for disasters, which is essential for disaster preparedness. Along with implementing a surveillance system, an additional objective will be to investigate ambidirectional effect modification between SES and health status. By ascertaining effect modification, SES will be added as one of the important variables necessary to perform surveillance. The study hypotheses for the effect modification investigation are (1) WTC exposures lower health status; (2) WTC exposures lower socioeconomic status; and (3) an interaction effect exists between these variables. This

investigation for effect modification between health and SES is a unique research topic that has not been studied for WTC responders. Understanding the nature of the linkage between health and SES will help to identify high risk groups and offer a primary target for prevention and intervention strategies. With successful completion of this 2-year study, we expect a substantial improvement of the occupational health surveillance system for WTC responders.

The World Trade Center (WTC) research team at the North Shore-LIJ Health System is seeking to evaluate the impact of using modified survey questions versus standard questions when participant responses from the WTC and general populations are compared.

The WTC Health Program has been collecting self-reported health information for medical monitoring purposes. Initially, the questions were derived from multiple standard general population surveys, such as the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) and the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). However, certain questions were modified from their standard versions, and we would like to determine whether these modifications

may lead study participants to answer differently.

CDC requests Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to collect information from an anonymous (no personal information will be collected) and voluntary questionnaire, in order to test this research question. We will compare participant responses to a short questionnaire (approximately two pages of main content) which will contain both the modified and standard questions.

The total estimated burden for the one-time completion of the anonymous questionnaire is 50 hours (600 respondents × 5 minutes each). Blank questionnaires will be placed in the waiting area of the Queens WTC Clinical Center of Excellence at Long Island Jewish Medical Center/Queens College (Queens WTC Clinical Centers of Excellence). There will be no verbal solicitation for participation; however, we will post a written advertisement in the waiting area of the clinic.

CDC anticipates that questionnaire collection will take place from December 2014–December 2015. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 50.

There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Individual WTC Responders	Health and Socioeconomic Sequelae of the WTC Disaster among Responders.	600	1	5/60	50
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50

LeRoy Richardson,
 Chief, Information Collection Review Office,
 Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the
 Associate Director for Science, Office of the
 Director, Centers for Disease Control and
 Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30Day-14-13TY]

Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington,

DC or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

National Survey of Community-Based Policy and Environmental Supports for Healthy Eating and Active Living—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Currently, little is known about the environmental and policy supports for healthful diets and regular physical activity within a community and how these supports are changing across time. As a result, CDC plans to conduct a survey to address this gap in knowledge.

The survey will be administered to a nationally representative sample of 4,484 communities. Respondents will be city planners/managers in these communities. We estimate a response rate of 70%, resulting in 3,139 completed surveys.

Information will be collected about the following topics: community-wide planning efforts for healthy eating and active living, the built environment and policies that support physical activity, and policies and practices that support access to healthy food and healthy eating. Data will be primarily collected using a secure, Web-based survey data collection system. A hardcopy response option will be available for respondents who prefer to complete a paper form. Follow-up will be conducted by telephone and mail reminders to encourage completion of the survey.

The proposed survey content and data collection procedures incorporate lessons learned during an initial pilot study (Pilot Study of Community-Based Surveillance and Supports for Healthy Eating/Active Living, OMB No. 0920–0934, exp. 5/31/2013). In order to achieve the target number of completed surveys, we estimate that we will need to conduct an average of five follow-up calls with each respondent.

Assessment of policy and environmental supports for healthful eating and physical activity will serve multiple uses. First, the collected data will describe the characteristics of communities that have specific policy and practice supports favorable for healthy diets and regular physical activity. Second, the collected data will help identify the extent to which communities implement strategies

consistent with current national recommendations. Third, local agencies may use the data collected to consider how they compare nationally or with other municipalities of a similar geography, population size, or urban status. Fourth, this information can help guide communities in their local decision-making efforts on feasible policy and environmental interventions or solutions for healthy behaviors or choices. Finally, information collected through this survey may serve as a baseline to track community-level policies and practices across time.

OMB approval is requested for one year. Participation is voluntary and there are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 3,438.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
City or Town Planner or Manager.	National Survey of Community-Based Policy and Environmental Supports for Healthy Eating and Active Living.	3,139	1	30/60
	Telephone Non-response Follow-up Contact Script	4,484	5	5/60

Leroy A. Richardson,
Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–14–0770]

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Peer Recruiters:	Recruiter Debriefing	4,167	1	2/60	139
Total Annualized Burden	9,932

LeRoy Richardson,

Chief, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Health Resources and Services Administration

Renewal of the Advisory Committee on the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Evaluation

ACTION: Notice.

Authority: Section 511(g)(1) of Title V of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 711 et seq.), as amended by Section 2951 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Pub.L. 111-148). The Committee is governed by provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

SUMMARY: ACF and HRSA announce the renewal of the Advisory Committee on the Maternal, Infant and Early

Childhood Home Visiting Program Evaluation to provide advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (“the Secretary”) on the design, plan, progress, and findings of the evaluation required under the Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

T’Pring Westbrook, Administration for Children and Families; tpring.westbrook@acf.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 511(g) of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 mandates an Advisory Committee to review, and make recommendations on, the design and plan for the evaluation required under the Act. To comply with the authorizing directive and guidelines under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), a charter has been filed with the Committee Management Secretariat in the General Services Administration (GSA), the appropriate committees in the Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, and the Library of Congress to establish the Advisory Board as a non-discretionary federal advisory committee. The charter was filed on January 27, 2013.

Objectives and Scope of Activities

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Assistant Secretary, ACF and Administrator, HRSA, with respect to

the design, plan, progress and results of the evaluation.

Membership and Designation

The Committee shall consist of up to 25 members appointed by the Secretary. Members shall be experts in the areas of program evaluation and research, education, and early childhood development. Members shall be appointed as Special Government Employees. The committee shall also include ex-officio members representing ACF, HRSA and other agencies of the federal government designated by the Secretary as ex-officio members. The ACF Assistant Secretary and HRSA Administrator each shall recommend nominees for Co-Chairs of the Committee.

Members shall be invited to serve from the date of appointment through March 31, 2015; such terms are contingent upon the renewal of the Committee by appropriate action prior to its termination.

Administrative Management and Support

Coordination, management, and operational services shall be provided by ACF, with assistance from HRSA.

A copy of the Committee charter can be obtained from the designated contacts or by accessing the FACA database that is maintained by the GSA Committee Management Secretariat. The

Web site for the FACA database is <http://fido.gov/facadatabase/>.

Naomi Goldstein,

Director, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, ACF.

Rebecca Slifkin,

Director, Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation, HRSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0002]

Withdrawal of Approval of New Animal Drug Applications; Arsanilic Acid

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is withdrawing approval of a new animal drug application (NADA) for an arsanilic acid Type A medicated article at the sponsor's request because the product is no longer manufactured or marketed.

DATES: Withdrawal of approval is effective December 6, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bartkowiak, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-212), Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 240-276-9079, john.bartkowiak@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fleming Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 34384, Charlotte, NC 28234 has requested that FDA withdraw approval of NADA 008-019 for PRO-GEN (arsanilic acid) Type A medicated article because the product, used to manufacture Type B and Type C medicated feeds, is no longer manufactured or marketed.

Therefore, under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Center for Veterinary Medicine, and in accordance with § 514.116 *Notice of withdrawal of approval of application* (21 CFR 514.116), notice is given that approval of NADA 008-019, and all supplements and amendments thereto, is hereby withdrawn.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is amending the animal drug regulations to reflect the voluntary withdrawal of approval of this application.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Bernadette Dunahm,

Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a stakeholder meeting hosted by the NIH Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB). The SMRB's Working Group on Approaches to Assess the Value of Biomedical Research Supported by NIH will present their findings and conclusions regarding optimal approaches to assessing the value of biomedical research supported by the NIH.

The NIH Reform Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-482) provides organizational authorities to HHS and NIH officials to: (1) Establish or abolish national research institutes; (2) reorganize the offices within the Office of the Director, NIH including adding, removing, or transferring the functions of such offices or establishing or terminating such offices; and (3) reorganize, divisions, centers, or other administrative units within an NIH national research institute or national center including adding, removing, or transferring the functions of such units, or establishing or terminating such units. The purpose of the SMRB is to advise appropriate HHS and NIH officials on the use of these organizational authorities and identify the reasons underlying the recommendations.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB).

Date: December 18, 2013.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (EST).

Agenda: The teleconference will focus on the findings and recommendations of the Working Group on Approaches to Assess the Value of Biomedical Research Supported by NIH. The full Board will review and vote on the draft report from the Working Group. SMRB members will also be presented with a new charge regarding science, technology,

engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Time will be allotted on the agenda for public comment. To sign up for public comment, please submit your name and affiliation to the contact person listed below by December 17, 2013. Sign-up will be restricted to one sign-up per person. In the event that time does not allow for all those interested to present oral comments, any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

The toll-free number to participate in the teleconference is 800-369-1872, and the passcode will be 7887272.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Office of the Director, NIH, Office of Science Policy, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Juanita Marner, Office of Science Policy, Office of the Director, NIH, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20892, smrb@mail.nih.gov, (301) 435-1770.

The draft meeting agenda and other information about the SMRB will be available at <http://smrb.od.nih.gov>.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxis, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Melanie J. Gray,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; Review of P20 INBRE Applications.

Date: December 16, 2013.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Lisa A. Dunbar, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Room 3An.12, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-2849, dunbarl@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Melanie J. Gray,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, October 11, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to October 11, 2013, 5:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814 which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 2013, 78 FR 59040.

The date of the meeting has been changed to December 19, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location remains the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Melanie J. Gray,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council, October 28, 2013, 08:00 a.m. to October 28, 2013, 04:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3091, Bethesda, MD, 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 18, 2013, 78 FR 57399.

The meeting will be held at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Congressional Ballroom, Bethesda, MD 20814 on December 16, 2013, starting at 08:00 a.m. and ending at 04:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Anna Snouffer,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Risk, Prevention, and Intervention.

Date: December 17, 2013.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Kristen Prentice, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3112, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-0726, prenticekj@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Cancer Biology and Therapy.

Date: December 19, 2013.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Svetlana Kotliarova, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6214, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-3493, kotliars@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR11-45: International Research in Infectious Diseases including AIDS (IRIDA).

Date: December 20, 2013.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Soheyyla Saadi, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3211, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-0903, saadisoh@csr.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Anna Snouffer,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2009-0166]

Nationwide Use of High Frequency and Ultra High Frequency Active SONAR Technology; Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard (USCG) announces the availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Nationwide Use of High Frequency (HF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) Sound Navigation and Ranging (SONAR) Technology and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The USCG is proposing the nationwide use of active SONAR technologies that operate at frequencies of 50 kiloHertz (kHz) and greater from fixed and mobile platforms. Active SONAR technology would be used in support of USCG missions to locate, image, and classify submerged/underwater targets of interest (TOI). The PEA is a program-level document that will provide the USCG with management-level analysis of the potential impacts of each alternative on the human and natural environments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice or regarding the Proposed Action, contact Mr. Kenneth McDaniel, CT & WMD Senior Program Manager, Office of Counterterrorism & Defense Operations Policy, by telephone 202-372-2119 or email Kenneth.L.McDaniel@uscg.mil. For information on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or to request paper copies of the PEA or FONSI contact Ms. Kebby Kelley (CG-47), Program Manager, USCG NEPA/Historic Resources, by telephone 202-475-5690 or email Kebby.Kelley@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Proposed Action

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to broaden the USCG's capability to locate and classify underwater threats and other TOIs, and to more safely and effectively accomplish the USCG's missions. TOIs could include combat swimmers/divers; explosives or other offensive devices that could be delivered to underwater hulls, piers, or other shore structures; and objects that have become submerged as a result of a natural or man-made disaster and have the potential to interrupt maritime transportation, trade, commerce, recreational boating, or other maritime activities. The use of HF (50 to 999 kHz) and UHF (1,000 kHz and higher) active SONAR technology would provide USCG operational commanders with the ability to locate, image, and classify underwater threats and other TOIs. HF and UHF SONAR technology could be used in response to events such as: The

attacks of September 11, 2001; natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005; established security areas around high-value vessels, infrastructure, and special security events; and maritime environmental response and search-and-rescue activities.

The USCG needs to broaden its capability to locate, image, and classify submerged/underwater TOIs to safely and efficiently accomplish mission activities. The USCG needs to detect targets in ranges of less than 2 kilometers and needs to operate in harbor, anchorage, channel, and wharf environments, including fresh, brackish, and salt waters, day or night regardless of visibility and in air and water temperatures and thermoclines normal for port/harbor and offshore environments throughout the United States. The USCG's current research of commercially available and reliable technology indicates that the nationwide employment of various HF and UHF active SONAR technology systems would provide the needed capability.

Proposed Use

HF and UHF SONAR use would fall into one of three general categories: (1) Operational missions, (2) training and exercises, and (3) research and development. All SONAR use would be of relatively short-term duration (typically less than two weeks, unless otherwise required for an emergency or disaster). Regardless of the category, such use would only be for the amount of time necessary to complete the mission objectives. In no case is the USCG proposing long-term deployments of SONAR equipment in fixed positions (unless required by an emergency or disaster). In general, the duration of SONAR use would be from minutes to as long as several days. Typically, the duration of most deployments would be less than two weeks; however, for environmental disasters such as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, SONAR equipment could be used on-site until the emergency has ended. An example of a high-priority nonemergency operational mission is the anti-swimmer SONAR system that would provide security zone protection during a two-day special event. Once the event has concluded, the system would be shut down and removed.

The USCG proposes to use HF and UHF SONAR technology from fixed and mobile platforms nationwide. Mobile platforms include ships, boats, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), and autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs). Additionally, SONAR could be

towed by a boat (i.e., a torpedo-shaped "towfish"), lowered from a boat on a pole, or temporarily fixed to a pier or a pile. Impacts on the seafloor from ROV and AUV operations would not be significant. ROVs would be used pier-side or at a location appropriate for conducting vessel inspections. An appropriate location for inspection would be at a water depth that would preclude seafloor disturbance. As such, ROVs and AUVs would usually be suspended in the water column and would rarely contact the seafloor. Typically, ROVs and AUVs would be used in open, navigable waterways or safe anchorages. However, an ROV or AUV might contact the seafloor if there is a suspected threat on the seafloor that needs to be investigated; such contact would be short-term and transient in nature.

Although selected HF and UHF SONAR systems could be employed by any USCG unit to accomplish a mission, the USCG does not intend to permanently equip or outfit every USCG unit with SONAR capability. The HF and UHF SONAR systems selected could be powered using existing USCG power supplies such as public electrical distribution grids, shipboard electrical power, or portable generators (e.g., Honda 1,000-watt generator).

Scope of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment

The scope of the PEA focuses on potential impacts associated with the anticipated use of the HF and UHF SONAR systems to accomplish USCG mission activities. The PEA addresses potential impacts on living marine resources based on these operating criteria. Supplemental, follow-on NEPA documentation or additional consultations with appropriate resource authorities would be required if site-specific, non-mobile operating scenarios or newly developed technologies fall outside of the scope of this assessment. The scope of the PEA encompasses geographic locations where the systems are expected to operate.

The SONAR technology systems would be available for use by the USCG within all areas under USCG jurisdiction along the U.S. continental coastline, the Great Lakes, Hawaii, Alaska, United States territories, and inland operating areas. The inland operating areas would include existing harbor infrastructure and adjacent inland waters, including the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Great Lakes, and western and inland river systems. The offshore operating areas would include areas up to 12 nautical miles offshore and most areas shoreward. Normal

locations for deployments would include the ports and waterways of the nation's top tiered militarily and economically significant ports. Emergency use of HF and UHF SONAR technology during times of extreme weather, such as hurricanes, could be required for onshore areas that become inundated by floodwater.

The Final PEA was prepared using input from public comment received on the Draft PEA, as well as input received from Federal agencies, most notably during the course of consultation completed, as required, under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 to 1544).

This notice is issued under authority of 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq., and 40 CFR 1506.6.

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Ken Ward,

Office Chief, USCG Office of Counterterrorism & Defense Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0039]

Technical Mapping Advisory Council

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: On November 1, 2013, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting applications from qualified individuals for appointment to the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC). The notice incorrectly stated that contractors and potential contractors will not be considered for membership on the TMAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Godesky, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, Virginia 20598-3035, email: FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov, phone: 202.646.2752.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its **Federal Register** notice of November 1, 2013 (78 FR 65689), FEMA incorrectly stated that contractors and potential contractors will not be considered for membership on the TMAC. FEMA will consider contractors and potential contractors on a case by case basis, but they may be subject to additional membership restrictions in order to

comply with Federal ethics requirements.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Agency Information Collection Activities: Commercial Invoice

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

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information: 1651-0090.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Commercial Invoice. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual costs burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Commercial Invoice.

OMB Number: 1651-0090.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: The collection of the commercial invoice is necessary for conducting adequate examination of merchandise and determination of the duties due on imported merchandise as required by 19 CFR 141.81, 141.82, 141.83, 141.84, 141.85, 141.86, 141.88, 141.89, 141.90 and by 19 U.S.C. 1481 and 1484. The commercial invoice is provided to CBP by the importer. The information is used to ascertain the proper tariff classification and valuation of imported merchandise, as required by the Tariff Act of 1930. To facilitate trade, CBP did not develop a specific form for this information collection. Importers are allowed to use their existing invoices to comply with these regulations.

Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with no change to the burden hours.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 38,500.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1208.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 46,500,000.

Estimated time per Response: 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 744,000.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Agency Information Collection Activities: Arrival and Departure Record (Forms I-94 and I-94W) and Electronic System for Travel Authorization

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

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Revision of an existing collection of information: 1651-0111.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the CBP Form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record), CBP Form I-94W (Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure), and the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street, NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual costs

burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Arrival and Departure Record, Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure, and Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA).

OMB Number: 1651-0111.

Form Numbers: I-94 and I-94W.

Abstract: CBP Forms I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) and I-94W (Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Record) are used to document a traveler's admission into the United States. These forms are filled out by aliens and are used to collect information on citizenship, residency, and contact information. The data elements collected on these forms enable the DHS to perform its mission related to the screening of alien visitors for potential risks to national security, and the determination of admissibility to the United States. The Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) applies to aliens traveling to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and requires that VWP travelers provide information electronically to CBP before embarking on travel to the United States. Travelers who are entering under the VWP in the air or sea environment, and who have a travel authorization obtained through ESTA, may forgo completing the paper Form I-94W.

CBP now gathers data collected on the paper Form I-94 from existing automated sources in lieu of requiring passengers arriving by air or sea to submit a paper I-94 upon arrival. The paper I-94 is still required from travelers entering the United States at a land border. Passengers can access and print their electronic I-94 via the Web site at www.cbp.gov/I94.

CBP proposes to revise some of the questions on ESTA and on Form I-94W in order to make them more easily understandable to respondents, and to collect more detailed information about health and security issues. CBP also proposes to remove some questions from ESTA and from Form I-94W that are no longer relevant.

ESTA can be accessed at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/esta/. Instructions and samples of CBP Forms I-94 and I-94W can be viewed at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_

[visa/i-94_instructions/filling_out_i94.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/business_pleasure/vwp/i94_samples.xml) and http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/business_pleasure/vwp/i94_samples.xml.

Current Actions: This submission is being made to revise the information collected on ESTA and on Form I-94W by adding some new health and security questions; by revising some of the existing questions; and by removing some questions that are no longer relevant. The estimated number of I-94Ws filed annually was increased due to updated estimates. There is no change to the estimated time to complete ESTA or Form I-94W. There are no proposed changes to Form I-94.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Individuals, Carriers, and the Travel and Tourism Industry.

Form I-94 (Arrival and Departure Record)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,387,550.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 4,387,550.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 minutes.

Estimated Burden Hours: 583,544.

Estimated Annual Cost to Public: \$26,325,300.

I-94 Web Site

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,047,681.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 5,047,681.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 333,147.

Form I-94W (Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,835,951.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 1,835,951.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 244,181.

Estimated Annual Cost to the Public: \$11,015,706.

Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,910,000.

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 21,910,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,477,500.

Estimated Annual Cost to the Public: \$252,420,000.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Advisory Council on Wildlife
Trafficking; Rescheduled Meeting**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council). This meeting is being rescheduled from October 21, 2013.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). Members of the public who want to participate in the meeting must notify Mr. Cade London by close of business on Monday, December 9, 2013. See additional instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, Procedures for Public Input.**

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of the Interior, South Interior Building Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cade London, Special Assistant—USFWS International Affairs, by U.S. mail at 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 110, Arlington, VA 22203; by telephone at (703) 358-2584; by fax at (703) 358-2276; or by email at cade_london@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.), we announce that the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council) will hold a meeting to discuss committee structure and organization, the National Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking, and other council business as appropriate.

Background

Pursuant to E.O. 13648, the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking was formed on August 30, 2013, to advise the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, through the Secretary of the Interior, on national strategies to combat

wildlife trafficking, including, but not limited to (a) effective support for anti-poaching activities; (b) coordinating regional law enforcement efforts; (c) developing and supporting effective legal enforcement mechanisms; and (d) developing strategies to reduce illicit trade and consumer demand for illegally traded wildlife, including protected species.

The eight-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes former senior leadership within the U.S. Government, as well as chief executive officers and board members from conservation organizations and the private sector. For more information on the Council and its members, visit <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will consider:

1. Advisory Council organization and process,
2. The National Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking, and
3. Other council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>.

Procedures for Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Members of the public may register in advance to speak (by December 9, 2013), or they may submit written questions in advance for the Council to address during the meeting (by December 11, 2013). Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the meeting.

Members of the public who want to make an oral presentation at the meeting will be limited to a total of 1 hour 30 minutes, to be distributed among all speakers. However, where time permits and if deemed appropriate by the Council Chair and DFO, additional time for public comment may be allotted. Interested parties should contact Cade London, Special Assistant—International Affairs (preferably via email), by Monday, December 9, 2013, to be placed on the public speaker list (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Registered speakers who wish to expand on their oral statements, or those who wanted to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit subsequent written statements to the Council after the meeting. Such written statements must be received by Mr. London, in writing (preferably via email) no later than December 23, 2013.

In order to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business Monday, December 9, 2013. Because entry to Federal buildings is restricted, all visitors must preregister to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to Cade London (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodations, such as hearing interpreters, must contact Mr. London, in writing (preferably via email) no later than December 9, 2013.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 110, Arlington, VA 22203, and on the Council Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Patrick Leonard,

Deputy Assistant Director for International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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**Notice of Availability of the Oregon
Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use
Plan Amendments and Draft
Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan (LUP) Amendments and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Oregon Sub-Region and, by this notice, is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS within 90 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes notice of the Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other

public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://on.doi.gov/1ewEQRc>.
- *Email:* blm_or_so_gsg_planning_comments@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 503-808-6021.
- *Mail:* BLM—Greater Sage-Grouse EIS, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204.

Copies of the Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS are available at the Oregon State Office at the above address or on the Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/energy/opportunity/sagebrush.php>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Suther, Oregon Sub-Regional Greater Sage-Grouse Project Manager, telephone 541-573-4445; see address above; email jsuther@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM prepared the Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Draft LUP Amendments and Draft EIS to address a range of alternatives focused on specific conservation measures across the Oregon range of the Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG). The Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS is one of 15 separate planning efforts that are being undertaken as part of the BLM's and the U.S. Forest Service's National Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy. The Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS propose to amend the LUPs for the Vale, Burns, Prineville, and Lakeview District Offices. The current management decisions for resources are described in the following LUPs:

- Andrews 2005
- Baker 1989
- Brothers LaPine (east) 1989
- Lakeview 2003
- Southeastern Oregon 2002
- Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area 2005
- Three Rivers 1992
- Upper Deschutes 2005

Within the decision area, the BLM administers approximately 10 million acres of sage-grouse habitat. Surface management decisions made as a result

of the Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS will apply only to the BLM-administered lands in the decision area. The decision area is defined as those BLM-administered lands within two categories of habitat identified by the BLM in coordination with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- **Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH)**—Areas identified as having the highest conservation value for maintaining sustainable GRSG populations; include breeding, late brood-rearing, and winter concentration areas.
- **Preliminary General Habitat (PGH)**—Areas of seasonal or year-round habitat outside of priority habitat.

The formal public scoping process for the LUP Amendments/EIS began on December 9, 2011, with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 77008) and ended on March 23, 2012. The BLM held scoping open houses in January and February 2012. The BLM used public scoping comments to help identify planning issues that directed the formulation of alternatives and framed the scope of analysis in the Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS. The scoping process was also used to introduce the public to preliminary planning criteria, which set limits on the scope of the Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS.

Major issues considered in the Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS include special status species management (GRSG specifically), energy and mineral development, lands and realty (including transmission), vegetation management, and livestock grazing. The Draft LUP Amendments/Draft EIS evaluate six alternatives in detail, including the No Action Alternative (Alternative A) and five action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, E, and F). The BLM identified Alternative D as the preferred alternative. Identification of this alternative, however, does not represent final agency direction, and the proposed LUP amendments/Final EIS may reflect changes or adjustments based on information received during public comment, on other new information, or on changes in BLM policies or priorities. The proposed LUP amendments/Final EIS may include objectives and actions described in the other analyzed alternatives or that are otherwise within the spectrum of alternatives analyzed. Alternative A would retain the current management goals, objectives, and direction specified in the current LUPs for each field office. Alternative B includes conservation measures from the Greater Sage-Grouse National Technical Team Report. Alternative C includes conservation

measures that various conservation groups submitted to the BLM and includes the removal of grazing in currently occupied habitat. Alternative C also includes proposed designation of an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Alternative D includes conservation measures the BLM developed with the cooperating agencies. Alternative E is based on recommendations included in the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Sage-Grouse Conservation and Assessment Strategy (2011), which includes an emphasis on protecting Core Areas with no development permissible in Greater Sage-Grouse habitat with evidence of Greater Sage-Grouse presence for major surface disturbing activities.

Alternative F analyzes other management recommendations submitted by conservation groups and includes reduced grazing in currently occupied habitat. Alternative F also includes proposed designation of an ACEC. Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.7-2(b), this notice announces a concurrent public comment period on proposed ACECs. One ACEC is proposed in Alternative C. The Sage-Grouse Habitat ACEC would cover approximately 4,547,043 acres of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. Another ACEC proposal is found in Alternative F. This Sage-Grouse Habitat ACEC proposal would include 17 ACECs covering approximately 4,040,202 acres of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. The proposed ACECs within Alternative C would include the following resource use limitations if they were formally designated: Closed to fluid mineral leasing; designated as a right-of-way exclusion area; closed to livestock grazing; allowance of vegetation treatments only for the benefit of GRSG; and recommended for withdrawal from mineral entry. The proposed ACECs within Alternative F would include similar resource use limitations as presented in Alternative C, except that these proposed ACECs would have reduced livestock grazing levels and not be fully closed. Also, under Alternative F, ACEC resource use limitations would only apply to areas that are proposed to be managed for priority Greater Sage-Grouse habitat. In addition, Alternative D proposes sage-grouse conservation measures on a subset of existing ACECs containing more than 20 percent or 50 percent preliminary general management area sage-grouse habitat.

Please note that public comments and information submitted—including names, street addresses and email addresses of persons who submit comments—will be available for public

review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2

Jerome E. Perez,

State Director, Oregon/Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLES956000 L14200000.BJ0000 14X]

Eastern States: Filing of Plats of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States office in Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The surveys were requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands surveyed are:

Fourth Principal Meridian, Wisconsin

T. 48N., R. 3W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south and west boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the east and west

center lines of Sections 15-17, 19-22, 30 and 31; the subdivision of Sections 15-22, 30, 31 and 35; and the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines of Township 48 North, Range 3 West, in the State of Wisconsin, and was accepted September 26, 2013.

Louisiana Meridian, Louisiana

T. 5N., R. 1W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the survey of the subdivision of Section 5 of Township 5 North, Range 1 West, of the Louisiana Meridian, in the State of Louisiana, and was accepted September 17, 2013.

Louisiana Meridian, Louisiana

T. 5N., R. 1W.

The plat of survey represents the survey of a parcel of land held in trust for the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians within Lot 6, Pine Heights subdivision in Section 9 of Township 5 North, Range 1 West, of the Louisiana Meridian, in the State of Louisiana, and was accepted September 17, 2013.

We will place a copy of the plats we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against the surveys, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plats until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Dominica Van Koten,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-AKR-GAAR-14152;
PX.P0166543E.00.1]

Notice to Terminate the Environmental Impact Statement on a Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve General Management Plan Amendment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is terminating the Wilderness Study and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a General Management Plan Amendment (GMPA) for Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. The NPS published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS on a GMPA/Wilderness Study EIS for Gates of the

Arctic National Park and Preserve in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 4413) on January 27, 2010.

Public scoping occurred in the spring of 2010, a preliminary alternatives newsletter was distributed to the public in the fall of 2010, and a Wilderness Study newsletter was sent to the public in the winter of 2011. One of the key areas of focus for the EIS was a Wilderness Study for lands in the preserve that are presently identified as eligible but that have not been proposed for wilderness designation.

Under the enabling legislation, Section 201 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress provided for a right-of-way across the Kobuk Unit of the preserve for access to an adjacent mining district (ANILCA Section 201(4)(b)-(e)). In 2011, the State of Alaska, at the request of a project proponent, began preliminary field studies in preparation for the application for a right-of-way. If a complete application is received, the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Transportation will jointly agree on the route for issuance of a right-of-way, after completion of an environmental and economic analysis prepared in lieu of an EIS which would otherwise be required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Funding by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to study the feasibility of a road has accelerated the schedule for potentially filing a right-of-way application. Due to the possibility that a right-of-way application may be filed, the NPS decided to defer the Wilderness Study and complete the GMPA with an environmental assessment. The GMPA will include a wilderness stewardship plan and update the GMP to reflect current planning standards, including zoning, capacity, and desired conditions for management. The alternatives under consideration in the GMPA do not include any new facilities or substantial staffing changes, and are not expected to have significant impacts on the human environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Dudgeon, Superintendent, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 4175 Geist Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709-3420; telephone (907) 457-5752.

Dated: September 25, 2013.

Joel Hard,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation**

[XXRX4081X1, RN.20350010.REG0000, RR04084000]

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council (Council) was established by the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93–320) (Act) to receive reports and advise Federal agencies on implementing the Act. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Bureau of Reclamation announces that the Council will meet as detailed below. The meeting of the Council is open to the public.

DATES: The Council will convene the meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at approximately 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Conference Center of Caesars Palace, Tarrant Room, 3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. Send written comments to Mr. Kib Jacobson, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–1147; telephone (801) 524–3753; facsimile (801) 524–3847; email at: kjacobson@usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kib Jacobson, telephone (801) 524–3753; facsimile (801) 524–3847; email at: kjacobson@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public may file written statements with the Council before, during, or up to 30 days after the meeting either in person or by mail. To the extent that time permits, the Council chairman will allow public presentation of oral comments at the meeting. To allow full consideration of information by Council members, written notice must be provided at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received prior to the meeting will be provided to Council members at the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss: (1) Funding recommendations to Reclamation for use of funds from the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund and to fund 50 percent of an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (2) input for drafting the Council's annual report;

and (3) the Charter that is due to be renewed in the coming year.

The Council planned to meet October 23–24, 2013, in Los Angeles, California. However, due to the government shutdown, notice of the meeting could not be published in the **Federal Register** and the meeting was not held. Since Council members from each of the seven Colorado River Basin states are planning to attend the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, on December 11–13, 2013, the Council decided to hold a short meeting in conjunction with the CRWUA conference. Council members not in Las Vegas will participate by conference call. Reclamation will not be reimbursing travel expenses for the Council members.

Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Larry Walkoviak,

Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region.

[FR Doc. 2013–28291 Filed 11–25–13; 8:45 am]

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–505 and 731–TA–1231–1237 (Preliminary)]

Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel From China, Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Korea, Poland, and Russia; Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China, Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Korea, Poland, and Russia of grain-

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

oriented electrical steel, provided for in subheadings 7225.11.00, 7226.11.10, and 7226.11.90 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 by reason of imports of grain-oriented electrical steel that are allegedly subsidized by the Government of China.

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 section 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 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 sections 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. 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 prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

Background

On September 18, 2013, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by of AK Steel Corp., West Chester, Ohio; Allegheny Ludlum, LLC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and the United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV and subsidized imports of grain-oriented electrical steel from China and LTFV imports of grain-oriented electrical steel from Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Korea, Poland, and Russia. Accordingly, effective September 18, 2013, the Commission instituted countervailing duty investigation No. 701–TA–505 and antidumping duty investigation Nos. 731–TA–1231–1237 (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** on September 25, 2013 ((78 FR 59059), as revised on October 21, 2013 (78 FR 64011, October 25, 2013)). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on October 25, 2013, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on November 20, 2013. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4439 (November 2013), entitled *Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel From China, Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Korea, Poland, and Russia*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 20, 2013.

Lisa R. Barton,

Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-902]

Certain Windshield Wipers and Components Thereof Institution of Investigation Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337

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 October 21, 2013, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Trico Products Corporation of Rochester Hills, Michigan. A letter supplementing the complaint was filed on November 7, 2013. The complaint 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 windshield wipers and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,836,925 ("the '925 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 6,799,348 ("the '348 patent"). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. 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 <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

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

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2013).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on November 19, 2013, *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)(B) 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 windshield wipers and components thereof by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1, 4-6, 8, and 14-15 of the '925 patent and claims 1, 4-6, and 9-11 of the '348 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) 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 complainant is:

Trico Products Corporation, 3255 West Hamlin Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

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

Federal-Mogul Corporation, 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48033.

Federal Mogul S.A., Avenue Champion 1, 6790 Aubange, Belgium.

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

(3) 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), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission 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 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: November 20, 2013.

Lisa R. Barton,

Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

On November 19, 2013, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division, in the lawsuit entitled *United States, et al. v. CABOT Corporation, Case No. 6:13-cv-03095*.

The proposed Consent Decree resolves the United States' and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's ("LDEQ") claims that Cabot violated the Prevention of Significant Deterioration ("PSD") provisions of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 U.S.C. 7470-7492, as well as the federally approved PSD regulations of the States of Louisiana and Texas, at these facilities, resulting in excess emissions of nitrogen oxide ("NO_x"), sulfur dioxide ("SO₂"), and particulate matter ("PM"). Under the proposed Consent Decree, Cabot has agreed to implement \$84 million in injunctive relief, to perform environmental mitigation projects valued at \$450,000 and to pay a \$975,000 civil penalty to resolve the governments' claims.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States of America v. CABOT Corporation*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-10355. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By email	pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov .
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044–7611.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/ConsentDecrees.html>. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree

Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$22.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Thomas P. Carroll,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

[OMB Number 1140–0056]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested; Special Agent Medical Pre-placement

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 78, Number 190, page 60317 on October 1, 2013, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until December 26, 2013. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments concerning this information collection should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: DOJ Desk Officer. The best way to ensure your comments are received is to email them to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or fax them to 202–395–7285. All comments should reference the eight digit OMB number or the title of the collection.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the 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 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.

Summary of Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Special Agent Medical Pre-placement.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: ATF F 2300.10. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Other: none.

Need for Collection

The form is used by a special agent who is applying for a position that has specific medical standards. The information collected is used to determine medical suitability to qualify for a position that has specific medical standards and physical requirements. The information will be used to make a recommendation on either hiring or not hiring an applicant.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 240 respondents will complete the form within 45 minutes.

(6) *An estimate of the total burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 180 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 3W–1407B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Jerri Murray,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

[OMB Notice 1110-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection, Comments Requested, New Collection: Uniform Crime Reporting Data Collection Instrument Pretesting and Burden Estimation General Clearance

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

The Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with established review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 27, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

All comments, suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mrs. Amy C. Blasher, Unit Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Module E-3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306, or facsimile to (304) 625-3566.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of information collection:* New Collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Uniform Crime Reporting Data Collection

Instrument Pretesting and Burden Estimation General Clearance

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the department sponsoring the collection:* Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: City, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies. Abstract: This clearance provides the UCR Program the ability to conduct pretests which evaluate the validity and reliability of information collection instruments and determine the level of burden state and local agencies have in reporting crime data to the FBI. The Paperwork Reduction Act only allows for nine respondents in pretesting activities. This clearance request expands the pretesting sample to 30 persons for each of the ten information collections administered by the UCR Program. Further, the clearance will allow for a brief 5-minute cost and burden assessment for the 18,000 law enforcement agencies participating in the UCR Program.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* UCR Participation Burden Estimation: There are approximately 18,000 law enforcement agency respondents; calculated estimates indicate five minutes per submission. UCR Form Pretesting: There are approximately 300 respondents; calculated estimates indicate one hour per pretest.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with this collection:* There are approximately 1,800 hours, annual burden, associated with this information collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department

Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 3W-1407B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Jerri Murray,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Employer Survey of the Short Time Compensation Program

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) proposal titled, "Employer Survey of the Short Time Compensation Program," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201310-1205-001 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-6881 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor—OASAM, Office

of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Information Policy and Assessment Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks PRA authorization for the ETA to conduct the Employer Survey of Short-Time Compensation (STC). The STC Program provides an opportunity for employers to reduce layoffs by temporarily reducing work hours of some employees. STC provides prorated unemployment insurance benefits for workers whose hours of work have been temporarily reduced. Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 section 2164 requires the Secretary of Labor to survey employers in all States to determine employers' level of interest in participating in the STC Program. This proposed information collection activity will help satisfy this requirement. More specifically, the study this survey supports will examine employers' experiences, awareness, and perspectives of the STC Program in four states that have an active STC program. Employers who have used the STC program and employers who have not used the program will be surveyed. The study will focus on the following four research areas: (1) Characteristics of employers participating in the STC Program; (2) extent of employer participation in the STC Program; (3) employers' awareness, experiences, and views of the STC Program; and (4) employers' opinion about workers' view of STC.

This proposed information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2013 (78 FR 48199).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES**

section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB ICR Reference Number 201310-1205-01. The OMB 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 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.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Employer Survey of the Short Time Compensation Program.

OMB ICR Reference Number: 201310-1205-001.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,200.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 3,200.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,280.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Ventilation Plan and Main Fan Maintenance Record

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Ventilation Plan and Main Fan Maintenance Record," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201309-1219-002 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-MSHA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-6881 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor—OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Information Policy and Assessment Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to maintain PRA authorization for the MSHA Ventilation Plan and Main Fan Maintenance Record information collection. Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 section 103(h), 30 U.S.C. 813, authorizes the MSHA to collect information necessary to carry out the Agency's duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Underground mines usually present harsh and hostile working environments. Pursuant to the statutory authority, the MSHA has issued regulations under which a mine operator is required to prepare a written plan of the mine ventilation system. The

plan must be updated at least annually. Upon written request of the MSHA District Manager, the plan or revisions must be submitted to the MSHA for review and comment. In addition, the main ventilation fans for an underground mine must be maintained according to either manufacturers' recommendations or a written periodic schedule. Upon request of an authorized representative of the Secretary of Labor, this fan maintenance schedule must be made available for review. The records help ensure compliance with the standard and may serve as a warning mechanism for possible ventilation problems before they occur. The MSHA codified the regulations at 30 CFR 57.8520 and -8525.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1219-0016.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2013. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL also notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 21, 2013 (78 FR 51749).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1219-0016. The OMB 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 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.

Agency: DOL-MSHA.

Title of Collection: Ventilation Plan and Main Fan Maintenance Record.

OMB Control Number: 1219-0016.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 11.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 297.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 6,617.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: November 18, 2013.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-82,442]

Deluxe Laboratories, Inc., a Division of Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, Inc. Hollywood, California; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

On July 23, 2013, the Department of Labor (Department) issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration applicable to workers and former workers of Deluxe Laboratories, Inc., a division of Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, Inc., Hollywood, California (hereafter referred to as either "Deluxe Laboratories, Inc." or "subject firm"). The subject firm is engaged in activities related to the production of release and trailer film prints. The worker group does not include leased workers.

Workers of the subject firm were previously eligible to apply for Trade

Adjustment Assistance (TAA) under TA-W-74,636 (certification expired on October 14, 2012).

Based on a careful review of previously-submitted information and additional information obtained during the reconsideration investigation, the Department determines that the petitioning worker group has met the eligibility criteria set forth in the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Section 222(b)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers at Deluxe Laboratories, Inc. have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(b)(2) has been met because workers of Deluxe Laboratories, Inc. is a Downstream Producer to a firm (or subdivision, whichever is applicable) that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a), and such production is related to the actual finished article or service that was the basis for such certification.

Section 222(b)(3)(B) has been met because the loss of business by Deluxe Laboratories, Inc. with the aforementioned firm contributed importantly to worker separations at the subject firm.

Conclusion

After careful review of previously-submitted facts and the additional facts obtained during the reconsideration investigation, I determine that workers of Deluxe Laboratories, Inc., a division of Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, Inc., Hollywood, California, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(b) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(b). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Deluxe Laboratories, Inc., a division of Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, Inc., Hollywood, California, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 15, 2012, through two years from the date of this certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, DC, this 8th day of November, 2013

Del Min Amy Chen,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration**

[TA-W-82,598]

**Amphenol Backplane Systems,
Including On-Site Leased Workers
From Technical Needs and National
Engineering, Nashua, New Hampshire;
Notice of Revised Determination on
Reconsideration**

On June 22, 2013, the Department of Labor (Department) issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration applicable to workers and former workers of Amphenol Backplane Systems, Nashua, New Hampshire (hereafter referred to as either "Amphenol" or "subject firm"). The subject firm is engaged in activities related to the production of electrical connectors and backplane assemblies. The subject worker group includes on-site leased workers from Technical Needs and National Engineering.

Workers of the subject firm were eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) under TA-W-70,972 (certification expired on November 13, 2011).

Based on a careful review of previously-submitted information and additional information obtained during the reconsideration investigation, the Department determines that the petitioning worker group, including on-site leased workers from Technical Needs and National Engineering, has met the eligibility criteria set forth in the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers at Amphenol have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(a)(2)(B) has been met because the workers' firm has shifted to a foreign country a portion of the production of articles like or directly competitive with the electrical connectors and backplane assemblies produced by the subject worker group, which contributed importantly to worker group separations at Amphenol.

Conclusion

After careful review of previously-submitted facts and the additional facts obtained during the reconsideration investigation, I determine that workers of Amphenol Backplane Systems, Nashua, New Hampshire, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223

of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Amphenol Backplane Systems, including on-site leased workers from Technical Needs and National Engineering, Nashua, New Hampshire, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 16, 2012, through two years from the date of this certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, DC, this 8th day of November, 2013.

Del Min Amy Chen,*Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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Administration**

[TA-W-82,838]

**Apria Healthcare LLC, Billing
Department, Overland Park, Kansas;
Notice of Negative Determination
Regarding Application for
Reconsideration**

By application dated September 19, 2013, a former worker of Apria Healthcare LLC, Billing Department, Overland Park, Kansas (TA-W-82,838) requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's negative determination regarding eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), applicable to workers and former workers of Apria Healthcare LLC, Billing Department, Overland Park, Kansas (hereafter referred to as "Apria-Billing"). Workers of Apria-Billing are engaged in activities related to the supply of medical billing services. On September 5, 2013, the Department issued a negative determination applicable to workers and former workers of Apria-Billing and issued a certification applicable to workers and former workers of Apria Healthcare LLC, Document Imaging Department, Overland Park, Kansas (TA-W-82,838A). The Department's Notice of determination of TA-W-82,838 and TA-W-82,838A was published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 2013 (78 FR 61392).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

(1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;

(2) If it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or

(3) If in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a mis-interpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The negative determination applicable to workers and former workers of Apria-Billing was based on the Department's findings that neither increased of billing services like or directly competitive with the medical billing services supplied by the subject workers, a shift in the supply of such services to a foreign country by the workers' firm, nor an acquisition of such services from a foreign country by the workers' firm, contributed importantly to worker group separations at Apria-Billing. In addition, the investigation revealed that the petitioning worker group did not meet the criteria set forth in Section 222(a) and Section 222(e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

The request for reconsideration states that the separated worker "did the N and K report which was electronic rejections from India and my job was to tell them how to get the claim to go through. Lots of times the claims had to be dropped onshore (meaning United States) . . . I do have documentation and emails . . . to support my facts." Following the receipt of the request for reconsideration, the Department received several electronic messages (emails) from the separated worker with additional information, which included emails from Apria management to the worker, an explanation of the worker's responsibilities, and the assertion that the worker's separation was due to outsourcing to "Emdeon and India."

The Department has carefully reviewed the information provided by the worker seeking reconsideration, previously-submitted information, and information regarding Emdeon, and has determined that the request for reconsideration did not supply facts not previously considered and did not provide additional documentation indicating that there was either 1) a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered or 2) a misinterpretation of facts or of the law justifying reconsideration of the initial determination.

Based on these findings, the Department determines that, with

regards to the immediate application for administrative reconsideration, 29 CFR 90.18(c) has not been met.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application for reconsideration and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 12th day of November, 2013.

Del Min Amy Chen,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers by (TA-W) number issued during the period of *November 4, 2013 through November 8, 2013*.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for workers of a primary firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(a) of the Act must be met.

I. Under Section 222(a)(2)(A), the following must be satisfied:

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

(3) One of the following must be satisfied:

(A) Imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased;

(B) Imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles into which one or more component parts produced by such firm are directly incorporated, have increased;

(C) Imports of articles directly incorporating one or more component parts produced outside the United States that are like or directly competitive with imports of articles incorporating one or more component parts produced by such firm have increased;

(D) Imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced directly using services supplied by such firm, have increased; and

(4) The increase in imports contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation and to the decline in the sales or production of such firm; or

II. Section 222(a)(2)(B) all of the following must be satisfied:

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) One of the following must be satisfied:

(A) There has been a shift by the workers' firm to a foreign country in the production of articles or supply of services like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers' firm;

(B) There has been an acquisition from a foreign country by the workers' firm of articles/services that are like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers' firm; and

(3) The shift/acquisition contributed importantly to the workers' separation or threat of separation.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for adversely affected workers in public agencies and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(b) of the Act must be met.

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in the public agency have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The public agency has acquired from a foreign country services like or directly competitive with services which are supplied by such agency; and

(3) The acquisition of services contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for adversely affected secondary workers of a firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker

adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(c) of the Act must be met.

(1) A significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The workers' firm is a Supplier or Downstream Producer to a firm that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility under Section 222(a) of the Act, and such supply or production is related to the article or service that was the basis for such certification; and

(3) Either—

(A) The workers' firm is a supplier and the component parts it supplied to the firm described in paragraph (2) accounted for at least 20 percent of the production or sales of the workers' firm; or

(B) A loss of business by the workers' firm with the firm described in paragraph (2) contributed importantly to the workers' separation or threat of separation.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for adversely affected workers in firms identified by the International Trade Commission and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(f) of the Act must be met.

(1) The workers' firm is publicly identified by name by the International Trade Commission as a member of a domestic industry in an investigation resulting in—

(A) An affirmative determination of serious injury or threat thereof under section 202(b)(1);

(B) An affirmative determination of market disruption or threat thereof under section 421(b)(1); or

(C) An affirmative final determination of material injury or threat thereof under section 705(b)(1)(A) or 735(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)(1)(A) and 1673d(b)(1)(A));

(2) The petition is filed during the 1-year period beginning on the date on which—

(A) A summary of the report submitted to the President by the International Trade Commission under section 202(f)(1) with respect to the affirmative determination described in paragraph (1)(A) is published in the **Federal Register** under section 202(f)(3); or

(B) Notice of an affirmative determination described in subparagraph (1) is published in the **Federal Register**; and

(3) The workers have become totally or partially separated from the workers' firm within—

(A) The 1-year period described in paragraph (2); or

(B) Notwithstanding section 223(b)(1), the 1-year period preceding the 1-year period described in paragraph (2).

Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

The following certifications have been issued. The date following the company name and location of each determination references the impact

date for all workers of such determination.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(a)(2)(A) (increased imports) of the Trade Act have been met.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
82,936	Grede Omaha LLC, Grede Holdings LLC, Crown Service, Inc.	Lincoln, NE	July 19, 2012.
82,970	Trek Bicycle Corporation, Lifestyle Staffing	Waterloo, WI	August 12, 2012.
83,006	Mersen USA BN Corporation, Bay City Branch	Bay City, MI	August 19, 2012.
83,015	Fenner Precision, Inc.	Buffalo, NY	August 21, 2012.
83,074	Grede-Radford, Grede Holdings LLC, GSI	Radford, VA	September 9, 2012.
83,085	Keywell LLC	Frewsburg, NY	September 10, 2012.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(a)(2)(B) (shift in production or

services) of the Trade Act have been met.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
82,986	McDermott, Inc., McDermott International, Ameri-Force Craft Services, etc.	Morgan City, LA	August 13, 2012.
83,045	Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products, LP, Georgia-Pacific LLC	Halsey, OR	August 21, 2012.
83,064	IBM Corporation, Global Business Services, Application Management, Customer Service, etc.	Boulder, CO	September 6, 2012.
83,080	HSBC Bank USA, N.A., HSBC USA, HSBC North America Holdings, International Banking Center.	Buffalo, NY	September 12, 2012.
83,109	Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services, Information Services Department.	New York, NY	September 24, 2012.
83,111	Tri-Cor Direct—Seton Identification, Aerotek Staffing, Monroe Staffing, Cornerstone Staffing and Randstad.	Branford, CT	September 24, 2012.
83,112	American Fuji Seal, Inc., A Subsidiary of Fuji Seal Japan	Anaheim, CA	September 20, 2012.
83,114	Plantronics, Inc., Finance Department, Accounting Group, Aerotek and OAC Services.	Santa Cruz, CA	September 24, 2012.
83,117	CitiMortgage, Inc., Citibank, N.A., Mortgage Default Operations, Home Owner Support Team, etc.	Fort Mill, SC	September 24, 2012.
83,123	Osram Sylvania, Inc., Manpower	Manchester, NH	September 26, 2012.
83,124	Aptuit Scientific Operations, LLC, Aerotek, Kelly Services and Harrisonville Electric.	Harrisonville, MO	September 27, 2012.
83,162	Siemens Industry, Inc., Siemens Corporation, Infotree	Elgin, IL	October 21, 2012.
83,169	AlberCorp, Academy Design and Technical Staffing Inc. and Boulevard.	Pompano Beach, FL	October 23, 2012.
83,173	Masco Cabinetry LLC, Reserve Network	Jackson, OH	October 21, 2012.
83,178	The Berry Company, LLC	Erie, PA	October 10, 2012.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the eligibility

criteria for worker adjustment assistance have not been met for the reasons specified.

The investigation revealed that the criteria under paragraphs (a)(2)(A)(i)

(decline in sales or production, or both) and (a)(2)(B) (shift in production or services to a foreign country) of section 222 have not been met.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
83,107	American Sintered Technologies, A Division of Fansteel	Emporium, PA.	

The investigation revealed that the criteria under paragraphs(a)(2)(A)

(increased imports) and (a)(2)(B) (shift in production or services to a foreign

country) of section 222 have not been met.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
82,922	Eli Lilly & Company, Pharmaceutical Sales Representatives, Throughout the State of Connecticut.	South Indianapolis, IN.	
83,152	Tennessee Apparel Corporation	Waynesboro, TN.	
83,154	PolyOne Designed Structures and Solutions LLC, PolyOne Corporation.	Donora, PA.	

Determinations Terminating Investigations of Petitions for Worker Adjustment Assistance

After notice of the petitions was published in the **Federal Register** and

on the Department's Web site, as required by Section 221 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 2271), the Department initiated investigations of these petitions.

The following determinations terminating investigations were issued because the petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
83,000	Penguin Taxes	Burlington, NC.	
83,168	Jabil Circuit Inc.	Tempe, AZ.	
83,193	REO Group Properties, LLC	Pasadena, CA.	

The following determinations terminating investigations were issued because the petitioning groups of

workers are covered by active certifications. Consequently, further investigation in these cases would serve

no purpose since the petitioning group of workers cannot be covered by more than one certification at a time.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
82,987	Honeywell International Inc., Aerospace Order Management Division.	Phoenix, AZ.	
83,088	First Advantage Corporation	Alpharetta, GA.	

The following determinations terminating investigations were issued

because the petitions are the subject of ongoing investigations under petitions

filed earlier covering the same petitioners.

TA-W No.	Subject firm	Location	Impact date
83,151	Medtronic, Corporate Headquarters	Fridley, MN	

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the period of *November 4, 2013 through November 8, 2013*. These determinations are available on the Department's Web site tradeact/taa/taa_search_form.cfm under the searchable listing of determinations or by calling the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance toll free at 888-365-6822.

Signed at Washington, DC this 14th day of November 2013.

Michael W. Jaffe,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221 (a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221 (a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether

the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than December 6, 2013.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment

Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than December 6, 2013.
The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Office of Trade Adjustment

Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5428, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 14th day of November 2013.
Michael W. Jaffe,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

[20 TAA petitions instituted between 11/4/13 and 11/8/13]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
83192	Osram-Sylvania (Company)	Wellsboro, PA	11/04/13	10/21/13
83193	REO Group Properties, LLC (State/One-Stop)	Pasadena, CA	11/04/13	11/01/13
83194	Merck Sharpe & Dohme (State/One-Stop)	West Point, PA	11/04/13	11/01/13
83195	Kimball Electronics Jasper (Company)	Jasper, IN	11/05/13	11/04/13
83196	Microchip Technology (Workers)	Hauppauge, NY	11/05/13	11/04/13
83197	Quad Graphics (Workers)	Dubuque, IA	11/05/13	10/23/13
83198	IPS Operations (Company)	Sandston, VA	11/05/13	11/04/13
83199	Northeast Utilities (Workers)	Berlin, CT	11/06/13	11/05/13
83200	Ebay Inc. (Workers)	Pacoima, CA	11/06/13	10/24/13
83201	Autosplice Inc (State/One-Stop)	San Diego, CA	11/07/13	11/05/13
83202	Floturn, Inc. (Company)	Fairfield, OH	11/07/13	11/05/13
83203	Ciber, Inc., Corporate Accounting and Finance Administration (Company).	Greenwood Village, CO	11/07/13	11/06/13
83204	Accent Marketing (State/One-Stop)	Monroe, LA	11/07/13	11/06/13
83205	Brooks Automation Polycold MFG (Workers)	Petaluma, CA	11/08/13	11/06/13
83206	Dyno Nobel, Inc. (State/One-Stop)	Ulster Park, NY	11/08/13	11/06/13
83207	Dayton Rogers Manufacturing Company of Florida (Company)	St. Petersburg, FL	11/08/13	11/08/13
83208	The Longaberger Co.—Longaberger Pottery Works (State/One-Stop).	Buffalo, NY	11/08/13	11/07/13
83209	Saint Jean Industries Inc. (State/One-Stop)	Heber Springs, AR	11/08/13	11/07/13
83210	Kinetic Concepts, Inc. (Company)	Charlotte, NC	11/08/13	11/07/13
83211	Creavey Seal Company (Company)	Scott Township, PA	11/08/13	11/07/13

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-82,999]

ATOS IT Solutions & Services, Inc., Billing and Collections Department, Including Workers Whose Unemployment Insurance (UI) Wages are Reported Through Siemens IT Solutions and Services, Mason, Ohio; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (“Act”), 19 U.S.C. 2273, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on October 17, 2013, applicable to workers of ATOS IT Solutions & Services, Inc., Billing and Collections Department, Mason, Ohio. The workers are engaged in activities related to the supply of accounting services for the subject firm. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on November 6, 2013 (78 FR 66782).

At the request of Ohio State, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information from the company shows that some workers separated from employment at the Mason, Ohio location of ATOS IT Solutions & Services, Inc., Billing and Collections Department had their wages reported through a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account under the name Siemens IT Solutions and Services.

Accordingly, the Department is amending this certification to include workers of the subject firm whose unemployment insurance (UI) wages are reported through Siemens IT Solutions and Services.

The intent of the Department’s certification is to include all workers of the subject firm who were adversely affected by a shift in accounting services to a foreign country. The amended notice applicable to TA-W-82,999 is hereby issued as follows:

“All workers of ATOS IT Solutions & Services, Inc., Billing and Collections Department, including workers whose unemployment insurance (UI) wages are reported through Siemens IT Solutions and Services, Mason, Ohio, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 16, 2012, through October 17, 2015, and all workers in the group threatened

with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.”

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of November 2013.
Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Labor-Management Standards

Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) [44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)(A)]. The program

helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) of the Department of Labor (Department) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of information requirements for processing applications under 49 U.S.C. 5333(b), the Federal Transit Law. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 27, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Andrew R. Davis, Chief of the Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-5609, Washington, DC 20210, *olms-public@dol.gov*, (202) 693-0123 (this is not a toll-free number), (800) 877-8339 (TTY/TDD).

Please use only one method of transmission (mail or Email) to submit comments or to request a copy of this information collection and its supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: Under 49 U.S.C. 5333(b), when Federal funds are used to acquire, improve, or operate a transit system, the Department must ensure that the recipient of those funds establishes arrangements to protect the rights of affected transit employees. Federal law requires such arrangements to be “fair and equitable,” and the Department of Labor (DOL or “the Department”) must certify the arrangements before the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) can award certain funds to grantees. These employee protective arrangements must include provisions that may be necessary for the preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise; the continuation of collective bargaining rights; the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions related to employment; assurances of employment to employees of acquired transportation

systems; assurances of priority of reemployment of employees whose employment is ended or who are laid off; and paid training or retraining programs. 49 U.S.C. 5333(b)(2). Pursuant to 29 CFR Part 215, upon receipt of copies of applications for Federal assistance subject to 49 U.S.C. 5333(b) from the FTA, together with a request for the certification of employee protective arrangements from the Department of Labor, DOL will process those applications. The FTA will provide the Department with the information necessary to enable the Department to process employee protections for certification of the project.

II. Review Focus: The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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 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.

III. Current Actions: The Department seeks extension of the current approval to collect this information. An extension is necessary because, if the information is not collected, DOL will be unable to determine that arrangements are “fair and equitable” concerning the rights of affected transit employees. The information collected by OLMS is used to certify projects and allow funds to reach the applying transit agencies, which would prevent a reduction in services for the public and work for employees.

DOL Procedural Guidelines (29 CFR Part 215), encourage the development of employee protections through local negotiations, but establish time frames for certification to expedite the process and make it more predictable, while assuring that the required protections are in place.

Pursuant to the Guidelines, DOL refers for review the grant application and the proposed terms and conditions

to unions representing transit employees in the service area of the project and to the applicant and/or sub-recipient. No referral is made if the application falls under one of the following exceptions: (1) Employees in the service area are not represented by a union; (2) the grant is for routine replacement items; (3) the grant is for a Job Access project serving populations less than 200,000. (29 C.F.R. § 215.3). Grants where employees in the service area are not represented by a union will be certified without referral based on protective terms and conditions set forth by DOL.

When a grant application is referred to the parties, DOL recommends the terms and conditions to serve as the basis for certification. The parties have 15 days to inform DOL of any objections to the recommended terms including reasons for such objections. If no objections are registered and no circumstances exist inconsistent with the statute, or if objections are found not sufficient, DOL certifies the project on the basis of the recommended terms.

If DOL determines that the objections are sufficient, the Department, as appropriate, will direct the parties to negotiate for up to 30 days, limited to issues defined by DOL.

If the parties are unable to reach agreement within 30 days, DOL will review the final proposals and where no circumstances exist inconsistent with the statute, issue an interim certification permitting FTA to release funds, provided that no action is taken relating to the issues in dispute that would irreparably harm employees.

Following the interim certification, the parties may continue negotiations. If they are unable to reach agreement, DOL sets the terms for Final Certification within 60 days. DOL may request briefs on the issues in dispute before issuing the final certification.

Notwithstanding the above, the Department retains the right to withhold certification where circumstances inconsistent with the statute so warrant until such circumstances have been resolved.

Type of Review: Extension

Agency: Office of Labor-Management Standards.

Title of Collection: Protections for Transit Workers under Section 5333(b) Urban Program.

OMB Control Number: 1245-0006.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,294.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 2,294.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 18,352.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Andrew R. Davis,

Chief of the Division of Interpretations and Standards, Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Technical Support Document: Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order No. 12866

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests comments on the Technical Support Document entitled *Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866*, available at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/inforeg/technical-update-social-cost-of-carbon-for-regulator-impact-analysis.pdf>. The Social Cost of Carbon (SCC) is used to estimate the value to society of marginal reductions in carbon emissions. This Technical Support Document explains the derivation of the SCC estimates using three peer reviewed integrated assessment models and provides updated values of the SCC that reflect minor technical corrections to the estimates released in May of this year.

OMB requests that comments be submitted electronically to OMB by January 27, 2014 through www.regulations.gov.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments must be in writing and received by January 27, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Direct comments to Docket ID OMB-OMB-2013-0007.

- *Email:* SCC@omb.gov.

- *Fax:* (202) 395-7285.

- *Mail:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Mabel Echols, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. To ensure that your comments are received, we recommend that comments be electronically submitted.

All comments and recommendations submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means OMB will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

For further information, contact: Mabel Echols, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Room 10202, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-3741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rigorous evaluation of costs and benefits is a core tenet of the rulemaking process. It is particularly important in the area of climate change. The current estimate of the social cost of CO₂ emissions (SCC) has been developed over many years, using the best science available, and with input from the public.

In February 2010, after considering public comments on interim values that agencies used in a number of rules, an interagency group of technical experts, coordinated by OMB and the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), released improved SCC estimates. The interagency group estimated the improved SCC values using the most widely cited climate economic impact models. Those climate impact models, known as integrated assessment models, were developed by outside experts and published in the peer-reviewed literature. Recognizing that the models underlying the SCC estimates would evolve and improve over time as scientific and economic understanding increased, the Administration committed in 2010 to regular updates of these estimates.

In May of this year, after all three of the underlying models were updated and used in peer-reviewed literature, and agencies received public comments urging them to update their estimates, the interagency group released revised SCC values. The May 2013 estimates reflect values that are similar to those used by other governments, international institutions, and major

corporations. Those estimates have been available for public comment in several proposed rulemakings since May, and agencies have already received comments that are under review.

The revised Technical Support Document that was issued in November, 2013 is based on the best available scientific information on the impacts of climate change. We will continue to refine the SCC estimates to ensure that agencies are appropriately measuring the social cost of carbon emissions as they evaluate the costs and benefits of rules.

Request for Comment: OMB requests comments on all aspects of the TSD (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/inforeg/for-agencies/Social-Cost-of-Carbon-for-RIA.pdf>) and its use of integrated assessment models (IAMs) to estimate SCC values to support agency regulatory impact analyses. We are particularly interested in comments on the following topics:

- The selection of the three IAMs for use in the analysis and the synthesis of the resulting SCC estimates, as outlined in the 2010 TSD the model inputs used to develop the SCC estimates, including economic growth, emissions trajectories, climate sensitivity and intergenerational discounting;

- how the distribution of SCC estimates should be represented in regulatory impact analyses; and

- the strengths and limitations of the overall approach (see also the February, 2010 TSD available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/inforeg/for-agencies/Social-Cost-of-Carbon-for-RIA.pdf>).

OMB is not requesting comments on the three peer reviewed IAMs themselves; rather we are requesting comments on their use in developing the SCC estimates.

Howard Shelanski,

Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2014-004]

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

DATES: Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before December 26, 2013. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memoranda that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested and will be provided once the appraisal is completed. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: You may request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice by contacting Records Management Services (ACNR) using one of the following means:

Mail: NARA (ACNR), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.
Email: request.schedule@nara.gov.
FAX: 301-837-3698.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency that submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports should so indicate in their request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Hawkins, Director, Records Management Services (ACNR), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: 301-837-1799. Email: request.schedule@nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. These schedules provide for the timely transfer

into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs them to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously-approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

The schedules listed in this notice are media neutral unless specified otherwise. An item in a schedule is media neutral when the disposition instructions may be applied to records regardless of the medium in which the records are created and maintained. Items included in schedules submitted to NARA on or after December 17, 2007, are media neutral unless the item is limited to a specific medium. (See 36 CFR 1225.12(e).)

No Federal records are authorized for destruction without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted only after a thorough consideration of their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the government and of private people directly affected by the government's activities, and whether or not they have historical or other value.

Besides identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, this public notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or indicates agency-wide applicability in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency. This notice provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction). It also includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it too includes information about the records. Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of the Army, Agency-wide (N1-AU-10-99, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system used to order internal forms and publications.
2. Department of the Army, Agency-wide (N1-AU-11-25, 1 item, 1

temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system used to control inventories of supplies.

3. Department of Energy, Agency-wide (DAA-0434-2013-0001, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Records relating to the compensation of individuals for illnesses caused by exposure to radiation, including personnel claim records, working files, control files, and administrative files.

4. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (DAA-0440-2013-0011, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Self-attestations and decision letters for provider-based healthcare entities.

5. Department of Justice, Community Relations Service (DAA-0379-2013-0001, 11 items, 5 temporary items). Records include files of the Deputy Director, Associate Director, and Regional Director; media affairs files; conference files; work plans; and non-significant regional case files. Proposed for permanent retention are agency policy files, history files including photographs and video recordings, significant regional case files, and records of the Director's special initiatives.

6. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (N1-170-12-3, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Accountable personal property files.

7. Department of the Navy, United States Marine Corps (DAA-0127-2013-0007, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system used to control access to Marine Corps installations.

8. Department of the Navy, United States Marine Corps (DAA-0127-2013-0020, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system used to manage the food and hospitality services of the Marine Corps.

9. Department of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (DAA-0059-2012-0010, 8 items, 7 temporary items). Records of the Middle East Partnership Initiative including correspondence, grant application and awarding records, and planning records. Proposed for permanent retention are published fact sheets.

10. Commission on Long Term Care, Agency-wide (N1-220-14-1, 6 items, 3 temporary items). Management and operation records including working files, financial records, and Web site design records. Proposed for permanent retention are mission-related records including the final report, Web site, and video recordings of hearings.

11. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Office of Enforcement (N1-587-12-8, 9 items, 8 temporary items). Investigation, action, and referral

records. Proposed for permanent retention are significant enforcement actions.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Laurence Brewer,

Director, National Records Management Program.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498, and 50-499; NRC-2010-0375]

STP Nuclear Operating Company; South Texas Project

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final supplement 48 to generic environmental impact statement for license renewal of nuclear plants; issuance.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published the final, plant-specific, Supplement 48 to the "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS)," NUREG-1437 (ML13322A890), regarding the renewal of operating license NPF-76 and NPF-80 for an additional 20 years of operation for the South Texas Project (STP). The STP site is located in Bay City, Texas. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2010-0375 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2010-0375. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then 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, 301-415-4837, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. Additional information regarding accessing materials related to this action is under Section II, Document Availability heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tam Tran, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3617; email: Tam.Tran@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC received an application, dated October 25, 2010 (ML103360179), from STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC), filed pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Part 54 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), to renew the operating license for STPNOC. Renewal of the license would authorize the applicant to operate the facility for an additional 20-year period beyond the period specified in the current operating license. The current operating licenses for STPNOC, Units 1 and 2 (NPF-76 and NPF-80), expires on August 20, 2027, and December 15, 2028.

The final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is being issued as part of the NRC's process to decide whether to issue renewed licenses to STPNOC, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 54. The final SEIS was prepared in compliance with the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, as amended (NEPA), and the NRC's regulations for implementing NEPA in 10 CFR Part 51. In the final SEIS, the NRC staff assessed the potential environmental impacts from the operation, refurbishment, and decommissioning of the proposed STP license renewal. The NRC staff assessed the impacts of the proposed action on land use, historic and cultural resources, air quality, geology and soils, water resources, ecological resources, transportation, public and occupational health, waste management, socioeconomics, and environmental

justice. In preparing this final SEIS, the NRC staff also reviewed, considered, evaluated, and addressed the public comments received during the scoping process and on the draft SEIS.

In addition to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-action alternative. Under the no-action alternative, the NRC would deny STPNOC's request for renewed operating licenses for the STP units. Other alternatives the NRC staff considered include: (1) natural gas-fired combined cycle (NGCC); (2) new nuclear; (3) supercritical coal; (4) combination alternative (NGCC, wind, and energy conservation and efficiency); (5) purchased power; (6) offsite new nuclear-, gas-, or coal-generation; (7) energy conservation and energy efficiency; (8) wind power; (9) solar power; (10) hydroelectric power; (11) ocean wave and current energy; (12) geothermal power; (13) municipal solid waste; (14) biomass; (15) biofuels; (16) oil-fired power; (17) fuel cells; and (18) delayed retirement. These alternatives, except for the NGCC, new nuclear, supercritical coal, combination alternative, and purchased power were eliminated from further analysis because of technical, resource availability, or current commercial limitations that would not justify inclusion in the range of reasonable alternatives.

As discussed in Section 9.4 of the final supplement, the NRC staff determined that the adverse environmental impacts of renewed licenses for STPNOC are not great enough to deny this option for energy planning decision-makers. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) information provided in the environmental report and other documents submitted by STPNOC; (3) consultation with Federal, State, local, and tribal government agencies; (4) the NRC staff's own independent environmental review; and (5) consideration of public comments received during the scoping process and on the draft SEIS.

II. Document Availability

Documents related to this notice are available on the NRC's Plant Application for Licenses Renewal Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/south-texas-project.html>. The final SEIS for the proposed STP project may also be accessed on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1437/> and selecting "Supplement 48."

The STPNOC's license application, the STPNOC's Environmental Report, and the NRC's final SEIS are available in ADAMS under Accession Numbers ML103010262, ML103010263, and ML13322A890.

A copy of the final SEIS will be available at the Bay City Library, 1100 7th Street, Bay City, TX 77414.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of November, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian D. Wittick,

Chief, Projects Branch 2, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2013-0257]

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

Background

Pursuant to Section 189a. (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from October 31, 2013 to November 13, 2013. The last biweekly notice was published on November 12, 2013 (78 FR 67402).

ADDRESSES: You may submit comment by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0257. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: 3WFN, 06-44M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-0257 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0257.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then 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, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2013-0257 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

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 posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

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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 submissions into ADAMS.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in section 50.92 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period should circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example in derating or shutdown of the facility. Should the Commission take action prior to the expiration of either the

comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance. Should the Commission make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, any hearing will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person(s) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and a petition to intervene with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license or combined license. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested person(s) should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309, which is available at the NRC's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Room O1-F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852. The NRC regulations are accessible electronically from the NRC Library on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or a presiding officer designated by the Commission or by the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.309, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following general requirements: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the requestor or petitioner; (2) the nature of the requestor's/petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (3) the nature and extent of the requestor's/petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (4) the possible effect of any decision or order which may be entered in the proceeding on the requestor's/petitioner's interest. The petition must also identify the specific contentions which the requestor/petitioner seeks to have litigated at the proceeding.

Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the requestor/petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases for the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the requestor/petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The requestor/petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the requestor/petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. The petition must include sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the requestor/petitioner to relief. A requestor/petitioner who fails to satisfy these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, then any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including a request for hearing, a petition for leave to intervene, any motion or other document filed in the proceeding prior to the submission of a request for hearing or petition to intervene, and documents filed by interested governmental entities participating under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with the NRC's E-Filing rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007). The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory

documents over the internet, or in some cases to mail copies on electronic storage media. Participants may not submit paper copies of their filings unless they seek an exemption in accordance with the procedures described below.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at hearing.docket@nrc.gov, or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to request (1) a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign documents and access the E-Submittal server for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a request or petition for hearing (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the hearing in this proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/apply-certificates.html>. System requirements for accessing the E-Submittal server are detailed in the NRC's "Guidance for Electronic Submission," which is available on the agency's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. Participants may attempt to use other software not listed on the Web site, but should note that the NRC's E-Filing system does not support unlisted software, and the NRC Meta System Help Desk will not be able to offer assistance in using unlisted software.

If a participant is electronically submitting a document to the NRC in accordance with the E-Filing rule, the participant must file the document using the NRC's online, Web-based submission form. In order to serve documents through the Electronic Information Exchange System, users will be required to install a Web browser plug-in from the NRC's Web site. Further information on the Web-based submission form, including the installation of the Web browser plug-in, is available on the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>.

Once a participant has obtained a digital ID certificate and a docket has been created, the participant can then

submit a request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene. Submissions should be in Portable Document Format (PDF) in accordance with the NRC guidance available on the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. A filing is considered complete at the time the documents are submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email notice confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email notice that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the documents on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before a hearing request/petition to intervene is filed so that they can obtain access to the document via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the agency's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC Meta System Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>, by email to MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov, or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC Meta System Help Desk is available between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding government holidays.

Participants who believe that they have a good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; or (2) courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service to the Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Participants filing a document in this manner are responsible for serving the document on

all other participants. Filing is considered complete by first-class mail as of the time of deposit in the mail, or by courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service upon depositing the document with the provider of the service. A presiding officer, having granted an exemption request from using E-Filing, may require a participant or party to use E-Filing if the presiding officer subsequently determines that the reason for granting the exemption from use of E-Filing no longer exists.

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket which is available to the public at <http://ehd1.nrc.gov/ehd/>, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the Commission, or the presiding officer. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information, such as social security numbers, home addresses, or home phone numbers in their filings, unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. However, a request to intervene will require including information on local residence in order to demonstrate a proximity assertion of interest in the proceeding. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants are requested not to include copyrighted materials in their submission.

Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Requests for hearing, petitions for leave to intervene, and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the 60-day deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i)(iii).

For further details with respect to this license amendment application, see the application for amendment which is available for public inspection at the NRC's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Room O1-F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are accessible electronically through ADAMS in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287, Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Oconee County, South Carolina

Date of amendment request: October 30, 2012, as supplemented on January 21, June 11, September 3, and October 21, 2013.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendments would revise the Technical Specifications (TSs) to allow operation of a reverse osmosis system during normal plant operation to purify the water in the borated water storage tanks and the spent fuel pools. Automatic isolation valves would be installed in the Spent Fuel Pool Cooling (SFPC) system upstream of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) system borated water storage tank suction connections.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), in its supplemental letter dated October 21, 2013, the licensee provided a revised analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change requests Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of design features and controls that will be used to ensure that unisolating the SFPC Purification System and the Reverse Osmosis (RO) System during Unit operations does not significantly impact the Borated Water Storage Tank (BWST) or other plant equipment and that periodic limited operation of the RO System when aligned to a SFP during Unit operation does not significantly impact the Spent Fuel Pool (SFP) function or other plant equipment. The proposed change also requests NRC to approve proposed Technical Specification (TS) requirements that will impose operating restrictions and isolation requirements for the SFPC Purification System and the RO System.

The new high energy piping and non-seismic piping being installed for the RO System is non-QA1 and is postulated to fail. Adequate measures have been provided to isolate the flood source (BWST or SFP) prior to affecting SSCs important to safety.

The BWST will be automatically isolated prior to going below the TS water volume requirement. For the SFP, the suction to the RO system is above the required TS water level, therefore, the design ensures the required TS water level is maintained.

Procedural controls will ensure that the boron concentration does not go below the TS limit as a result of water returned from the RO System with lower boron concentration. Thus, no adverse effects from decreased boron concentration will occur.

The RO System takes suction from the top of the SFP to protect SFP inventory. Plant

procedures will prohibit the use of the RO System for the Units 1 and 2 SFP during the time period directly after an outage that requires the Units 1 and 2 SFP level to be maintained higher than the TS Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.11 level requirement. The higher level is required to support TS LCO 3.10.1 requirements for Standby Shutdown Facility (SSF) Reactor Coolant (RC) Makeup System operability (due to the additional decay heat from the recently offloaded spent fuel). Plant procedures will also specify the siphon be broken during this time period so the SFP water above the RO suction point cannot be siphoned off if the RO piping breaks. The proposed change does not impact the fuel assemblies, the movement of fuel, or the movement of fuel shipping casks. The SFP boron concentration, level, and temperature limits will not be outside of required parameters due to restrictions/requirements on the system's operation. In addition, the proposed new Technical Specification will require the siphon be broken during movement of irradiated fuel assemblies in the SFP or movement of a cask over the SFP. Therefore, RO System operation cannot occur during these activities, effectively eliminating a Fuel Handling Accident (FHA) from occurring while the RO System is in operation.

The BWST is used for mitigation of Steam Generator Tube Rupture (SGTR), Main Steam Line Break (MSLB), and Loss of Coolant Accidents (LOCAs). The SGTR and MSLB are bounded by the small break (SBLOCA) analyses with respect to the performance requirements for the High Pressure Injection (HPI) System. In the normal mode of Unit operation, the BWST is not an accident initiator. The SFP is evaluated to maintain acceptable criticality margin for all abnormal and accident conditions including FHAs and cask drop accidents. Both the BWST and SFP are specified by TS requirements to have minimum levels/volumes and boron concentrations. The BWST also has TS requirements for temperature. Prior to RO System operation, procedures will require the minimum required initial boron concentration and initial level/volume to be adjusted. Additionally, they will require the RO System operation to be restricted to a specified maximum time period before readjusting volume and boron concentration prior to another RO session. This ensures that the TS specified boron concentration and level/volume limits for both the SFP and the BWST are not exceeded during RO System operation. Thus, the design functions of the BWST and the SFP will continue to be met during RO System operation.

The proposed TS will require the RO system to be isolated (by breaking the siphon) from the SFPs during fuel handling activities and will require the automatic isolation valves between the BWST and the SFPC Purification System, upstream of the branch line to the RO System branch line, be OPERABLE in MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4. The TS will also require manual valves in branch lines upstream of the SFPC Purification System automatic isolation valves to be closed and meet Inservice Testing (IST) Program leakage requirements.

The additional controls imposed by the proposed Technical Specifications will provide additional assurance that isolation valves and operating restrictions credited to eliminate the need to analyze new release pathways will be in place.

Therefore, allowing the SFPC Purification System and the RO System to be unisolated during Unit operation do not significantly increase the probability or consequences of any accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The RO System adds non-seismic piping in the Auxiliary Building. However, the break of a single non-seismic pipe in the Auxiliary Building has already been postulated as an event in the licensing basis. The RO System also does not create the possibility of a seismic event concurrent with a LOCA since a seismic event is a natural phenomenon event. The RO System does not adversely affect the Reactor Coolant System pressure boundary.

Duke Energy also evaluated potential releases of radioactive liquid to the environment. Design features, controls imposed by the proposed Technical Specification, and procedural controls will preclude release of radioactive materials outside the Auxiliary Building by ensuring the SFPC Purification System and the RO System will be isolated when required.

The SFP suction line is designed such that the SFP water level will not go below TS required levels, thus the fuel assemblies will have the TS required water level over them. Procedural controls will restrict the use of the RO System and require breaking vacuum on the Units 1 and 2 SFP suction line when the SSF conditions require the SFP level be raised to support SSF RC Makeup System operability. Thus, the SFP water level will not be reduced below required water levels for these conditions. RO System operating restrictions will prevent reducing the SFP boron concentration below TS limits.

Since the BWST and SFP already have TS boron concentration and level/volume requirements and the RO System will be automatically isolated, the mitigation of a LOCA or FHA does not result in an increase in dose consequence. The design basis LOCA analysis for Oconee assumes 5 gpm back-leakage from the Reactor Building sump to the BWST. The automatic isolation valves will isolate on a BWST level prior to swاپover to the recirculation phase and prior to going below the actual TS water level. The proposed TS will require the RO system to be isolated (by breaking the siphon) from the SFPs prior to movement of irradiated fuel assemblies in the SFP or movement of cask over the SFP and will require the automatic isolation valves between the BWST and RO System to be OPERABLE in MODES 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The additional controls imposed by the proposed Technical Specifications will provide additional assurance that isolation valves and operating restrictions credited to eliminate the need to analyze new release pathways (introduced by allowing the SFPC

Purification System and the RO system to be unisolated during Unit operation) will be in place.

Therefore, operation of these systems unisolated will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any kind of accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

Duke Energy evaluated the impact of allowing the SFPC Purification System and the RO System to be unisolated during Unit operation on SSCs important to safety and determined that the proposed TS controls and procedural controls will ensure that TS limits for SFP and BWST volume, temperature, and boron concentration will continue to be met. For the BWST, these controls will ensure the TS minimum BWST boron concentration and level are available to mitigate the consequences of a small break LOCA or a large break LOCA. For the SFP, these controls ensure the assumptions of the fuel handling and cask drop accident analyses are preserved. The proposed change does not significantly impact the condition or performance of SSCs relied upon for accident mitigation. This change does not alter the existing TS allowable values or analytical limits. The existing operating margin between Unit conditions and actual Unit setpoints is not significantly reduced due to these changes. The assumptions and results in any safety analyses are not impacted. Therefore, operation of the RO System during Unit operation does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Docket No. 50-333, James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Oswego County, New York

Date of amendment request: June 7, 2013.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would revise the Technical Specification (TS) 1.1 "Definitions," for Shutdown Margin (SDM), to require calculation of the SDM at a reactor moderator temperature of 68 °F or a higher temperature that is determined to represent the most reactive state throughout the operating cycle of the reactor. This change is needed to address new Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) fuel designs which may be more reactive at shutdown temperatures above 68 °F.

The NRC staff announced the availability of Technical Specifications (TSs) Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-535, Revision 0, "Revise Shutdown Margin Definition to Address Advanced Fuel Designs." The TSTF-535, Revision 0 provides guidance for plant-specific adoption of changes needed to address BWR fuel designs which may be more reactive at shutdown temperatures greater than 68 °F, using the agency's Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process" (CLIP). The availability and the model safety evaluation of TSTF-535, Revision 0, was provided under ADAMS Accession No. ML12355A772, and published in the **Federal Register** dated November 19, 2012 (77 FR 69507).

The licensee has reviewed the information provided by the NRC staff in TSTF-535, and the model safety evaluation, as announced in the **Federal Register** (FR) Notice of availability. The licensee concluded that the justification presented in the FR Notice of availability of TSTF-535, Revision 0 and the model safety evaluation, prepared by the NRC staff, is applicable to the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant and justifies the current request for amendment to TS 1.1, "Definitions" for SDM.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed [amendment] involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change revises the definition of SDM. SDM is not an initiator to any accident previously evaluated. Accordingly, the proposed change to the definition of SDM has no effect on the probability of any accident previously evaluated. SDM is an assumption in the analysis of some previously evaluated accidents and inadequate SDM could lead to an increase in consequences for those accidents. However, the proposed change revises the SDM definition to ensure that the correct SDM is determined for all fuel types at all times during the fuel cycle. As a result, the proposed change does not adversely affect the consequences of any accident previously evaluated.

Therefore, the proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed [amendment] create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change revises the definition of SDM. The change does not involve a

physical alteration of the plant (i.e., no new or different type of equipment will be installed) or a change in the methods governing normal plant operations. The change does not alter assumptions made in the safety analysis regarding SDM.

Therefore, the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed [amendment] involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

The proposed change revises the definition of SDM. The proposed change does not alter the manner in which safety limits, limiting safety system settings or limiting conditions for operation are determined. The proposed change ensures that the SDM assumed in determining safety limits, limiting safety system settings or limiting conditions for operation is correct for all BWR fuel types at all times during the fuel cycle.

Therefore, the proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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NRC Acting Branch Chief: R. Beall.

Nebraska Public Power District, Docket No. 50-298, Cooper Nuclear Station, Nemaha County, Nebraska

Date of amendment request: April 24, 2012, as supplemented by letters dated July 12 and August 23, 2012, and January 14, February 12, March 13, and June 13, 2013.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would adopt National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805, "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Generating Plants" (2001 Edition). Implementation of the regulatory actions presented in the attachments to the license amendment request will enable Cooper Nuclear Station to adopt a new fire protection licensing basis which complies with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.48(a), 10 CFR 50.48(c), and the guidance in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.205, Revision 1.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards

consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

Operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) in accordance with the proposed amendment does not result in a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously evaluated. The proposed amendment does not affect accident initiators or precursors as described in the CNS Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR), nor does it adversely alter design assumptions, conditions, or configurations of the facility, and it does not adversely impact the ability of structures, systems, or components (SSCs) to perform their intended function to mitigate the consequences of an initiating event within the assumed acceptance limits. The proposed changes do not affect the way in which safety-related systems perform their functions as required by the accident analysis. The SSCs required to safely shut down the reactor and to maintain it in a safe shutdown condition will remain capable of performing their design functions.

The purpose of this amendment is to permit CNS to adopt a new risk-informed, performance-based fire protection licensing basis that complies with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.48(a) and 10 CFR 50.48(c), as well as the guidance contained in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.205. The NRC considers that NFPA 805 provides an acceptable methodology and performance criteria for licensees to identify fire protection requirements that are an acceptable alternative to the 10 CFR part 50, appendix R, fire protection features (69 FR 33536; June 16, 2004). Engineering analyses, which may include engineering evaluations, probabilistic risk assessments, and fire modeling calculations, have been performed to demonstrate that the performance-based requirements of NFPA 805 have been met.

NFPA 805, taken as a whole, provides an acceptable alternative for satisfying General Design Criterion 3 (GDC 3) of appendix A to 10 CFR part 50. It meets the underlying intent of the NRC's existing fire protection regulations and guidance, and achieves defense-in-depth along with the goals, performance objectives, and performance criteria specified in NFPA 805, Chapter 1. In addition, if there are any increases in core damage frequency (CDF) or risk as a result of the transition to NFPA 805, the increase will be small, governed by the delta risk requirements of NFPA 805, and consistent with the intent of the Commission's Safety Goal Policy.

Based on the above, the implementation of this amendment to transition the Fire Protection Plan (FPP) at CNS to one based on NFPA 805, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.48(c), does not result in a significant increase in the probability of any accident previously evaluated. In addition, all equipment required to mitigate an accident remains capable of performing the assumed function.

Therefore, the consequences of any accident previously evaluated are not significantly increased with the implementation of this License Amendment Request.

2. Does the proposed amendment create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

Operation of CNS in accordance with the proposed license amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. Any scenario or previously analyzed accident with offsite dose consequences was included in the evaluation of design basis accidents (DBA) documented in the USAR as a part of the transition to NPPA 805. The proposed amendment does not impact these accident analyses. The proposed change does not alter the requirements or functions for systems required during accident conditions, nor does it alter the required mitigation capability of the fire protection program, or its functioning during accident conditions as assumed in the licensing basis analyses and/or DBA radiological consequences evaluations.

The proposed amendment does not adversely affect accident initiators nor alter design assumptions, or conditions of the facility. The proposed amendment does not adversely affect the ability of SSCs to perform their design function. SSCs required to maintain the unit in a safe and stable condition remain capable of performing their design functions.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to permit CNS to adopt a new fire protection licensing basis which complies with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.48(a) and 10 CFR 50.48(c) and the guidance in Revision 1 of RG 1.205. As indicated in the Statements of Consideration, the NRC considers that NPPA 805 provides an acceptable methodology and performance criteria for licensees to identify fire protection systems and features that are an acceptable alternative to the 10 CFR part 50, appendix R fire protection features.

The requirements in NPPA 805 address only fire protection and the impacts of fire effects on the plant have been evaluated. The proposed fire protection program changes do not involve new failure mechanisms or malfunctions that could initiate a new or different kind of accident beyond those already analyzed in the USAR. Based on this, as well as the discussion above, the implementation of this amendment to transition the FPP at CNS to one based on NPPA 805, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.48(c), does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

Operation of CNS in accordance with the proposed license amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The transition to a new risk-informed, performance-based fire protection licensing basis that complies with the requirements in

10 CFR 50.48(a) and 10 CFR 50.48(c) does not alter the manner in which safety limits, limiting safety system settings, or limiting conditions for operation are determined. The safety analysis acceptance criteria are not affected by this change. The proposed license amendment does not adversely affect existing plant safety margins or the reliability of equipment assumed in the USAR to mitigate accidents. The proposed change does not adversely impact systems that respond to safely shut down the plant and maintain the plant in a safe shutdown condition. In addition, the proposed license amendment will not result in plant operation in a configuration outside the design basis for an unacceptable period of time without implementation of appropriate compensatory measures.

The purpose of the proposed license amendment is to permit CNS to adopt a new fire protection licensing basis which complies with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.48(a) and 10 CFR 50.48(c) and the guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.205. The NRC considers that NPPA 805 provides an acceptable methodology and performance criteria for licensees to identify fire protection systems and features that are an acceptable alternative to the 10 CFR part 50, appendix R required fire protection features (69 FR 33536; June 16, 2004).

The risk evaluations for plant changes, in part as they relate to the potential for reducing a safety margin, were measured quantitatively for acceptability using the delta risk guidance contained in RG 1.205. Engineering analyses, which may include engineering evaluations, probabilistic safety assessments, and fire modeling calculations, have been performed to demonstrate that the performance-based methods of NPPA 805 do not result in a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

As such, the proposed changes are evaluated to ensure that risk and safety margins are kept within acceptable limits. Based on the above, the implementation of this amendment to transition the FPP at CNS to one based on NPPA 805, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.48(c), will not significantly reduce a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Mr. John C. McClure, Nebraska Public Power District, Post Office Box 499, Columbus, NE 68602-0499.

NRC Branch Chief: Michael T. Markley.

R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC, Docket No. 50-244, R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, Wayne County, New York

Date of amendment request: February 28, 2013.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would revise

Technical Specification (TS) Section 3.6.5, "Containment Air Temperature," to increase the allowable containment average temperature from 120 °F to 125 °F. The revised TS Section 3.6.5 would read as follows: "Containment average air temperature shall be ≤ 125 °F."

The licensee supports the proposed change by revising the analyses for Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) and a Main Steam Line break, and evaluating the containment response by either increase in initial containment air temperature or increase in the temperature of safety injection accumulators, which are located in the Ginna containment, and are expected to be at the same temperature as containment air.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change to increase the containment average air temperature limit to 125 °F, from 120 °F, does not alter the assumed initiators to any analyzed event. The probability of an accident previously evaluated will not be increased by this proposed change. This proposed change will not affect radiological dose consequence analyses. The radiological dose consequence analyses assume a certain containment atmosphere leak rate based on the maximum allowable containment leakage rate, which is not affected by the change in allowable average containment air temperature resulting in a higher calculated peak containment pressure. The 10 CFR part 50, appendix J containment leak rate testing program will continue to ensure that containment leakage remains within the leakage assumed in the offsite dose consequence analyses. The acceptable leakage corresponds to the peak allowable containment pressure of 60 psig. The radiological dose consequence analyses assume a certain source term, which is not affected by the change in allowable average containment air temperature. All core limitations set forth in 10 CFR 50.46 continue to be met. The consequences of an accident previously evaluated will not be increased by this proposed change.

Therefore, operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed change to the containment average air temperature limit will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change provides for a higher allowable containment average air

temperature to that currently in the TS Section 3.6.5. The calculated peak containment temperature and pressure remain below the containment design temperature and pressure of 286 °F and 60 psig. This change does not involve any alteration in the plant configuration (no new or different type of equipment will be installed) or make changes in the methods governing normal plant operation. The change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

Therefore, operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed change to TS Section 3.6.5 would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

The calculated peak containment pressure and temperature remain below the containment design pressure and temperature of 60 psig and 286 °F, respectively. The penalties applied to the BE LBLOCA [best estimate loss of coolant accident] analysis result in the limitations set forth in 10 CFR 50.46 continuing to be met. Since the radiological consequence analyses are based on the maximum allowable containment leakage rate, which is not being revised, the change in the calculated peak containment pressure and temperature and changes in core response do not represent a significant change in the margin of safety. The longterm impact of the peak containment temperature following a design basis accident exceeding the EQ profile by 2 °F with respect to the current licensing basis is negligible.

Therefore, operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed change to increase the allowable containment average air temperature from 120 °F to 125 °F does not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Carey Fleming, Sr. Counsel—Nuclear Generation, Constellation Group, LLC, 750 East Pratt Street, 17 Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202.

NRC Acting Branch Chief: Robert Beall.

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, South Carolina Public Service Authority, Docket No. 50–395, Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Fairfield County, South Carolina

Date of amendment request: October 3, 2013.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would revise the scheduled completion date of the Cyber Security Plan Milestone 8.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination:

As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change revises the Cyber Security Plan Implementation Schedule. This change does not alter accident analysis assumptions, add any initiators, or affect the function of plant systems or the manner in which systems are operated, maintained, modified, tested, or inspected.

The proposed change is a change to the completion date of implementation milestone 8 that in itself does not require any plant modifications which affect the performance capability of the structures, systems, and components relied upon to mitigate the consequences of postulated accidents and have no impact on the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

Therefore, the proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change revises the Cyber Security Plan Implementation Schedule. This proposed change to modify the completion date of implementation milestone 8 does not alter accident analysis assumptions, add any initiators, or affect the function of plant systems or the manner in which systems are operated, maintained, modified, tested, or inspected. The proposed change does not require any plant modifications which affect the performance capability of the structures, systems and components relied upon to mitigate the consequences of postulated accidents. This change also does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. Therefore, the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

Plant safety margins are established through limiting conditions for operation, limiting safety system settings, and safety limits specified in the technical specifications. The proposed change revises the Cyber Security Plan Implementation Schedule. Because there is no change to these established safety margins as result of this change, the proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Therefore, the proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three

standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: J. Hagood Hamilton, Jr., South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Post Office Box 764, Columbia, South Carolina 29218.

NRC Branch Chief: Robert J. Pascarelli.

South Carolina Electric and Gas Docket Nos. 52–027 and 52–028, Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, Fairfield County, South Carolina

Date of amendment request: October 2, 2013.

Description of amendment request: The proposed change would amend Combined License Nos. NPF–93 and NPF–94 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3 by departing from the plant-specific Design Control Document (DCD) Tier 1 (and corresponding Combined License Appendix C information) and Tier 2 material by making changes to the Non-Class 1E dc and Uninterruptible Power Supply System (EDS) and Uninterruptible Power Supply System (IDS) and making changes to the corresponding Tier 1 information in Appendix C to the Combined License. The proposed changes would:

(1) Increase EDS total equipment capacity, component ratings, and protective device sizing to support increased load demand,

(2) Relocate equipment and moving Turbine Building (TB) first bay EDS Battery Room and Charger Room. The floor elevation increases from elevation 148'-0" to elevation 148'-10" to accommodate associated equipment cabling with this activity, and

(3) Remove the Class 1E IDS Battery Back-up tie to the Non-Class 1E EDS Battery. Because, this proposed change requires a departure from Tier 1 information in the Westinghouse Advanced Passive 1000 DCD, the licensee also requested an exemption from the requirements of the Generic DCD Tier 1 in accordance with 10 CFR 52.63(b)(1).

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The design function of the Turbine Building (TB) is to provide weather protection for the laydown and maintenance of major turbine/generator components. The TB first bay is a seismic Category II structure designed to prevent the collapse under a safe shutdown earthquake (SSE) to protect the adjacent auxiliary building. The electrical system and air-handling units are designed to provide electrical power to plant loads and maintain acceptable temperatures for electrical equipment rooms and work areas. The electrical equipment continues to be in accordance with the same codes and standards stated in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR). The proposed relocation of equipment, including the increase in floor elevation by 10 inches to accommodate overhead equipment cabling, does not impact the TB design function. The TB first bay continues to meet seismic Category II requirements. Based on this, the proposed changes would not increase the probability of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes do not involve any accident initiating event, thus the probabilities of the accidents previously evaluated are not affected. The relocation of equipment does not involve any safety-related structures, systems, or components; the affected rooms do not represent a radioactive material barrier; and this activity does not affect the containment of radioactive material. The radioactive material source terms and release paths used in the safety analyses are unchanged, thus the radiological releases in the accident analyses are not affected. Therefore, the consequences of an accident previously evaluated are not affected.

Therefore, there is no significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed amendment create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed changes would use the same type of electrical equipment with higher ratings and capacity, change the source of a battery back-up, and relocate equipment. The electrical equipment will continue to perform its design functions because the same electrical codes and standards as stated in the UFSAR continue to be met. Therefore the proposed changes do not affect equipment failure probabilities or alter any accident initiator or initiating sequence of events. The proposed changes in location of equipment and elevation of the TB first bay floor do not affect the design function of the TB first bay to protect the adjacent auxiliary building by meeting seismic Category II structure requirements, or affect the operation of the relocated equipment, or the ability of the relocated equipment to meet its design functions. Because the SSCs and equipment affected by the proposed changes continue to meet their design functions, the structural codes and standards as stated in the UFSAR, the proposed changes do not introduce a different type of accident than those previously considered.

Therefore, this activity does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of

accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?
Response: No.

The current seismic requirements applicable to the seismic Category II TB first bay structure, including the seismic modeling and analysis methods, will continue to apply to the TB first bay floor elevation increase. The proposed changes to relocate equipment and the increase in the floor elevation will continue to meet the fire rating requirements and will be in accordance with the same codes and standards currently identified in the UFSAR. The proposed changes to the electrical equipment will continue to meet existing electrical equipment industry standard recommendations identified in the UFSAR. Because no safety analysis or design basis acceptance limit/criterion is challenged or exceeded by these proposed changes, no margin of safety is reduced.

Therefore, the changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Ms. Kathryn M. Sutton, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLC, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004-2514.

NRC Branch Chief: Lawrence Burkhart.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michele G. Evans,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Power Upgrades; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Power Upgrades will hold a meeting on December 3, 2013, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance with the exception of a portion that may be closed to protect information that is proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, December 3, 2013—8:30 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will review the Monticello Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis plus license amendment request. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the licensee, (Northern States Power Company of Minnesota), the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Peter Wen (Telephone 301-415-2832 or Email: Peter.Wen@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2013 (78 CFR 67205-67206).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron

Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: November 13, 2013.

Cayetano Santos,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on December 4, 2013, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, December 4, 2013—12:00 p.m. Until 1:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Quynh Nguyen (Telephone 301-415-5844 or Email: Quynh.Nguyen@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings

were published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2013 (78 CFR 67205-67206).

Information regarding changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the DFO if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: November 13, 2013.

Cayetano Santos,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials will hold a meeting on December 3, 2013, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, December 3, 2013—8:30 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will review and discuss Part 61 rulemaking revisions and technical justifications. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of Agreement States, low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities, industry groups, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated

Federal Official (DFO), Derek Widmayer (Telephone 301-415-7366 or Email: Derek.Widmayer@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2013 (78 CFR 67205-67206).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Cayetano Santos,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials, Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Materials, Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels will hold a meeting on December 4, 2013, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, December 4, 2013—8:30 a.m. Until 12:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will review and discuss fuel fragmentation, relocation and dispersal research program results and conclusions. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Zena Abdullahi (Telephone 301-415-8716 or Email: Zena.Abdullahi@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2013 (78 CFR 67205-67206).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to

present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO.

Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

Cayetano Santos,
Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act Meetings Notice

DATES: Weeks of November 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of November 25, 2013

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 25, 2013.

Week of December 2, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 2, 2013.

Week of December 9, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 9, 2013.

Week of December 16, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 16, 2013.

Week of December 23, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 23, 2013.

Week of December 30, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 30, 2013.

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The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings, call (recording)—301-415-1292.

Contact person for more information: Rochelle Baval, 301-415-1651.

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Dated: November 21, 2013.

Rochelle C. Baval,
Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Request for External Review (3206-NEW); Model Notice of Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination and Case Intake Form

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: National Healthcare Operations, U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a new information collection request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control No. 3206-NEW, Request for External Review. The information collection comprises two forms: (1) Model Notice of Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, and (2) Case Intake Form. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting

comments for this collection. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 2013 at Volume 78 FR 47016 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. Two comments were received for the information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OPM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of OPM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 26, 2013. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management Budget,

725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent by email to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1334 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the Health Care Education Reconciliation Act, Public Law 111-152 (together, "Affordable Care Act"), directed OPM to enter into contracts with health insurance issuers to offer coverage on Exchanges (also called "Health Insurance Marketplaces") throughout the 50 States and the District of Columbia. OPM issued final regulations for the establishment of the Multi-State Plan (MSP) Program on March 11, 2013, 78 FR 15560, which outlined an external review process that would be available to MSP enrollees.

The regulations state that "OPM will conduct external review of adverse benefit determinations using a process similar to OPM review of disputed claims under [the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program] . . ." 45 CFR 800.503(a). A necessary part of conducting external review of adverse benefit determinations is accepting

requests for external review from MSP enrollees.

In addition to requests for external review, OPM anticipates that MSP enrollees may contact it about inquiries or complaints regarding MSP options, which may have to be referred to other appropriate entities such as State insurance departments, State consumer assistance programs, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This notice announces that OPM is submitting to OMB a request for review and clearance of a new information collection, Request for External Review, comprising two forms: (1) Model Notice of Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, and (2) Case Intake Form. MSP issuers would use the Model Notice Of Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination to provide written notice to enrollees about the result of any final internal adverse benefit determination, their external review rights, and how they may file a request for external review using one portion of the form. MSP enrollees, and their authorized representatives, would use the Case Intake Form to start or review a case regarding a request for external review about a denied claim, a complaint about an MSP issuer, or an inquiry for OPM.

Analysis

Agency: National Healthcare Operations, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Request for External Review.

OMB Number: 3206-NEW.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

	Model notice of final internal adverse benefit determination	Case intake form
Number of Respondents	448,000	800
Estimated Time (Hours) Per Respondent	0.08	1
Total Burden Hours	37,400	800

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Katherine Archuleta,
Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee meeting dates in 2014.

SUMMARY: According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

- Thursday, January 16, 2014
- Thursday, February 20, 2014
- Thursday, March 20, 2014
- Thursday, April 17, 2014
- Thursday, May 15, 2014

- Thursday, June 19, 2014
- Thursday, July 17, 2014
- Thursday, August 21, 2014
- Thursday, September 18, 2014
- Thursday, October 16, 2014
- Thursday, November 20, 2014
- Thursday, December 18, 2014

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions

holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal prevailing rate employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

These scheduled meetings are open to the public with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meetings either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public. Reports for calendar years 2008 to 2012 are posted at <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/pay-systems/federal-wage-system/#url=FPRAC>. Previous reports are also available, upon written request to the Committee.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5H27, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-9400.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Sheldon Friedman,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2014-3; Order No. 1882]

International Mail Contract

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning a bilateral rate and service agreement with Canada Post Corporation. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://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: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

Background. On November 15, 2013, the Postal Service filed notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.40 *et seq.*, announcing that it has entered into a bilateral agreement (Agreement) with Canada Post Corporation (Canada Post), along with a Type 2 rate adjustment.¹ It asks that the Commission include the Agreement within the Inbound Market-Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators I (MC2010-35) product on grounds of functional equivalence.

II. The Postal Service's Filings

Compliance with filing requirements. In addition to the Notice, the Postal Service filed an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal (Attachment 1); a redacted copy of the Canada Post Agreement (Attachment 2), filed separately;² and a redacted

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, November 15, 2013 (collectively, Notice).

² The Postal Service initially filed Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Attachment 2 to Notice of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, November 15, 2013. It later filed United States

Excel file with supporting financial documentation. Notice at 2. The Postal Service also filed unredacted copies of the Agreement and the supporting financial documentation under seal. *Id.* On November 18, 2013, the Postal Service filed with the Commission the non-public version of the relevant portion of the bilateral agreement and financial workpapers.³

The Agreement is the successor agreement to one previously found to be functionally equivalent to the Inbound Market-Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators I (MC2010-35).⁴ Notice at 1. The Postal Service identifies Canada Post, the postal operator for Canada, and the Postal Service as the parties to the Agreement. *Id.* at 3.

The Postal Service states that the Agreement includes negotiated pricing and settlement for various inbound letter-post products, including International Business Reply Service (IBRS), registered mail, and small packets with delivery confirmation. *Id.* It asserts that the Agreement will not only improve financial performance over default Universal Postal Union (UPU) rates, but will also continue to improve operational performance. *Id.* at 3-4. The Postal Service indicates that, with the inclusion of IBRS, Canada Post customers sending items to recipients in the United States will enable those recipients to return the items prepaid. *Id.* at 4.

The Postal Service identifies January 1, 2014 as the intended effective date; states that its Notice provides the requisite advance notice; identifies a Postal Service official as a contact person; provides financial data and information in the redacted workpapers; describes expected operational improvements; and addresses why the Agreement will not result in unreasonable harm to the marketplace.

Postal Service Notice of Filing of Replacement Attachment 2 to Notice of Filing Type 2 Rate Adjustment—Errata, November 18, 2013 (Attachment 2). For purposes of Commission review, the most recent filing of Attachment 2, submitted November 18, 2013, will be used in its review.

³ See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Non-Public Filing of Agreement and Financial Workpapers, November 18, 2013. The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a motion for late acceptance. See Motion for Late Acceptance of Non-Public Filing of Agreement and Financial Workpapers, November 18, 2013. This motion is granted.

⁴ See Docket No. R2012-5, Order No. 1078, Order Concerning Rate Adjustment for Bilateral Agreement with Canada Post Negotiated Service Agreement, December 27, 2011. See also Docket No. R2012-5, Order 1611, Order Concerning Amendment to Bilateral Agreement with Canada Post Negotiated Service Agreement, January 7, 2013.

Id. at 2–6. The intended expiration date is December 31, 2015, unless terminated sooner with at least 90 days' written notice by either party. Attachment 2 at 7–8.

Data collection and performance reporting proposals. The Postal Service proposes that no special data collection plan be created for the Agreement because it intends to report information on the Agreement through the Annual Compliance Report. *Id.* at 7. With respect to performance measurement, the Postal Service asks that it be excepted from separate reporting under 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3) based on Order No. 966.⁵ Notice at 7.

Statutory criteria. The Postal Service states that under 39 U.S.C. 3622(c)(10), the criteria for Commission review are whether the Agreement (1) Improves the Postal Service's net financial position or enhances performance of operational functions; (2) will not cause unreasonable harm to the marketplace; and (3) will be available on public and reasonable terms to similarly situated mailers. *Id.* It states that it addresses the first two criteria in its Notice and views the third criterion as inapplicable, given Canada Post's status as the designated operator for Letter Post originating in Canada. *Id.*

Functional equivalence. The Postal Service notes that in Order No. 1864, the Commission requested that it put forth a proposal for identification of the appropriate baseline for comparison of agreements for functional equivalency purposes.⁶ Notice at 8. The Postal Service states that the Agreement is the substantive equivalent to the predecessor agreement with Canada Post, which was included within Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product grouping. *Id.* It also states that the terms of the Agreement fit within the proposed Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language for Inbound Market-Dominant Multi-Service

⁵ In Order No. 966, the Commission granted the Postal Service's request for a standing exemption to performance reporting requirements for all contracts that fall within the parameters of the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operations 1 product. See Docket No. R2012–2, Order No. 966, Order Concerning an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 23, 2011, at 7.

⁶ Docket No. R2013–9, Order No. 1864, Order Approving an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Korea Post), October 30, 2013. In response, the Postal Service filed a motion for partial reconsideration. See Docket No. R2013–9, Motion of Partial Reconsideration of Order No. 1864, November 6, 2013.

Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 and will conform to a common description. *Id.* at 8–9. The Postal Service asserts that in comparison with its predecessor, cost characteristics and the financial models used to project costs and revenues are the same as the predecessor agreement. *Id.* at 9. It states that while minor differences exist, they mostly reflect a reorganization of terms, but make no actual changes to the terms. *Id.* The Postal Service states that none of these differences detracts from the conclusion that the Agreement is functionally equivalent to its predecessor agreement. *Id.*

III. Commission Action

The Commission, in conformance with rule 3010.44, establishes Docket No. R2014–3 to consider matters raised by the Notice. The Commission invites interested persons to submit comments on whether the Notice is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 39 CFR 3010.40. Comments are due no later than December 2, 2013.⁷

The public portions of the Postal Service's filings have been posted on the Commission's Web site. They can be accessed at <http://www.prc.gov>. Information on how to obtain access to non-public material is available at 39 CFR part 3007.

The Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. R2014–3 to consider matters raised by the Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, filed November 15, 2013.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons are due no later than December 2, 2013.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,

Acting Secretary.

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⁷ Due to the Notice's filing date and considering the Agreement's effective date, the Commission finds it appropriate to extend the comment period prescribed in 39 CFR 3010.44(a)(5) to December 2, 2013.

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2014–2; Order No. 1881]

International Mail Contract

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning a bilateral rate and service agreement with Australian Postal Corporation. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://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: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

Background. On November 15, 2013, the Postal Service filed notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.40 *et seq.*, announcing that it has entered into a bilateral agreement (Agreement) with Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post), along with a Type 2 rate adjustment.¹ It asks that the Commission include the Agreement within the Inbound Market-Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators I (MC2010–35) product on grounds of functional equivalence.

II. The Postal Service's Filings

Compliance with filing requirements. In addition to the Notice, the Postal Service filed an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal (Attachment 1); a redacted copy of the Australia Post Agreement (Attachment 2); and a redacted Excel file with supporting financial documentation. Notice at 1–2. The Postal Service also filed unredacted copies of the Agreement and the

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, November 15, 2013 (collectively, Notice).

supporting financial documentation under seal. *Id.*

The Agreement is the successor agreement to one previously found to be functionally equivalent to the Inbound Market-Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators I (MC2010–35).² Notice at 1. The Postal Service identifies Australia Post, the postal operator for Australia, and the Postal Service as the parties to the Agreement. *Id.* at 3.

The Postal Service states that the Agreement includes negotiated pricing for various inbound letter-post products, including small packets with delivery confirmation and registered mail. *Id.* It asserts that the Agreement will not only improve financial performance over default Universal Postal Union (UPU) rates, but will also improve operational performance and other factors. *Id.* The Postal Service indicates that it has incorporated the framework for a new product into the Agreement; however the parties are not yet prepared to introduce the new product.³ *Id.*

The Postal Service identifies January 1, 2014 as the intended effective date; states that its Notice provides the requisite advance notice; identifies a Postal Service official as a contact person; provides financial data and information in the redacted workpapers; describes expected operational improvements; and addresses why the Agreement will not result in unreasonable harm to the marketplace. *Id.* at 2–6. The intended duration is two years from the effective date, subject to earlier termination or extension by amendment. *Id.* Attachment 2 at 7.

Data collection and performance reporting proposals. The Postal Service proposes that no special data collection plan be created for the Agreement because it intends to report information on the Agreement through the Annual Compliance Report. *Id.* at 6. With respect to performance measurement, the Postal Service asks that it be excepted from separate reporting under 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3) based on a previous Commission order.⁴ Notice at 6.

Statutory criteria. The Postal Service states that under 39 U.S.C. 3622(c)(10), the criteria for Commission review are whether the Agreement (1) Improves the Postal Service's net financial position or

enhances performance of operational functions; (2) will not cause unreasonable harm to the marketplace; and (3) will be available on public and reasonable terms to similarly situated mailers. *Id.* at 7. It states that it addresses the first two criteria in its Notice and views the third criterion as inapplicable, given Australia Post's status as the designated operator for Letter Post originating in Australia. *Id.*

Functional equivalence. The Postal Service notes that in Order No. 1864, the Commission requested that it put forth a proposal for identification of the appropriate baseline for comparison of agreements for functional equivalency purposes.⁵ Notice at 7–8. The Postal Service states that the Agreement is functionally equivalent to previously included agreements because “it is in all material respects the same as the predecessor agreement between these two parties . . . ,” which was found by the Commission to be appropriately classified in this product grouping. *Id.* at 8. It also states that the terms of the Agreement fit within the proposed Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language for Inbound Market-Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 and will conform to a common description. *Id.* The Postal Service asserts that in comparison with its predecessor, cost characteristics and the financial models used to project costs and revenues are the same and, except for minor changes, the Agreement and its predecessor are nearly identical. *Id.*

The Postal Service identifies two differences between the Agreement and its predecessor. Annex 7 of the Agreement incorporates an amendment made to the predecessor agreement. *Id.* at 8–9. Annex 8 concerning the potential new product is included in the Agreement, but is not yet operative. *Id.* at 9. It was included to facilitate implementation when the parties are prepared to introduce the service, without need for formal amendment of the Agreement. *Id.* Other minor differences are also included. *Id.* at 9–10. The Postal Service states that none of these differences detracts from the conclusion that the Agreement is functionally equivalent to its predecessor agreement. *Id.* at 10.

² See Docket No. R2012–2, Order Concerning an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 23, 2011 (Order No. 996).

³ The Postal Service states that it will prepare and file any necessary classification and rate filings with the Commission when the new product is ready to be introduced. *Id.* at n.2.

⁴ See Order No. 996 at 7.

⁵ Docket No. R2013–9, Order No. 1864, Order Approving an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Korea Post), October 30, 2013. In response, the Postal Service filed a motion for partial reconsideration. See Docket No. R2013–9, Motion of Partial Reconsideration of Order No. 1864, November 6, 2013.

III. Commission Action

The Commission, in conformance with rule 3010.44, establishes Docket No. R2014–2 to consider matters raised by the Notice. The Commission invites interested persons to submit comments on whether the Notice is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 39 CFR 3010.40. Comments are due no later than December 2, 2013.⁶

The public portions of the Postal Service's filings have been posted on the Commission's Web site. They can be accessed at <http://www.prc.gov>.

Information on how to obtain access to non-public material is available at 39 CFR part 3007.

The Commission appoints Natalie R. Ward to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. R2014–2 to consider matters raised by the Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, filed November 15, 2013.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Natalie R. Ward is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons are due no later than December 2, 2013.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–70906; File No. SR–FINRA–2013–046]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to TRACE Reporting and Dissemination of Transactions in Additional Asset- Backed Securities

November 20, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

⁶ Due to the Notice's filing date and considering the Agreement's effective date, the Commission finds it appropriate to extend the comment period prescribed in 39 CFR 3010.44(a)(5) to December 2, 2013.

(“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2013, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to amend the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and the Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (“TRACE”) dissemination protocols to disseminate additional Asset-Backed Securities transactions and, concomitantly, to reduce the reporting periods for such securities. FINRA also proposes to re-name as “Securitized Products” the broad group of securities currently defined as “Asset-Backed Securities,” to re-define the term “Asset-Backed Security” more narrowly to mean the specific securities that FINRA proposes to disseminate in the proposed rule change, to make other definitional changes and to incorporate technical and conforming amendments to the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and FINRA Rule 7730 in connection with provisions that have expired and the amendments referenced above.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.³

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared

summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

FINRA proposes to amend the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and the TRACE dissemination protocols to provide for the dissemination of transactions in an additional group of Asset-Backed Securities. Transactions in such Asset-Backed Securities effected pursuant to Rule 144A⁴ under the Securities Act of 1933⁵ (“Rule 144A transactions”) will also be disseminated.⁶ Concomitantly, FINRA proposes to reduce the reporting period for such Asset-Backed Securities and incorporate two changes to the TRACE dissemination protocols. FINRA also proposes to re-name as Securitized Products the broad group of securities currently defined as Asset-Backed Securities in FINRA Rule 6710(m) and, in a proposed new definition in FINRA Rule 6710(cc), to re-define the term Asset-Backed Security more narrowly to mean the specific securities that FINRA proposes to disseminate in the proposed rule change (e.g., asset-backed securities collateralized by pools of credit card receivables, student loans, auto loans, etc.).⁷ Also, in FINRA Rule 6710, FINRA proposes to add three new definitions

⁴ 17 CFR 230.144A.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.* (hereinafter “Securities Act”).

⁶ The SEC recently approved FINRA’s proposed rule change to disseminate transactions in TRACE-Eligible Securities effected as Rule 144A transactions (provided that securities of the same type are subject to dissemination if effected in non-Rule 144A transactions). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70345 (September 6, 2013), 78 FR 56251 (September 12, 2013) (Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Dissemination of Transactions in TRACE-Eligible Securities that are Effected Pursuant to Securities Act Rule 144A); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70691 (October 16, 2013), 78 FR 62788 (October 22, 2013) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to TRACE Fees for Securities Act Rule 144A Transaction Data) (together, “Rule 144A Dissemination Amendments”); and *Regulatory Notice* 13–35 (announcing June 30, 2014 as the effective date for SR–FINRA–2013–029 and SR–FINRA–2013–043). As a result, when the proposed rule change to disseminate the designated group of Asset-Backed Securities is approved and becomes effective, both Rule 144A and non-Rule 144A transactions in such Asset-Backed Securities will be disseminated.

⁷ Except when the context requires otherwise, hereinafter, FINRA uses the terms Securitized Product and Asset-Backed Security as if adopted (*i.e.*, Asset-Backed Security means a narrow class of Securitized Product as defined in proposed FINRA Rule 6710(cc) and Securitized Product means the broader group of products and instruments, including Asset-Backed Securities).

and amend the defined terms “List or Fixed Offering Price Transaction” and “Takedown Transaction” to apply to certain primary market transactions in Asset-Backed Securities.⁸ Finally, in the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and FINRA Rule 7730, FINRA proposes to delete reporting provisions that have expired and incorporate additional technical and conforming amendments consistent with the above-referenced proposed amendments to the FINRA Rule 6700 Series.

Definitions

Asset-Backed Security—Proposed FINRA Rule 6710(cc)

FINRA proposes to re-define Asset-Backed Security more narrowly to describe a specific class of Securitized Products that is the subject of the proposed rule change. FINRA believes that the proposed narrower definition of Asset-Backed Security is consistent with industry usage. In addition, to clarify the scope of the term, FINRA proposes to specifically exclude three types of instruments from the term Asset-Backed Security: (i) Agency Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Securities traded to be announced (“TBA”)⁹ or in Specified Pool Transactions;¹⁰ (ii) SBA-Backed ABS¹¹ traded TBA or in Specified Pool Transactions; and (iii) Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (“CMOs”).¹² As re-defined in proposed FINRA Rule 6710(cc), the term “Asset-Backed Security” means:

A type of Securitized Product where the Asset-Backed Security is collateralized by any type of financial asset, such as a consumer or student loan, a lease, or a secured or unsecured receivable, but excludes: (i) An Agency Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Security as defined in paragraph (v) traded To Be Announced (“TBA”) as defined in paragraph (u) or in a Specified Pool Transaction as defined in paragraph (x); (ii) an SBA-Backed ABS as defined in paragraph (bb) traded TBA or in a Specified Pool Transaction; and (iii) a Collateralized Mortgage Obligation as defined in paragraph (dd).

In addition, in proposed Supplementary Material .01 to FINRA Rule 6710, FINRA provides additional

⁸ The terms List or Fixed Offering Price and Takedown Transaction are defined in, respectively, FINRA Rule 6710(q) and FINRA Rule 6710(r).

⁹ The terms Agency Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Security and To Be Announced (“TBA”) are defined, respectively, in FINRA Rule 6710(v) and FINRA Rule 6710(u).

¹⁰ The term Specified Pool Transaction is defined in FINRA Rule 6710(x).

¹¹ The term SBA-Backed ABS is defined in FINRA Rule 6710(bb).

¹² FINRA proposes to define the term Collateralized Mortgage Obligation in proposed FINRA Rule 6710(dd). See note 17.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ As part of the proposed rule change, FINRA submitted an Exhibit 4 and an Exhibit 5. The Exhibit 4 shows the text of the proposed rule change marked to show the proposed changes as compared to the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and FINRA Rule 7730 including amendments approved by the SEC as if such amendments were effective. See note 6. The Exhibit 5 shows the text of the proposed rule change marked to show the proposed changes as compared to the current rule text of the rules in accordance with the requirements of Form 19b–4.

guidance regarding the scope of the defined term Asset-Backed Security.¹³

Securitized Product—Amended FINRA Rule 6710(m)

FINRA proposes to amend FINRA Rule 6710(m) to re-name as Securitized Products the broader group of securities currently defined as Asset-Backed Securities. The term Securitized Product is used widely to describe the broad group of securities, including various types of mortgage-backed securities that FINRA currently refers to in FINRA Rule 6710(m). FINRA's proposal to adopt the term Securitized Product to apply to this wide range of structured and securitized instruments is consistent with industry usage.

Proposed amended FINRA Rule 6710(m) also includes a technical amendment to change a reference to Section 3(a)(77)(A) of the Act¹⁴ to Section 3(a)(79)(A) of the Act.¹⁵ Section 3(a)(77) of the Act was renumbered in Section 101(b)(1) of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (the "JOBS Act").¹⁶ Proposed amended FINRA Rule 6710(m) provides:

"Securitized Product" means a security collateralized by any type of financial asset, such as a loan, a lease, a mortgage, or a secured or unsecured receivable, and includes but is not limited to an asset-backed security as defined in Section 3(a)(79)(A) of the Exchange Act, a synthetic asset-backed security, and any residual tranche or interest of any security specified above, which tranche or interest is a debt security for purposes of paragraph (a) and the Rule 6700 Series.

Other Definitions

FINRA proposes to define Collateralized Mortgage Obligation, Agency-Backed Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security and Non-Agency-

¹³ Proposed Supplementary Material .01 to FINRA Rule 6710 provides that Asset-Backed Security shall include, but is not limited to:

Securities collateralized by the following types of assets and securities: Credit card receivables; automobile loans and leases; student loans; home equity loans and home equity lines of credit; aircraft leases; automobile floorplan and wholesale loans; motorcycle loans and leases; recreational vehicle loans; manufactured housing loans; commercial loans; tranches of other Asset-Backed Securities; reinsurance; timeshare obligations; loans or other financial instruments generating a stream of payments and guaranteed as to principal or interest (or both) by the Small Business Administration (traded other than to be announced ("TBA") as defined in paragraph (u) or in a Specified Pool Transaction as defined in paragraph (x)); collateralized debt obligations; collateralized bond obligations; collateralized loan obligations; and Non-Agency Backed Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities as defined in paragraph (ff).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(77)(A).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(79)(A).

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(77). The JOBS Act was enacted on April 5, 2012; Public Law 112–106, 126 Stat. 306 (2012).

Backed Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security in, respectively, proposed FINRA Rule 6710(dd), proposed FINRA Rule 6710(ee) and proposed FINRA Rule 6710(ff) to provide additional clarity regarding various classes of securities that are included in, or excluded from, the terms Securitized Product and Asset-Backed Security and the various dissemination and reporting requirements applicable to these different types of Securitized Products.¹⁷

Dissemination

Currently, FINRA requires that virtually all transactions in U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities, except U.S. Treasury securities, foreign sovereign securities and municipal securities, be reported to TRACE, and most transactions reported are subject to dissemination immediately upon receipt of a transaction report.

Securitized Products were the last major group of securities to be added to TRACE. After studying the liquidity and trading characteristics of various classes of Securitized Products, FINRA began to disseminate Securitized Products in phases, beginning with the dissemination of two very significant segments: TBA transactions and Specified Pool transactions in Agency

¹⁷ In proposed FINRA Rule 6710(dd), Collateralized Mortgage Obligation is defined as:

A type of Securitized Product structured in multiple classes (or tranches) backed by Agency Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Securities as defined in paragraph (v), mortgage loans, certificates backed by project loans or construction loans, other types of mortgage-backed securities or assets derivative of mortgage-backed securities, and includes a real estate mortgage investment conduit ("REMIC") and an Agency-Backed Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security as defined in paragraph (ee).

In proposed FINRA Rule 6710(ee), Agency-Backed Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security is defined as:

A type of Securitized Product that is classified as a Collateralized Mortgage Obligation for purposes of the Rule 6700 Series and Rule 7730 and is issued in conformity with a program of an Agency as defined in paragraph (k) or a Government-Sponsored Enterprise ("GSE") as defined in paragraph (n), for which the timely payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the Agency or GSE, representing ownership interest in a pool (or pools) of mortgage loans on commercial property.

In proposed FINRA Rule 6710(ff), Non-Agency-Backed Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security is defined as:

A type of Securitized Product that is classified as an Asset-Backed Security for purposes of the Rule 6700 Series and Rule 7730 and is issued by an entity other than an Agency as defined in paragraph (k) or a Government-Sponsored Enterprise ("GSE") as defined in paragraph (n), representing ownership interest in a pool (or pools) of mortgage loans on commercial property.

Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Securities and SBA-Backed ABS.¹⁸

FINRA proposes that transactions in Asset-Backed Securities be disseminated, including Rule 144A transactions in such securities, to increase transparency in the bond market, and particularly in the market for Asset-Backed Securities.¹⁹ FINRA has reviewed substantial amounts of transaction data for Asset-Backed Securities since reporting began on May 16, 2011. The Asset-Backed Securities market is considered a largely institutional market.²⁰ In 2012, the average daily par value traded in Asset-Backed Securities was \$5.8 billion, which was approximately the same size of the market in publicly traded Non-Investment Grade corporate bonds.²¹ Consistent with the institutional nature of Asset-Backed Securities transactions, although the size of the Asset-Backed Securities market is comparable to the market for publicly-traded Non-Investment Grade corporate bonds, there are substantially fewer trades in Asset-Backed Securities.

Based on the characteristics of the market, FINRA believes that the proposed additional price transparency in the Asset-Backed Securities market will enhance the ability of investors to identify and negotiate fair and

¹⁸ On November 12, 2012, FINRA began disseminating transactions in Agency Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Securities traded TBA ("MBS TBA transactions"), which are the most liquid Securitized Products. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66829 (April 18, 2012), 77 FR 24748 (April 25, 2012) (SEC Approval Order, File No. SR-FINRA-2012-020). See also *Regulatory Notice 12-26* (May 2012) and *Regulatory Notice 12-48* (November 2012).

On July 22, 2013, FINRA began disseminating Agency Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Securities and SBA-Backed ABS traded in Specified Pool Transactions, which are correlated in pricing to MBS TBA transactions and TBA transactions in SBA-Backed ABS. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68084 (October 23, 2012), 77 FR 65436 (October 26, 2012) (SEC Approval Order of File No. SR-FINRA-2012-042) and *Regulatory Notice 12-56* (December 2012).

¹⁹ See *supra* note 6, Rule 144A Dissemination Amendments.

The proposed rule change to disseminate Asset-Backed Securities would be the third group of Securitized Products to be disseminated. FINRA continues to review the fourth subclass of Securitized Products—CMOs and Agency-Backed Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities—and, at a later date, may propose that transactions in such Securitized Products be disseminated.

²⁰ There appear to be few retail customer transactions in the market; only 10 percent of all Asset-Backed Securities transactions with customers are for less than \$100,000. (For purposes of assessing the level of retail and institutional customer participation in TRACE-Eligible Securities, FINRA considers a trade of less than \$100,000 to be a reasonable proxy for retail customer participation.)

²¹ The term Non-Investment Grade is defined in FINRA Rule 6710(i).

competitive prices for Asset-Backed Securities. Dissemination of Asset-Backed Securities transactions may assist both buy and sell-side market participants in price discovery when pricing and trading such securities. In addition, in some types of Asset-Backed Securities, such as Asset-Backed Securities backed by auto loans, disseminating the pricing of one Asset-Backed Security will aid in pricing a different Asset-Backed Security where both securities are substantially similar and, to some degree, fungible (*e.g.*, both Asset-Backed Securities are backed by pools of auto loans having approximately the same average duration and the same average coupon rate, and the borrowers, on average, posing the same level of credit risk). Also, FINRA believes that dissemination of such transactions will assist all market participants in determining the quality of their executions and firms in complying with their regulatory obligations. Further, transparency in this sector may improve the quality of pricing for valuation purposes, which is critical for both dealers and institutions.

After dissemination begins, FINRA will observe the trading in Asset-Backed Securities to monitor the impact of price transparency in the market for Asset-Backed Securities as FINRA previously has done when initiating dissemination in any group of TRACE-Eligible Securities.

Reporting Reduction of Time to Report

Members must report transactions in corporate bonds, Agency Debt Securities²² and MBS TBA transactions for good delivery (“MBS TBA GD”) no later than 15 minutes from the time of execution, and transaction information is disseminated immediately upon receipt of a transaction report.²³ This 15-minute timeframe has proven effective in providing timely and meaningful transaction data to market participants.²⁴

In connection with the proposal to disseminate Asset-Backed Securities

transactions, FINRA proposes to reduce the period to report such transactions. Initially, the reporting period will be reduced from the end of the day on the trade date during TRACE System Hours to no later than 45 minutes from the time of execution as provided in proposed FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(B)(i)b.²⁵ After approximately six months, the reporting period will be reduced again from no later than 45 minutes from the time of execution to no later than 15 minutes from the time of execution as provided in proposed FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(B)(ii).²⁶

Reducing the time to report Asset-Backed Securities transactions will provide more timely price and other transaction information to the market. Reducing the time to report in two phases will provide members a period to adjust policies and procedures and make required technical changes. FINRA notes that even under the end-of-day reporting requirements currently in place, members report approximately 63% of all Asset-Backed Securities transactions within 45 minutes of the time of execution, and approximately 50% of such transactions within 15 minutes of the time of execution.²⁷

List or Fixed Offering Price and Takedown Transactions

Many Asset-Backed Securities are underwritten using a syndicated process that is similar to the offering process for corporate bonds. In syndicated offerings, there may be a number of transactions that occur at the list or fixed offering price (or the takedown price). Under the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and FINRA Rule 7730, FINRA provides more flexible treatment for TRACE-Eligible Securities transactions

²⁵ See proposed FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(B)(i). Like the reporting requirements currently in effect for other TRACE-Eligible Securities, FINRA also proposes exceptions to the 45-minute timeframe for transactions executed near the end of the business day or when the TRACE system is not open. See proposed FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(B)(i)a., c., and d.

²⁶ The transitional phase for reducing reporting timeframes in proposed FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(B)(i) will expire after approximately 180 days. To accommodate member requests that, if possible, rule changes requiring technology changes occur on a Friday, proposed FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(B)(i) provides that the ABS Transitional Phase will expire on a Friday (*i.e.*, on the 180th day, if a Friday, or, if the 180th day is not a Friday, on the Friday next occurring that the TRACE system is open).

Proposed FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(B)(ii) incorporates by reference Rule 6730(a)(1)(A) through (D), which require members to report transactions no later than 15 minutes from the time of execution, subject to the same exceptions for transactions executed near the end of the business day or when the TRACE system is not open.

²⁷ The data is based on Asset-Backed Securities transactions reported from December 1, 2011 through April 30, 2013.

(except Securitized Products) that are effected in accordance with the fixed price and other requirements of a List or Fixed Offering Price Transaction, as defined in FINRA Rule 6710(q), or those of a Takedown Transaction, as defined in FINRA Rule 6710(r). The advantages of reporting under the provisions are three-fold: A member may report a List or Fixed Offering Price Transaction or a Takedown Transaction as late as T + 1 during TRACE system hours as provided in FINRA Rule 6730(a)(2); such transactions are not disseminated as provided in FINRA Rule 6750(b)(3); and a member is not charged a reporting fee for such transactions as provided in FINRA Rule 7730(b)(1)(C).

In light of the similarity of the offering process used to distribute corporate bonds and many Asset-Backed Securities, FINRA proposes to amend FINRA Rule 6710(q) and FINRA Rule 6710(r) to afford members that effect primary market Asset-Backed Securities transactions that meet all the requirements of a List or Fixed Offering Price Transaction or a Takedown Transaction the more flexible treatment set forth in FINRA Rule 6730(a)(2), FINRA Rule 6750(b)(3), and FINRA Rule 7730(b)(1)(C) for such transactions.²⁸

Dissemination Protocols

FINRA proposes to amend the TRACE dissemination protocols to disseminate Asset-Backed Securities transactions subject to a \$10 million dissemination cap and not to include certain information in disseminated Asset-Backed Securities transaction data.

Dissemination Caps

Currently, there are TRACE dissemination caps in place, under which the actual size (volume) of a transaction over a specified par value is not displayed in disseminated TRACE transaction data. A range of dissemination caps is in effect for various types of TRACE-Eligible Securities.²⁹

²⁸ All primary market transactions in other classes of Securitized Products will continue to be specifically excluded from the definitions of List or Fixed Offering Price Transaction and Takedown Transaction, because, in general, such Securitized Products are structured, offered and sold quite differently than corporate bonds (*e.g.*, a large number of Securitized Products sales are for forward delivery, and most such securities are not underwritten using a syndicated process generating a large number of transactions occurring at the same price).

²⁹ The dissemination caps applicable to transactions in various types of TRACE-Eligible Securities are: (a) \$5 million (for Investment Grade corporate bonds and Agency Debt Securities); (b) \$1 million (for Non-Investment Grade corporate bonds); (c) \$25 million (for MBS TBA GD); and (d)

FINRA analyzed the distribution of Asset-Backed Securities transactions, including Rule 144A transactions in such securities, to determine an appropriate dissemination cap, and proposes setting a \$10 million dissemination cap for such transactions. For a transaction in an Asset-Backed Security of less than \$10 million (original par or principal value), the actual size will be disseminated, and for a transaction in an Asset-Backed Security greater than \$10 million, "\$10MM+" will be disseminated.³⁰ FINRA will monitor the effects of the \$10MM+ dissemination cap on the Asset-Backed Securities market. The proposed dissemination cap size of \$10 million is comparable to the dissemination caps for Non-Investment Grade corporate bonds, measured by the percentage of transactions and the par value to be disseminated subject to the dissemination caps, and more conservative than the dissemination caps in place for Investment Grade corporate bond transactions.³¹ FINRA believes that it is important to be conservative at the onset of dissemination and will observe the effects of the \$10 million dissemination cap on the market. FINRA may propose modifications to the dissemination cap size in the future if warranted.

Other Dissemination Protocols

FINRA proposes that the dissemination protocols currently in use for most TRACE-Eligible Securities transactions be modified in two ways when applied to disseminated Asset-Backed Securities transactions. Current standard data elements that are disseminated for TRACE-Eligible Securities include, among other things, a dealer/customer indicator (indicating the type of contra party) and a buy/sell indicator.³² However, the Asset-Backed

\$10 million (for MBS TBA NGD, Agency Pass-Through Mortgage-Backed Securities traded in Specified Pool transactions, and SBA-Backed ABS traded in TBA and Specified Pool transactions). The term Investment Grade is defined in FINRA Rule 6710(h).

³⁰ Approximately 17.6 percent of trades and approximately 75.6 percent of original par or principal value traded in Asset-Backed Securities transactions (other than Rule 144A transactions) will be disseminated subject to the \$10MM+ dissemination cap. For Rule 144A transactions in Asset-Backed Securities, approximately 28.5 percent of trades and approximately 88.1 percent of original par or principal value traded will be disseminated subject to the \$10MM+ dissemination cap. The information is based on transactions reported from May 16, 2011 through December 2012.

³¹ Based on transactions reported from TRACE inception through December 2012.

³² Additional standard data elements include the CUSIP, the time and date of the transaction, price, and the size (subject to dissemination caps).

Securities market differs from the corporate bond market in that it is smaller and largely institutional. Noting the smaller number of participants in the Asset-Backed Securities market, market participants raised concerns regarding protecting the confidentiality of dealer and customer trading strategies, identities and positions in certain types of Asset-Backed Securities.

FINRA has considered these factors and proposes not to disseminate the dealer/customer and buy/sell indicators to address such concerns. FINRA believes that dissemination of Asset-Backed Securities transactions without these items will protect sensitive information regarding the trading strategies, identities and positions of investors and will not expose dealers to additional risk in providing liquidity, while providing market participants sufficient information about Asset-Backed Securities transactions.

Additional Data Availability Under FINRA Rule 7730

FINRA compiles disseminated real-time data for transactions, which is organized in three data sets: The Corporate Bond Data Set, the Agency Data Set and the ABS Data Set as provided in FINRA Rule 7730. In addition, in the Rule 144A Dissemination Amendments, FINRA established a Rule 144A Data Set.³³ Historic TRACE Data is similarly organized.³⁴

Currently, Asset-Backed Securities data—organized as the ABS Data Set, and for Historic TRACE Data, as the Historic ABS Data Set—includes all Securitized Products transactions that are disseminated (*i.e.*, all TBA transactions and all Specified Pool Transactions).

FINRA proposes to include the transaction information from disseminated Asset-Backed Securities transactions in the ABS Data Set (to be renamed the "SP Data Set") and the Historic ABS Data Set (to be renamed the "Historic SP Data Set").³⁵ Asset-

Specified Pool Transactions are disseminated subject to modified dissemination protocols. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68084 (October 23, 2012), 77 FR 65436 (October 26, 2012) (SEC Approval Order of File No. SR-FINRA-2012-042) and *Regulatory Notice* 12-56 (December 2012).

³³ See *supra* note 6, Rule 144A Dissemination Amendments.

³⁴ FINRA also established a Historic Rule 144A Data Set as part of the Rule 144A Dissemination Amendments. See *supra* note 6, Rule 144A Dissemination Amendments.

³⁵ The ABS Data Set and the Historic ABS Data Set will be re-named, respectively, the SP Data Set and the Historic SP Data Set, as part of the amendments to the Rule 6700 Series and Rule 7730 in connection with re-naming as Securitized Products the broad group of securities currently

Backed Securities that are traded in Rule 144A transactions will be included in, respectively, the Rule 144A Data Set, when available, and the Historic Rule 144A Data Set, when available.

FINRA does not propose to amend the fees currently in effect for the SP Data Set and the Historic SP Data Set. Similarly, when the Rule 144A Data Set and the Historic Rule 144A Data Set become available, disseminated information regarding Rule 144A transactions in Asset-Backed Securities will be included in such data sets without any change to the applicable fees.³⁶

Other Amendments

The reporting requirements for Securitized Products that are MBS TBA GD and MBS TBA NGD are set forth in FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(D) and FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(E), respectively, and include references to two pilot programs that have expired. Reporting requirements for certain other Securitized Products in FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3) cross-reference these reporting provisions. FINRA proposes to eliminate the provisions that have expired and all cross-references thereto in FINRA Rule 6730(a) and make conforming changes.³⁷

Finally, FINRA proposes conforming and technical amendments to the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and FINRA Rule 7730 to reflect the proposed definitions, Securitized Product and Asset-Backed Security, and generally the use of the term Securitized Product in lieu of Asset-Backed Security; to make similar changes in FINRA Rule 7730 to delete the terms ABS Data Set and Historic ABS Data Set and substitute the terms SP Data Set and Historic SP Data Set; and, to make other technical and conforming amendments consistent with the amendments described herein to the FINRA Rule 6700 Series.

FINRA will announce the effective date of the proposed rule change in a *Regulatory Notice* to be published no later than 60 days following Commission approval. The effective date will be no later than 270 days following publication of the *Regulatory Notice* announcing Commission approval.

referred to as Asset-Backed Securities and redefining the term Asset-Backed Securities more narrowly, as discussed, *infra*. A transaction in a disseminated TRACE-Eligible Security becomes available as part of Historic TRACE Data no earlier than 18 months after the specific transaction is reported to TRACE.

³⁶ See *supra* note 6, Rule 144A Dissemination Amendments.

³⁷ See proposed amendments to FINRA Rule 6730(a)(3)(D) through (G).

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,³⁸ which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA believes that the proposed rule change will increase transparency in the Asset-Backed Securities market, which may enhance the ability of investors to engage in meaningful price discovery to identify and negotiate fair and competitive prices for Asset-Backed Securities. In addition, the proposed dissemination of Asset-Backed Securities transaction data will allow investors to compare their executions with executions in the same and similar securities in the market and may facilitate their assessment of the quality of the executions provided to them. Similarly, additional transparency in such securities transactions may assist broker-dealers in complying with their regulatory obligations regarding best execution. Finally, for broker-dealers and institutional investors that hold positions in such Asset-Backed Securities, the proposed increased transparency may enable them to improve the accuracy of their valuation of such positions. These enhancements in pricing, increased capabilities to compare execution quality in transactions, and more accurate valuation of positions that may result from the additional market transparency are designed to deter or prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Based on the characteristics of the market, FINRA believes that additional price transparency in the Asset-Backed Securities market may enhance the ability of investors to identify and negotiate fair and competitive prices for these securities. In addition, dissemination may assist institutional and retail customers in determining the quality of executions provided to them, which should incentivize broker-dealers

to provide competitive executions in such securities.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2013-046 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2013-046. 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 Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the

Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2013-046 and should be submitted on or before December 17, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³⁹

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Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend the CBSX Fees Schedule

November 20, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that, on November 14, 2013, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fees Schedule of its CBOE Stock

³⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

Exchange (“CBSX”). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

CBSX proposes to make a number of amendments to Section 1 of its Fees Schedule, which states: The following fees from the CBOE Fee Schedule apply to CBSX Users: Sales Value Fee, Facility Fees (except section A of the Facility Fees), Trading Permit Fees, and Trading Permit Holder Application Fees. First, CBSX proposes [sic] remove “Trading Permit Fees” from the above statement. The only CBOE Trading Permit Fee that is applicable to CBSX is the CBSX Trading Permit Fee, which is \$0.³ Since this is a CBSX-specific fee, the Exchange proposes to add to the CBSX Fees Schedule Section 9, Permit Fees, with the statement CBSX will assess no permit fees. The Exchange also proposes to amend the reference in Section 1 of the CBSX Fees Schedule to the “CBOE Fee Schedule” to add the letter “s” at the end of the word “Fee”, as that is the correct naming of the CBOE Fees Schedule.

Second, CBSX proposes to clarify that only those fees that are applicable to CBSX Users apply to CBSX Users by adding the parenthetical “(as applicable)” to the end of the statement “The following fees from the CBOE Fee Schedule apply to CBSX Users”. For example, one of the Facility Fees listed on the CBOE Fees Schedule is the \$120

Floor Manager badge fee. However, since CBSX is an all-electronic exchange that does not have a trading floor, CBSX Users could not have a Floor Manager, and therefore the Floor Manager badge fee would not be applicable to CBSX.

Third, CBSX proposes to delete from Section 1 the parenthetical that excepts from applicability to CBSX Users section A of the CBOE Facility Fees. For one, the CBOE Fees Schedule has been re-organized since Section 1 of the CBSX Fees Schedule was adopted, and there is no longer a “section A” of the CBOE Facility Fees. Further, the fees listed in the old Section A of the CBOE Facility Fees were the CBOE Booth Fees, which apply to CBOE Trading Permit Holders that have booths on the CBOE trading floor. Since CBSX is an all-electronic exchange that does not have a trading floor, CBSX Users would not have booths, and so this fee would not be applicable to CBSX Users (and therefore the inapplicability of the Booth Fees to CBSX Users would be covered by the aforementioned proposed addition of the parenthetical “(as applicable)”).

The Exchange also proposes to make the proposed new Section 9, Permit Fees, also include CBSX-specific application-related fees, and adopt a one-time “Responsible Person” fee of \$500. A “Responsible Person” is an individual designated by an organization that is the holder of a Trading Permit to represent the organization with respect to that Trading Permit in all matters relating to CBSX. The Responsible Person must be a United States-based officer, director or management-level employee of the Permit Holder, who is responsible for the direct supervision and control of Associated Persons of that Permit Holder. Each organization that is the holder of a Trading Permit must designate an individual as the Responsible Person for the Permit Holder. The Responsible Person must be affiliated with the Permit Holder.⁴ The Exchange conducts an investigation and review of each person who the holder of a Trading Permit has identified as the holder’s Responsible Person. This investigation and review may include a fingerprint criminal background check and the individual’s consent to the Exchange’s jurisdiction over the individual. CBSX proposes to assess this fee in order to cover the costs of this investigation and review. This fee will not be assessed for a Responsible Person who is also an Associated Person with

the same Trading Permit Holder, as the same investigation and review is conducted for each Associated Person as is conducted for each Responsible Person. Since the investigation and review will not be conducted twice for a Responsible Person who is also an Associated Person, CBSX does not propose to assess both fees in such a circumstance. Other exchanges [sic] assess a Responsible Person fee.⁵

Finally, CBSX proposes to add the language “after three months, all fees as assessed by CBSX are considered final by CBSX” to the end of the CBSX Fees Schedule. This will serve to encourage CBSX Users to promptly review their Exchange invoices so that any disputed charges can be addressed in a timely manner while the information and data underlying those charges is still easily and readily available. Other exchanges include this language in their Fees Schedules.⁶

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁸ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitation transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁹ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,¹⁰ which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its

⁵ See C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (“C2”) Fees Schedule, Section 7K.

⁶ See CBOE Fees Schedule, Footnote 7, and the end of the C2 Fees Schedule.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

³ The actual fee listing corresponding to the CBSX Trading Permit on the CBOE Fees Schedule says “No Access Fee”. See CBOE Fees Schedule, “Trading Permit and Tier Appointment Fees” table.

⁴ See CBOE Rule 53.9 and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70766 (October 28, 2013), 78 FR 65741 (November 1, 2013) (SR-CBOE-2013-101).

Trading Permit Holders and other persons using its facilities.

The Exchange believes that the proposal to remove “Trading Permit Fees” from the list of CBOE fees that are applicable to CBSX and instead add to the CBSX Fees Schedule Section 9, Permit Fees, with the statement CBSX will assess no permit fees will eliminate possible confusion by not forcing CBSX Users to look at the CBOE Fees Schedule to determine permit fees and wonder which permit fees apply to CBSX. Instead, there will be a clear listing on the CBSX Fees Schedule of the fact that there are no permit fees on CBSX. The Exchange also believes that the proposal to add the letter “s” to the end of the word “Fee” in Section 1 of the CBSX Fees Schedule will alleviate any potential confusion as it will now accurately refer to the CBOE Fees Schedule. This elimination of possible confusion will serve to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

Similarly, the Exchange believes that adding the parenthetical “(as applicable)” to the end of the statement “The following fees from the CBOE Fee Schedule apply to CBSX Users” will help eliminate confusion by simply making clear that only those fees on the CBOE Fees Schedule that are applicable to CBSX will apply to CBSX Users. This will serve to eliminate possible confusion, which in turn will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

The Exchange also believes that its proposal to delete from Section 1 the parenthetical that excepts from applicability to CBSX Users section A of the CBOE Facility Fees will eliminate possible confusion because there is no longer a “section A” of the CBOE Facility Fees. Further, the fees listed in the old Section A of the CBOE Facility Fees were the CBOE Booth Fees, which apply to CBOE Trading Permit Holders that have booths on the CBOE trading floor. Since CBSX is an all-electronic exchange that does not have a trading floor, CBSX Users would not have booths, and so this fee would not be applicable to CBSX Users (and therefore the inapplicability of the Booth Fees to CBSX Users would be covered by the aforementioned proposed addition of the parenthetical “(as applicable)”). Deleting this obsolete reference will serve to eliminate possible confusion, which in turn will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

The Exchange believes that the proposed addition of the language “after three months, all fees as assessed by the Exchange are considered final by the Exchange” to the end of the CBSX Fees Schedule is reasonable because this will serve to encourage CBSX Users to promptly review their invoices so that any disputed charges can be addressed in a timely manner while the information and data underlying those charges is still easily and readily available. The Exchange believes that this is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply to all market participants. Further, other exchanges include this language in their Fees Schedules.¹¹

The Exchange believes the addition of the Responsible Person fee is reasonable because the amount of the fee is intended to cover the costs of the review and examination of Responsible Persons. The Exchange believes that this is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the fee will apply to all Responsible Person applicants (with the exception of those that are also Associated Person applicants.) [sic] The Exchange believes that it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to exempt Associated Person applicants with the same Permit Holder from the Responsible Person fee because the same investigation and review is conducted for each Associated Person as is conducted for each Responsible Person. Since the investigation and review will not be conducted twice for a Responsible Person who is also an Associated Person, the Exchange does not believe it would be equitable to assess both fees in such a circumstance. Finally, other exchanges [sic] assess a Responsible Person fee.¹²

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 because the proposed changes apply to all qualifying CBSX market participants equally. 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 because the proposed changes are all specific to CBSX operations and fees, and are not transaction fee changes or competitive fee changes. To the extent that such changes may make CBSX a more attractive market to market participants at other exchanges, such market participants may elect to become CBSX market participants.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹³ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4¹⁴ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2013-111 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number *SR-CBOE-2013-111*. This file

¹¹ See CBOE Fees Schedule, Footnote 7, and the end of the C2 Fees Schedule.

¹² See C2 Fees Schedule, Section 7K.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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 Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2013-111 and should be submitted on or before December 17, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Use of Derivative Instruments by PIMCO Total Return Exchange Traded Fund

November 20, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) ¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") ² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ³ notice is hereby given that, on November 6, 2013, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") filed with

the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the description of the means of achieving the investment objective applicable to the PIMCO Total Return Exchange Traded Fund relating to its Use [sic] of derivative instruments. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those 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 parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Commission has approved the listing and trading on the Exchange of shares ("Shares") of the PIMCO Total Return Exchange Traded Fund ("Fund"),⁴ under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600, which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares. The Shares are offered by PIMCO ETF Trust (the "Trust"), a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and registered with the Commission as an open-end

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66321 (February 3, 2012), 77 FR 6850 (February 9, 2012) (SR-NYSEArca-2011-95) ("Prior Order"). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65988 (December 16, 2011), 76 FR 79741 (December 22, 2011) (SR-NYSEArca-2011-95) ("Prior Notice," and together with the Prior Order, the "Prior Release").

management investment company.⁵ The investment manager to the Fund is Pacific Investment Management Company LLC ("PIMCO" or the "Adviser").

In this proposed rule change, the Exchange proposes changing the description of the Fund's use of derivative instruments, as described below.

On December 6, 2012, the staff of the Commission's Division of Investment Management ("Division") issued a no-action letter ("No-Action Letter") relating to the use of derivatives by actively-managed exchange traded funds ("ETFs").⁶ The No-Action Letter noted that, in March of 2010, the Commission announced in a press release that the staff was conducting a review to evaluate the use of derivatives by mutual funds, ETFs, and other investment companies and that, pending completion of this review, the staff would defer consideration of exemptive requests under the 1940 Act relating to, among others, actively-managed ETFs that would make significant investments in derivatives.

The No-Action Letter stated that Division staff will no longer defer consideration of exemptive requests under the 1940 Act relating to actively-managed ETFs that make use of derivatives provided that they include representations to address some of the concerns expressed in the Commission's March 2010 press release. These representations are: (i) That the ETF's board periodically will review and approve the ETF's use of derivatives and how the ETF's investment adviser assesses and manages risk with respect to the ETF's use of derivatives; and (ii) that the ETF's disclosure of its use of derivatives in its offering documents and periodic reports is consistent with relevant Commission and staff guidance. The No-Action Letter stated that the Division would not recommend enforcement action to the Commission under sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 17(a),

⁵ The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act"). On October 29, 2012 the Trust filed with the Commission the most recent post-effective amendment to its registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) ("1933 Act") and under the 1940 Act relating to the Fund (File Nos. 333-155395 and 811-22250) (the "Registration Statement"). The description of the operation of the Trust and the Fund herein is based, in part, on the Registration Statement. In addition, the Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Trust under the 1940 Act. See Investment Company Act Release No. 28993 (November 10, 2009) (File No. 812-13571) ("Exemptive Order").

⁶ See No-Action Letter dated December 6, 2012 from Elizabeth G. Osterman, Associate Director, Office of Exemptive Applications, Division of Investment Management.

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

22(d), and 22(e) of the 1940 Act, or rule 22c-1 under the 1940 Act if actively-managed ETFs operating in reliance on specified orders (which include the Trust's Exemptive Order⁷) invest in options contracts, futures contracts or swap agreements provided that they comply with the representations stated in the No-Action Letter, as noted above.

In the Prior Release, the Exchange stated that, consistent with the Trust's Exemptive Order, the Fund would not invest in options contracts, futures contracts or swap agreements. In view of the No-Action Letter, the Exchange is proposing to change this representation to permit the Fund to use derivative instruments, as described below.⁸

The Prior Release stated that the Fund will invest under normal market circumstances at least 65% of its total assets in a diversified portfolio of Fixed Income Instruments of varying maturities.⁹ "Fixed Income Instruments" include bonds, debt securities and other similar instruments issued by various U.S. and non-U.S. public- or private-sector entities.¹⁰ The Exchange proposes to revise this statement to provide that the Fund will invest under normal market circumstances at least 65% of its total

assets in a diversified portfolio of Fixed Income Instruments of varying maturities, which may be represented by derivatives related to Fixed Income Instruments (the "65% policy").

The Prior Release stated that the Fund's investment would not be used to enhance leverage. In view of the Exchange's proposal to permit the Fund to use derivative instruments, as described below, the Fund's investments in derivative instruments may be used to enhance leverage. However, as noted in the Prior Release, the Fund's investments will not be used to seek performance that is the multiple or inverse multiple (*e.g.*, 2x's and 3times;s) of the Fund's broad-based securities market index.

The Fund's Use of Derivatives

With respect to the Fund, derivative instruments primarily will include forwards, exchange-traded and over-the-counter ("OTC") options contracts, exchange-traded futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swap agreements. Generally, derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends upon, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index, and may relate to stocks, bonds, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates, commodities, and related indexes. The Fund may, but is not required to, use derivative instruments for risk management purposes or as part of its investment strategies.¹¹

Investments in derivative instruments will be made in accordance with the 1940 Act and consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies. As described further below, the Fund will typically use derivative instruments as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or currency risk. The Fund may also use derivative instruments to enhance returns. To limit the potential risk associated with such transactions, the Fund will segregate or "earmark" assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO in accordance with procedures established

by the Trust's Board of Trustees and in accordance with the 1940 Act (or, as permitted by applicable regulation, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations under derivative instruments. These procedures have been adopted consistent with Section 18 of the 1940 Act and related Commission guidance. In addition, the Fund will include appropriate risk disclosure in its offering documents, including leveraging risk. Leveraging risk is the risk that certain transactions of the Fund, including the Fund's use of derivatives, may give rise to leverage, causing the Fund to be more volatile than if it had not been leveraged.¹² Because the markets for certain securities, or the securities themselves, may be unavailable or cost prohibitive as compared to derivative instruments, suitable derivative transactions may be an efficient alternative for the Fund to obtain the desired asset exposure.

The Adviser believes that derivatives can be an economically attractive substitute for an underlying physical security that the Fund would otherwise purchase. For example, the Fund could purchase Treasury futures contracts instead of physical Treasuries or could sell credit default protection on a corporate bond instead of buying a physical bond. Economic benefits include potentially lower transaction costs or attractive relative valuation of a derivative versus a physical bond (*e.g.*, differences in yields).

The Adviser further believes that derivatives can be used as a more liquid means of adjusting portfolio duration as well as targeting specific areas of yield curve exposure, with potentially lower transaction costs than the underlying securities (*e.g.*, interest rate swaps may have lower transaction costs than physical bonds). Similarly, money market futures can be used to gain exposure to short-term interest rates in order to express views on anticipated changes in central bank policy rates. In addition, derivatives can be used to protect client assets through selectively hedging downside (or "tail risks") in the Fund.

The Fund also can use derivatives to increase or decrease credit exposure. Index credit default swaps (CDX) can be used to gain exposure to a basket of credit risk by "selling protection" against default or other credit events, or to hedge broad market credit risk by "buying protection." Single name credit default swaps (CDS) can be used to

¹² To mitigate leveraging risk, the Adviser will segregate or "earmark" liquid assets or otherwise cover the transactions that may give rise to such risk.

⁷ See note 5, *supra*.

⁸ The Adviser represents that the Fund, in connection with its use of derivative instruments, will comply with the representations stated in the No-Action Letter, as noted above.

⁹ As stated in the Prior Release, the term "under normal market circumstances" includes, but is not limited to, the absence of extreme volatility or trading halts in the fixed income markets or the financial markets generally; operational issues causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as systems failure, natural or man-made disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance.

¹⁰ As noted in the Prior Release, "Fixed Income Instruments," as such term is used generally in the Registration Statement, include: debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or government-sponsored enterprises ("U.S. Government Securities"); corporate debt securities of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, including convertible securities and corporate commercial paper; mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities; inflation-indexed bonds issued both by governments and corporations; structured notes, including hybrid or "indexed" securities and event-linked bonds; bank capital and trust preferred securities; loan participations and assignments; delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities; bank certificates of deposit, fixed time deposits and bankers' acceptances; repurchase agreements on Fixed Income Instruments and reverse repurchase agreements on Fixed Income Instruments; debt securities issued by states or local governments and their agencies, authorities and other government-sponsored enterprises; obligations of non-U.S. governments or their subdivisions, agencies and government-sponsored enterprises; and obligations of international agencies or supranational entities. Securities issued by U.S. Government agencies or government-sponsored enterprises may not be guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury.

¹¹ The Fund will seek, where possible, to use counterparties whose financial status is such that the risk of default is reduced; however, the risk of losses resulting from default is still possible. PIMCO's Counterparty Risk Committee evaluates the creditworthiness of counterparties on an ongoing basis. In addition to information provided by credit agencies, PIMCO credit analysts evaluate each approved counterparty using various methods of analysis, including company visits, earnings updates, the broker-dealer's reputation, PIMCO's past experience with the broker-dealer, market levels for the counterparty's debt and equity, the counterparty's liquidity and its share of market participation.

allow the Fund to increase or decrease exposure to specific issuers, saving investor capital through lower trading costs. The Fund can use total return swap contracts to obtain the total return of a reference asset or index in exchange for paying a financing cost. A total return swap may be much more efficient than buying underlying securities of an index, potentially lowering transaction costs.

The Adviser believes that the use of derivatives will allow the Fund to selectively add diversifying sources of return from selling options. Option purchases and sales can also be used to hedge specific exposures in the portfolio, and can provide access to return streams available to long-term investors such as the persistent difference between implied and realized volatility. Option strategies can generate income or improve execution prices (*i.e.*, covered calls).

Other Investments

In addition to the Fund's use of derivatives in connection with the 65% policy, under the proposal the Fund would seek to invest in derivative instruments not based on Fixed Income Instruments, consistent with the Fund's investment restrictions relating to exposure to those asset classes.

The Prior Release also stated that the Fund may invest in debt securities and instruments that are economically tied to foreign (non-U.S.) countries. The Prior Release stated further that PIMCO generally considers an instrument to be economically tied to a non-U.S. country if the issuer is a foreign government (or any political subdivision, agency, authority or instrumentality of such government), or if the issuer is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country. In the case of applicable money market instruments, such instruments will be considered economically tied to a non-U.S. country if either the issuer or the guarantor of such money market instrument is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country.

The Exchange proposes to add to this representation that, with respect to derivative instruments, as proposed to be used, PIMCO generally will consider such instruments to be economically tied to non-U.S. countries if the underlying assets are foreign currencies (or baskets or indexes of such currencies), or instruments or securities that are issued by foreign governments (or any political subdivision, agency, authority or instrumentality of such governments) or issuers organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country (or if the underlying assets are money market instruments, as applicable, if either the

issuer or the guarantor of such money market instruments is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country).

The Fund's investments, including investments in derivative instruments, are subject to all of the restrictions under the 1940 Act, including restrictions with respect to illiquid securities. The Fund may hold up to an aggregate amount of 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (calculated at the time of investment), including Rule 144A securities deemed illiquid by the Adviser,¹³ consistent with Commission guidance.¹⁴ The Fund will monitor its portfolio liquidity on an ongoing basis to determine whether, in light of current circumstances, an adequate level of liquidity is being maintained, and will consider taking appropriate steps in order to maintain adequate liquidity if, through a change in values, net assets, or other circumstances, more than 15% of the Fund's net assets are held in illiquid securities. Illiquid securities include securities subject to contractual or other restrictions on resale and other instruments that lack readily available markets as determined in accordance with Commission staff guidance.¹⁵

The changes described herein will be effective upon (i) the effectiveness of an amendment to the Trust's Registration Statement disclosing the Fund's intended use of derivative instruments and (ii) when this proposed rule change has become operative. The Adviser represents that the Adviser has managed and will continue to manage the Fund

¹³ In reaching liquidity decisions with respect to Rule 144A securities, the Adviser may consider the following factors: The frequency of trades and quotes for the security; the number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the security and the number of other potential purchasers; dealer undertakings to make a market in the security; and the nature of the security and the nature of the marketplace trades (*e.g.*, the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers, and the mechanics of transfer).

¹⁴ The Commission has stated that long-standing Commission guidelines have required open-end funds to hold no more than 15% of their net assets in illiquid securities and other illiquid assets. *See* Investment Company Act Release No. 28193 (March 11, 2008), 73 FR 14618 (March 18, 2008), footnote 34. *See also*, Investment Company Act Release No. 5847 (October 21, 1969), 35 FR 19989 (December 31, 1970) (Statement Regarding "Restricted Securities"); Investment Company Act Release No. 18612 (March 12, 1992), 57 FR 9828 (March 20, 1992) (Revisions of Guidelines to Form N-1A). A fund's portfolio security is illiquid if it cannot be disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value ascribed to it by the fund. *See* Investment Company Act Release No. 14983 (March 12, 1986), 51 FR 9773 (March 21, 1986) (adopting amendments to Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act); Investment Company Act Release No. 17452 (April 23, 1990), 55 FR 17933 (April 30, 1990) (adopting Rule 144A under the 1933 Act).

¹⁵ *See* note 14, *supra*.

in the manner described in the Prior Release, and will not implement the changes described herein until this proposed rule change is operative.

The Adviser represents that there is no change to the Fund's investment objective. The Fund will continue to comply with all initial and continued listing requirements under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600.

Except for the changes noted above, all other facts presented and representations made in the Prior Release remain unchanged.

All terms referenced but not defined herein are defined in the Prior Release.

Derivatives Valuation Methodology for Purposes of Determining Net Asset Value

According to the Registration Statement, the net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund's Shares is determined by dividing the total value of the Fund's portfolio investments and other assets, less any liabilities, by the total number of Shares outstanding. Fund Shares are valued as of the close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time ("E.T.")(the "NYSE Close")) on each day NYSE Arca is open ("Business Day"). Information that becomes known to the Fund or its agents after the NAV has been calculated on a particular day will not generally be used to retroactively adjust the price of a portfolio asset or the NAV determined earlier that day. The Fund reserves the right to change the time its NAV is calculated if the Fund closes earlier, or as permitted by the Commission.

For purposes of calculating NAV, portfolio securities and other assets for which market quotes are readily available are valued at market value. Market value is generally determined on the basis of last reported sales prices, or if no sales are reported, based on quotes obtained from a quotation reporting system, established market makers, or pricing services. Domestic and foreign fixed income securities and non-exchange-traded derivatives will normally be valued on the basis of quotes obtained from brokers and dealers or pricing services using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those assets. Prices obtained from independent pricing services use information provided by market makers or estimates of market values obtained from yield data relating to investments or securities with similar characteristics. Exchange-traded options, futures and options on futures will generally be valued at the settlement price determined by the applicable exchange.

Derivatives for which market quotes are readily available will be valued at market value. Local closing prices will be used for all instrument valuation purposes.

For the Fund's 4:00 p.m. E.T. futures holdings, estimated prices from Reuters will be used if any cumulative futures margin impact is greater than \$0.005 to the NAV due to futures movement after the fixed income futures market closes (3:00 p.m. E.T.) and up to the NYSE Close (generally 4:00 p.m. E.T.). Swaps traded on exchanges such as the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME") or the Intercontinental Exchange ("ICE-US") will use the applicable exchange closing price where available.

Derivatives Valuation Methodology for Purposes of Determining Intra-Day Indicative Value

On each Business Day, before commencement of trading in Fund Shares on NYSE Arca, the Fund discloses on its Web site the identities and quantities of the portfolio instruments and other assets held by the Fund that will form the basis for the Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the Business Day.

In order to provide additional information regarding the intra-day value of Shares of the Fund, the NYSE Arca or a market data vendor disseminates every 15 seconds through the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association or other widely disseminated means an updated Intra-day Indicative Value ("IIV") for the Fund as calculated by an information provider or market data vendor.

A third party market data provider is currently calculating the IIV for the Fund. For the purposes of determining the IIV, the third party market data provider's valuation of derivatives is expected to be similar to their valuation of all securities. The third party market data provider may use market quotes if available or may fair value securities against proxies (such as swap or yield curves).

With respect to specific derivatives:

- Foreign currency derivatives may be valued intraday using market quotes, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Futures may be valued intraday using the relevant futures exchange data, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Interest rate swaps may be mapped to a swap curve and valued intraday based on changes of the swap curve, or another proxy as determined to be

appropriate by the third party market data provider.

- CDX/CDS may be valued using intraday data from market vendors, or based on underlying asset price, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Total return swaps may be valued intraday using the underlying asset price, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Exchange listed options may be valued intraday using the relevant exchange data, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- OTC options may be valued intraday through option valuation models (e.g., Black-Scholes) or using exchange traded options as a proxy, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.

Disclosed Portfolio

The Fund's disclosure of derivative positions in the Disclosed Portfolio will include information that market participants can use to value these positions intraday. This information will vary by line item, and may include tickers or other identifiers which would identify the listing or clearing exchange for exchange-traded and cleared derivatives, strike price(s), underlying asset, swap or index, coupon, effective date, maturity, and quantities or exposure. For example, a Treasury future would require only a ticker/identifier and quantity. An OTC option may require underlying asset or swap details, strike price, quantity and expiration date. For the avoidance of doubt, exchange-traded and cleared derivatives will be identified by ticker or other identifiers which would identify the listing or clearing exchange for those instruments.

Impact on Arbitrage Mechanism

The Adviser believes there will be minimal, if any, impact to the arbitrage mechanism as a result of the use of derivatives. Market makers and participants should be able to value derivatives as long as the positions are disclosed with relevant information. The Adviser believes that the price at which Shares trade will continue to be disciplined by arbitrage opportunities created by the ability to purchase or redeem creation Shares at their NAV, which should ensure that Shares will not trade at a material discount or premium in relation to their NAV.

The Adviser does not believe there will be any significant impacts to the

settlement or operational aspects of the Fund's arbitrage mechanism due to the use of derivatives. Because derivatives generally are not eligible for in-kind transfer, they will typically be substituted with a "cash in lieu" amount when the Fund processes purchases or redemptions of creation units in-kind.

Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares will be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.¹⁶ The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

The surveillances referred to above generally focus on detecting securities trading outside their normal patterns, which could be indicative of manipulative or other violative activity. When such situations are detected, surveillance analysis follows and investigations are opened, where appropriate, to review the behavior of all relevant parties for all relevant trading violations.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, exchange traded options, futures and options on futures with other markets or other entities that are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG"), and FINRA may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares, exchange traded options, futures and options on futures from such markets or entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, exchange traded options, futures and options on futures from markets or other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.¹⁷ In addition, FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, is able to access, as needed, trade information for certain fixed income securities held by the Fund

¹⁶ FINRA surveils trading on the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

¹⁷ For a list of the current members of ISG, see www.isgportal.org. The Exchange notes that not all components of the Disclosed Portfolio for the Fund may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

reported to FINRA's Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE").

In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act¹⁸ for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)¹⁹ that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares will continue to be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600. The Fund will continue to comply with all initial and continued listing requirements under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600.

The Fund's investments will be consistent with the Fund's investment objective, which remains unchanged. The proposed amendments permitting the Fund to invest in derivative instruments, such as options contracts, futures contracts and swap agreements, promotes just and equitable principals of trade and furthers the protection of investors and the public interest. The Fund's investments will not be used to seek performance that is the multiple or inverse multiple (e.g., 2Xs and 3Xs) of the Fund's broad-based securities market index.

Permitting the use of derivatives will provide additional flexibility to the Adviser in seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective. For example, because the markets for certain securities, or the securities themselves, may be unavailable or cost prohibitive as compared to derivative instruments, suitable derivative transactions may be an efficient alternative for the Fund to obtain the desired asset exposure. Additionally, derivatives allow parties to replicate desired returns while eliminating the costs associated with acquiring or holding the underlying asset. As such, the increased flexibility afforded by the ability to use derivatives may enhance investor returns by facilitating the Fund's ability to more economically seek its investment objective, thereby reducing the costs—

actual, opportunity or otherwise—incurred by the Fund.

Investor protection and the public interest are further advanced as a result of the following factors:

(1) The Fund's compliance with the requirements of the federal securities laws, in particular, the restrictions under the 1940 Act regarding limitation on investments in illiquid securities, and diversification requirements set forth in Section 5(b)(1) [sic] 1940 Act;

(2) The central clearing of U.S. exchange-traded futures and options contracts;

(3) In the case of swaps, the Adviser represents that it has implemented detailed policies and procedures which govern the selection of counterparties to reduce the risks associated with swaps, including, but not limited to, counterparty risk and concentration risk.

(4) The Adviser represents that the Fund will comply with the representations stated in the No-Action Letter, as stated above. In addition, all other representations in the Prior Release remain as stated therein and no other changes are being made.

(5) Investments in derivative instruments will be made in accordance with the 1940 Act and consistent with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. To limit the potential risk associated with transactions in derivative instruments, the Fund will segregate or " earmark " assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO in accordance with procedures established by the Trust's Board of Trustees and in accordance with the 1940 Act (or, as permitted by applicable regulation, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations under derivative instruments. These procedures have been adopted consistent with Section 18 of the 1940 Act and related Commission guidance. In addition, the Fund will include appropriate risk disclosure in its offering documents, including leveraging risk.

(6) The listing and trading of Shares of the Fund is governed by Exchange initial and continued listing rules as approved by the Commission, including NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600.

(7) As described in the Prior Release under "Availability of Information", the Fund's Web site discloses specified quantitative information updated on a daily basis, as well as the Disclosed Portfolio as defined in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(c)(2) that will form the basis for the Fund's calculation of NAV at the end of the business day. On a daily basis, the Adviser discloses for each portfolio security or other financial instrument of the Fund the following

information: Ticker symbol (if applicable), name of security or financial instrument, number of shares or dollar value of financial instruments held in the portfolio, and percentage weighting of the security or financial instrument in the portfolio. The Web site information is publicly available at no charge. In addition, price information for the debt securities held by the Fund is available through major market data vendors.

The proposed rule change helps to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market by enhancing investor choice and providing investors a cost effective and efficient means to access an asset class through a diversified vehicle that is listed and traded on an exchange.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will allow the Fund to use derivative instruments as a more efficient substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to risks (such as interest rate or currency risk) or to enhance investment returns. The proposed change, therefore, will provide additional flexibility to the Adviser to seek the Fund's investment objective and will enhance the Fund's ability to compete with other actively managed exchange-traded funds and mutual funds.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days after publication (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, or

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78a.

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2013-122 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2013-122. 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 Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2013-122 and should be submitted on or before December 17, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁰

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-70903; File No. SR-MIAX-2013-52]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule

November 20, 2013.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2013, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC ("MIAX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule (the "Fee Schedule").

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule_filing, at MIAX's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of

the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule (the "Fee Schedule") to offer additional Limited Service MEI Ports to Market Makers.

Currently, MIAX assesses monthly MEI Port Fees on Market Makers based upon the number of MIAX matching engines³ used by the Market Maker. MEI Port users are allocated two Full Service MEI Ports⁴ and two Limited Service MEI Ports⁵ per matching engine to which they connect. The Exchange currently assesses a fee of \$1,000 per month on Market Makers for the first matching engine they use; \$500 per month for each of matching engines 2 through 5; and \$250 per month for each of matching engines 6 and above. For example, a Market Maker that wishes to make markets in just one symbol would require the two MEI Ports in a single matching engine; a Market Maker wishing to make markets in all symbols traded on MIAX would require the two MEI Ports in each of the Exchange's matching engines. The MEI Port includes access to MIAX's primary and secondary data centers and its disaster recovery center.

The Exchange recently added the Limited Service MEI Ports to enhance the MEI Port connectivity made available to Market Makers.⁶ Limited Service MEI Ports have been well received by Market Makers thus far. The Exchange now proposes to make

³ A "matching engine" is a part of the MIAX electronic system that processes options quotes and trades on a symbol-by-symbol basis. Some matching engines will process option classes with multiple root symbols, and other matching engines will be dedicated to one single option root symbol (for example, options on SPY will be processed by one single matching engine that is dedicated only to SPY). A particular root symbol may only be assigned to a single designated matching engine. A particular root symbol may not be assigned to multiple matching engines.

⁴ Full Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send Market Maker quotes, eQuotes, and quote purge messages to the MIAX System. Full Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers are limited to two Full Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

⁵ Limited Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send eQuotes and quote purge messages only, but not Market Maker Quotes, to the MIAX System. Limited Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers initially receive two Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70137 (August 8, 2013), 78 FR 49586 (August 14, 2013) (SR-MIAX-2013-39).

²⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

available to Market Makers additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine in addition to the current two Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine. The Exchange proposes to charge \$10 per month for each additional Limited Service MEI Port per matching engine. Market Makers will be limited to two additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine, for a total of four per matching engine. The Exchange proposes making a corresponding change to specify that Market Makers initially receive two Limited Service Ports per engine, and that they will be limited to two additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine, for a total of four per matching engine. As with the existing Full Service MEI Ports and Limited Service MEI Ports, the additional Limited Service MEI Port includes access to MIAAX's primary and secondary data centers and its disaster recovery center.

The purpose of this amendment to the Fee Schedule is to provide Market Makers with the technical flexibility to connect additional Limited Service Ports to independent servers that host their eQuote and purge functionality. The Exchange believes that the additional ports will help Market Makers mitigate the risk of using the same server for all of their Market Maker quoting activity. By using the Limited Service MEI Ports for risk purposes, Market Makers can place purge functionality on a different server than the Market Maker quoting server (via the Limited Service MEI Ports), which provides them a failsafe for getting out of the market in case they have an issue with the quote server. Additionally, Market Makers may opt to use the Limited Service MEI Ports to submit eQuotes. Because eQuotes are frequently generated by a different algorithm that determines when to respond to an auction message, the additional ports enable Market Makers to connect to a different server that processes auctions and eQuotes rather than forcing them to use their Market Maker Standard quote server as a gateway for communicating eQuotes to MIAAX.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁸ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory because only Market Makers that decide that they need additional Limited Service MEI Ports will be charged the additional fee. The Exchange further believes that the availability of the additional Limited Service MEI Ports is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it enhances the MIAAX System and marketplace by helping Market Makers to better manage risk, thus preserving the integrity of the MIAAX markets, all to the benefit of and protection of investors and the public as a whole.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

MIAAX does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

On the contrary, MIAAX believes that the additional protection provided to Market Makers and the investing public should enhance competition by attracting liquidity and order flow to the Exchange.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.⁹ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAAX-2013-52 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAAX-2013-52. 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 Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAAX-2013-52 and should be submitted on or before December 17, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

In the Matter of Pure H2O Bio-Technologies, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

November 22, 2013.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Pure H2O Bio-Technologies, Inc. because questions have arisen as to its operating status, if any.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of the investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above-listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EST on November 22, 2013, through 11:59 p.m. EST on December 6, 2013.

By the Commission.

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary,

[FR Doc. 2013-28447 Filed 11-22-13; 11:15 am]

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Surrender of License of Small Business Investment Company**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the United States Small Business Administration under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, under Section 309 of the Act and Section 107.1900 of the Small Business Administration Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.1900) to function as a small business investment company under the Small business Investment Company License No. 09/79-0421 issued to Inglewood Ventures, LP, and said license is hereby declared null and void.

United States Small Business Administration.

Javier E. Saade,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2013-0054]

Open Government: Use of Genetic Information in Documenting and Evaluating Disability

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of open government forum.

SUMMARY: We will host an online open government comment forum about the use of genetic information in the disability determination process. The forum is open to all members of the public during the dates listed below.

DATES: The forum will be open for your ideas and comments until December 26, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl A. Williams, Office of Medical Listings Improvement, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, (410) 965-1020. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under our current, long-standing policy, we do not purchase genetic testing to evaluate disability. However, we do consider all evidence in the record, including genetic testing and other genetic medical evidence, when we make a determination or decision of whether you are disabled.¹ We are requesting information regarding how we should consider genetic information in the disability decision process and what issues we should consider.

How To Participate

To submit your ideas and comments, please go to <http://www.ssa-disabilityideas.ideascale.com> and go to the Campaign entitled "Genetic Information". You must register at the site before you are able to submit your ideas and comments. Although we will consider all of the ideas and comments we receive, we will not respond to them. Since we will moderate the ideas and comments we receive during regular business hours, your ideas and comments may not be viewable immediately. In most cases, your ideas and comments should be viewable within two business days.

Include only information that you wish to make publicly available. Please

do not include any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

Dated: November 19, 2013.

Arthur R. Spencer,

Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Funding Availability for the Small Business Transportation Resource Center Program**

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).

ACTION: Notice of funding availability for the Northwest Region.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) announces the opportunity for; (1) Business centered community-based organizations; (2) transportation-related trade associations; (3) colleges and universities; (4) community colleges or; (5) chambers of commerce, registered with the Internal Revenue Service as 501 C (6) or 501 C (3) tax-exempt organizations, to compete for participation in OSDBU's Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) program in the Northwest Region.

OSDBU will enter into Cooperative Agreements with these organizations to provide outreach to the small business community in their designated region and provide financial and technical assistance, business training programs, business assessment, management training, counseling, marketing and outreach, and the dissemination of information, to encourage and assist small businesses to become better prepared to compete for, obtain, and manage DOT funded transportation-related contracts and subcontracts at the federal, state and local levels. Throughout this notice, the term "small business" will refer to: 8(a), small disadvantaged businesses (SDB), disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), women owned small businesses (WOSB), HubZone, service disabled veteran owned businesses (SDVOB), and veteran owned small businesses (VOSB). Throughout this notice, "transportation-related" is defined as

¹ 20 CFR 404.1512-404.1513, 404.1520, 416.912-416.913, and 416.920.

the maintenance, rehabilitation, restructuring, improvement, or revitalization of any of the nation's modes of transportation.

Funding Opportunity Number:

USDOT-OST-OSDBU-SBTRC2014NWR SBTRC-1.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 20.910 Assistance to Small and Disadvantaged Businesses.

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement.

Award Ceiling: \$170,000.

Award Floor: \$135,000.

Program Authority: DOT is authorized under 49 U.S.C. § 332 (b) (4), (5) & (7) to design and carry out programs to assist small disadvantaged businesses in getting transportation-related contracts and subcontracts; develop support mechanisms, including management and technical services, that will enable small disadvantaged businesses to take advantage of those business opportunities; and to make arrangements to carry out the above purposes.

DATES: Complete Proposals must be electronically submitted to OSDBU via email on or before January 16, 2014 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). Proposals received after the deadline will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed. The applicant is advised to request delivery receipt notification for email submissions. DOT plans to give notice of award for the competed region on or before January 31, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be electronically submitted to OSDBU via email at SBTRC@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, contact Ms. Patricia Martin-Dean, Program Analyst or Mark Antoniewicz, Small Business Specialist U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W56-462, Washington, DC, 20590. Telephone: 1-800-532-1169 or email patricia.martin@dot.gov or mark.antoniewicz@dot.gov.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Department of Transportation (DOT) established Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) in accordance with Public Law 95-507, an amendment to the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

The mission of OSDBU at DOT is to ensure that the small and disadvantaged business policies and goals of the Secretary of Transportation are developed and implemented in a fair, efficient and effective manner to serve small and disadvantaged businesses throughout the country. The OSDBU also administers the provisions of Title 49, Section 332, the Minority Resource Center (MRC) which includes the duties of advocacy, outreach and financial services on behalf of small and disadvantaged business and those certified under CFR 49 parts 23 and or 26 as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and the development of programs to encourage, stimulate, promote and assist small businesses to become better prepared to compete for, obtain and manage transportation-related contracts and subcontracts.

The Regional Assistance Division of OSDBU, through the SBTRC program, allows OSDBU to partner with local organizations to offer a comprehensive delivery system of business training, technical assistance and dissemination of information, targeted towards small business transportation enterprises in their regions.

1.2 Program Description and Goals

The national SBTRC program utilizes Cooperative Agreements with chambers of commerce, trade associations, educational institutions and business-centered community based organizations to establish SBTRCs to provide business training, technical assistance and information to DOT grantees and recipients, prime contractors and subcontractors. In order to be effective and serve their target audience, the SBTRCs must be active in the local transportation community in order to identify and communicate opportunities and provide the required technical assistance. SBTRCs must already have, or demonstrate the ability to, establish working relationships with

the state and local transportation agencies and technical assistance agencies (i.e., The U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Centers (MBDCs), Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), and Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs), SCORE and State DOT highway supportive services contractors in their region. Utilizing these relationships and their own expertise, the SBTRCs are involved in activities such as information dissemination, small business counseling, and technical assistance with small businesses currently doing business with public and private entities in the transportation industry.

Effective outreach is critical to the success of the SBTRC program. In order for their outreach efforts to be effective, SBTRCs must be familiar with DOT's Operating Administrations, its funding sources, and how funding is awarded to DOT grantees, recipients, contractors, subcontractors, and its financial assistance programs. SBTRCs must provide outreach to the regional small business transportation community to disseminate information and distribute DOT-published marketing materials, such as Short Term Lending Program (STLP) Information, Bonding Education Program (BEP) information, SBTRC brochures and literature, Procurement Forecasts; Contracting with DOT booklets, Women and Girls in Transportation Initiative (WITI) information, and any other materials or resources that DOT or OSDBU may develop for this purpose. To maximize outreach, the SBTRC may be called upon to participate in regional and national conferences and seminars. Quantities of DOT publications for on-hand inventory and dissemination at conferences and seminars will be available upon request from the OSDBU office.

1.3 Description of Competition

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals from transportation-related trade associations, chambers of commerce, community based entities, colleges and universities, community colleges, and any other qualifying transportation-related non-profit organizations with the desire and ability to partner with OSDBU to establish and maintain an SBTRC.

It is OSDBU's intent to award a Cooperative Agreement to one organization in the Northwest Region, from herein referred to as "region", in this solicitation. However, if warranted, OSDBU reserves the option to make multiple awards to selected partners.

Proposals submitted for a region must contain a plan to service all states listed in the entire region, not just the SBTRC's state or local geographical area. The region's SBTRC headquarters must be established in one of the designated states set forth below. Submitted proposals must also contain justification for the establishment of the SBTRC headquarters in a particular city within the designated state.

SBTRC Region Competed in This Solicitation:

Northwest Region:

Washington
Oregon
Alaska
Montana
Idaho

Program requirements and selection criteria, set forth in Sections 2 and 4 respectively, indicate that the OSDBU intends for the SBTRC to be multidimensional; that is, the selected organization must have the capacity to effectively access and provide supportive services to the broad range of small businesses within the respective geographical region. To this end, the SBTRC must be able to demonstrate that they currently have established relationships within the geographic region with whom they may coordinate and establish effective networks with DOT grant recipients and local/regional technical assistance agencies to maximize resources.

Cooperative agreement awards will be distributed to the region(s) as follows:

Northwest Region:

Ceiling: \$170,000 per year
Floor: \$135,000 per year

Cooperative agreement awards by region are based upon an analysis of DBEs, Certified Small Businesses, and US DOT transportation dollars in each region.

It is OSDBU's intent to maximize the benefits received by the small business transportation community through the SBTRC. Funding may be utilized to reimburse an on-site Project Director up to 100% of salary plus fringe benefits, an on-site Executive Director up to 20% of salary plus fringe benefits, up to 100% of a Project Coordinator salary plus fringe benefits, the cost of designated SBTRC space, other direct costs, and all other general and administrative expenses. Selected SBTRC partners will be expected to provide in-kind administrative support. Submitted proposals must contain an alternative funding source with which the SBTRC will fund administrative support costs. Preference will be given to proposals containing in-kind

contributions for the Project Director, the Executive Director, the Project Coordinator, cost of designated SBTRC space, other direct costs, and all other general and administrative expenses.

1.4 Duration of Agreements

The cooperative agreement will be awarded for a period of 12 months (one year) with options for two (2) additional one year periods. OSDBU will notify the SBTRC of our intention to exercise an option year or not to exercise an option year 30 days in advance of expiration of the current year.

1.5 Authority

DOT is authorized under 49 U.S.C. 332 (b) (4), (5) &(7) to design and carry out programs to assist small disadvantaged businesses in getting transportation-related contracts and subcontracts; develop support mechanisms, including management and technical services, that will enable small disadvantaged businesses to take advantage of those business opportunities; and to make arrangements to carry out the above purposes.

1.6 Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, an organization must be an established, nonprofit, community-based organization, transportation-related trade association, chamber of commerce, college or university, community college, and any other qualifying transportation-related non-profit organization which has the documented experience and capacity necessary to successfully operate and administer a coordinated delivery system that provides access for small businesses to prepare and compete for transportation-related contracts.

In addition, to be eligible, the applicant organization must:

(A) Be an established 501 C (3) or 501 C (6) tax-exempt organization and provide documentation as verification. No application will be accepted without proof of tax-exempt status;

(B) Have at least one year of documented and continuous experience prior to the date of application in providing advocacy, outreach, and technical assistance to small businesses within the region in which proposed services will be provided. Prior performance providing services to the transportation community is preferable, but not required; and

(C) Have an office physically located within the proposed city in the designated headquarters state in the region for which they are submitting the proposal that is readily accessible to the public.

2. Program Requirements

2.1 Recipient Responsibilities

(A) Assessments, Business Analyses

1. Conduct an assessment of small businesses in the SBTRC region to determine their training and technical assistance needs, and use information that is available at no cost to structure programs and services that will enable small businesses to become better prepared to compete for and receive transportation-related contract awards.

2. Contact other federal, state and local government agencies, such as the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), state and local highway agencies, state and local airport authorities, and transit authorities to identify relevant and current information that may support the assessment of the regional small business transportation community needs.

(B) General Management & Technical Training and Assistance

1. Utilize OSDBU's DOT F 4500 Intake Form to document each small business assisted by the SBTRC and type of service(s) provided. The information must be transferred to the monthly reporting form and transmitted electronically to the SBTRC Small Business Specialist on a monthly basis, accompanied by a narrative report on the activities and performance results for that period. The data gathered must be supportive by the narrative and must relate to the numerical data on the monthly reports.

2. Ensure that an array of information is made available for distribution to the small business transportation community that is designed to inform and educate the community on DOT/ OSDBU services and opportunities.

3. Coordinate efforts with OSDBU's in order to maintain an on-hand inventory of DOT/OSDBU informational materials for general dissemination and for distribution at transportation-related conferences and other events.

(C) Business Counseling

1. Collaborate with agencies, such as the State, Regional, and Local Transportation Government Agencies, SBA, U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Centers (MBDCs), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs), and Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), to offer a broad range of counseling services to transportation-related small business enterprises.

2. Create a technical assistance plan that will provide each counseled

participant with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the management of their own small business to expand their transportation-related contracts and subcontracts portfolio.

3. Provide a minimum of 20 hours of individual or group counseling sessions to small businesses per month.

(D) Planning Committee

1. Establish a Regional Planning Committee consisting of at least 7 members that includes representatives from the regional community and federal, state, and local agencies. The highway, airport, and transit authorities for the SBTRC's headquarters state must have representation on the planning committee. This committee shall be established no later than 60 days after the execution of the Cooperative agreement between the OSDBU and the selected SBTRC.

2. Provide a forum for the federal, state, and local agencies to disseminate information about upcoming procurements.

3. Hold either monthly or quarterly meetings at a time and place agreed upon by SBTRC and planning committee members.

4. Use the initial session (teleconference call) by the SBTRC explain the mission of the committee and identify roles of the staff and the members of the group.

5. Responsibility for the agenda and direction of the Planning Committee should be handled by the SBTRC Executive Director or his/her designee.

(E) Outreach Services/Conference Participation

1. Utilize the services of the System for Award Management (SAM) and other sources to construct a database of regional small businesses that currently or may in the future participate in DOT direct and DOT funded transportation related contracts, and make this database available to OSDBU, upon request.

2. Utilize the database of regional transportation-related small businesses to match opportunities identified through the planning committee forum, FedBiz Opps (a web-based system for posting solicitations and other Federal procurement-related documents on the Internet), and other sources to eligible small businesses and inform the small business community about those opportunities.

3. Develop a "targeted" database of firms (100–150) that have the capacity and capabilities, and are ready, willing and able to participate in DOT contracts and subcontracts immediately. This

control group will receive ample resources from the SBTRC, i.e., access to working capital, bonding assistance, business counseling, management assistance and direct referrals to DOT agencies at the state and local levels, and to prime contractors as effective subcontractor firms.

4. Identify regional, state and local conferences where a significant number of small businesses, with transportation related capabilities, are expected to be in attendance. Maintain and submit a list of those events to the SBTRC Small Business Specialist for review and posting on the OSDBU Web site on a monthly basis. Clearly identify the events designated for SBTRC participation and include recommendations for OSDBU participation.

5. Conduct outreach and disseminate information to small businesses at regional transportation-related conferences, seminars, and workshops. In the event that the SBTRC is requested to participate in an event, the SBTRC will send DOT materials, the OSDBU banner and other information that is deemed necessary for the event.

6. Upon request by OSDBU, coordinate efforts with DOT's grantees and recipients at the state and/or local levels to sponsor or cosponsor an OSDBU transportation related conference in the region

7. Participate in monthly teleconference call with the Regional Assistance Division Program Manager and OSDBU staff.

(F) Short-Term Lending Program (STLP)

1. Work with STLP participating banks and if not available, other lending institutions to deliver a minimum of five (5) seminars/workshops per year on the STLP financial assistance program to the transportation-related small business community. The seminar/workshop must cover the entire STLP process, from completion of STLP loan applications and preparation of the loan package to graduation from the STLP.

2. Provide direct support, technical support, and advocacy services to potential STLP applicants to increase the probability of STLP loan approval and generate a minimum of 7 approved STLP applications per year.

(G) Bonding Education Program (BEP)

Work with OSDBU, bonding industry partners, local small business transportation stakeholders, and local bond producers/agents in your region to deliver a minimum of 2 complete BEP series. The BEP series consists of the following components; (1) the stakeholder's meeting; (2) the

educational workshops component; (3) the bond readiness component; and (4) follow-on assistance to BEP participants via technical and procurement assistance based on the prescriptive plan determined by the OSDBU's BEP Program Manager. For each BEP series the awardee will work with the local bond producers/agents in your region and the disadvantaged business participants to deliver minimum of 10 disadvantaged business participants in the BEP series with either access to bonding or an increase in bonding capacity. Furnish all labor, facilities and equipment to perform the services described in this announcement.

(H) Women and Girls in Transportation Initiative (WITI)

Pursuant to Executive Order 13506, and 49 U.S.C. 332 (b) (4) & (7), the SBTRC shall administer the WITI in their geographical region. The SBTRC shall implement the DOT WITI program as defined by the DOT WITI Policy. The WITI program is designed to identify, educate, attract, and retain women and girls from a variety of disciplines in the transportation industry. The SBTRC shall also be responsible for outreach activities in the implementation of this program and advertising the WITI program to all colleges and universities and transportation entities in their region. The WITI program shall be developed in conjunction with the skill needs of the USDOT, state and local transportation agencies and appropriate private sector transportation-related participants including, S/WOBs/DBEs, and women organizations involved in transportation. Emphasis shall be placed on establishing partnerships with transportation-related businesses. The SBTRC will be required to host 1 WITI event and attend at least 5 events where WITI is presented and marketed.

2.2 Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Responsibilities

(A) Provide consultation and technical assistance in planning, implementing and evaluating activities under this announcement.

(B) Provide orientation and training to the applicant organization.

(C) Monitor SBTRC activities, cooperative agreement compliance, and overall SBTRC performance.

(D) Assist SBTRC to develop or strengthen its relationships with federal, state, and local transportation authorities, other technical assistance organizations, and DOT grantees.

(E) Facilitate the exchange and transfer of successful program activities

and information among all SBTRC regions.

(F) Provide the SBTRC with DOT/OSDBU materials and other relevant transportation related information for dissemination.

(G) Maintain effective communication with the SBTRC and inform them of transportation news and contracting opportunities to share with small businesses in their region.

(H) Provide all required forms to be used by the SBTRC for reporting purposes under the program.

(I) Perform a semi-annual and annual performance evaluation of the SBTRC. Satisfactory performance is a condition of continued participation of the organization as an SBTRC and execution of all option years.

3. Submission of Proposals

3.1 Format for Proposals

Each proposal must be submitted to DOT's OSDBU in the format set forth in the application form attached as Appendix A to this announcement.

3.2 Address; Number of Copies; Deadlines for Submission

Any eligible organization, as defined in Section 1.6 of this announcement, will submit only one proposal per organization for consideration by OSDBU. Applications must be double spaced, and printed in a font size not smaller than 12 points. Applications will not exceed 35 single-sided pages, not including any requested attachments. All pages should be numbered and centered at the bottom of each page. All documentation, attachments, or other information pertinent to the application must be included in a single submission. Proposal packages must be submitted electronically to OSDBU at SBTRC@dot.gov. The applicant is advised to turn on request delivery receipt notification for email submission. Proposals must be received by DOT/OSDBU no later than January 16, 2014, 5:00 p.m., EST. If you have any problems submitting your proposal, please email patricia.martin@dot.gov or mark.antoniewicz@dot.gov or telephone the Regional Assistance Division staff at (202) 366-1930.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1 General Criteria

OSDBU will award the cooperative agreement on a best value basis, using the following criteria to rate and rank applications:

Applications will be evaluated using a point system (maximum number of points = 100);

- Approach and strategy (25 points).

- Linkages (25 points).
- Organizational Capability/Site visit (25 points).
- Staff Capabilities and Experience (15 points).
- Cost Proposal (10 points).

(A) Approach and Strategy (25 Points)

The applicant must describe their strategy to achieve the overall mission of the SBTRC as described in this solicitation and service the small business community in their entire geographic regional area. The applicant must also describe how the specific activities outlined in Section 2.1 will be implemented and executed in the organization's regional area. OSDBU will consider the extent to which the proposed objectives are specific, measurable, time-specific, and consistent with OSDBU goals and the applicant organization's overall mission. OSDBU will give priority consideration to applicants that demonstrate innovation and creativity in their approach to assist small businesses to become successful transportation contractors and increase their ability to access DOT contracting opportunities and financial assistance programs. Applicants must also submit the estimated direct costs, other than labor, to execute their proposed strategy. OSDBU will consider the quality of the applicant's plan for conducting program activities and the likelihood that the proposed methods will be successful in achieving proposed objectives at the proposed cost.

(B) Linkages (25 Points)

The applicant must describe their established relationships within their geographic region and demonstrate their ability to coordinate and establish effective networks with DOT grant recipients and local/regional technical assistance agencies to maximize resources. OSDBU will consider innovative aspects of the applicant's approach and strategy to build upon their existing relationships and established networks with existing resources in their geographical area. The applicant should describe their strategy to obtain support and collaboration on SBTRC activities from DOT grantees and recipients, transportation prime contractors and subcontractors, the SBA, U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Centers (MBDCs), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs), Small Business Development Centers (SBDGs), State DOTs, and State highway supportive services contractors. In rating this factor, OSDBU will consider

the extent to which the applicant demonstrates ability to be multidimensional. The applicant must demonstrate that they have the ability to access a broad range of supportive services to effectively serve a broad range of transportation-related small businesses within their respective geographical region. Emphasis will also be placed on the extent to which the applicant identifies a clear outreach strategy related to the identified needs that can be successfully carried out within the period of this agreement and a plan for involving the Planning Committee in the execution of that strategy.

(C) Organizational Capability (25 Points)

The applicant must demonstrate that they have the organizational capability to meet the program requirements set forth in Section 2. The applicant organization must have sufficient resources and past performance experience to successfully provide outreach to the small business transportation resources in their geographical area and carry out the mission of the SBTRC. In rating this factor, OSDBU will consider the extent to which the applicant's organization has recent, relevant and successful experience in advocating for and addressing the needs of small businesses. Applicants will be given points for demonstrated past transportation-related performance. The applicant must also describe technical and administrative resources it plans to use in achieving proposed objectives. In their description, the applicant must describe their facilities, computer and technical facilities, ability to tap into volunteer staff time, and a plan for sufficient matching alternative financial resources to fund the general and administrative costs of the SBTRC. The applicant must also describe their administrative and financial management staff. It will be the responsibility of the successful candidate to not only provide the services outlined herein to small businesses in the transportation industry, but to also successfully manage and maintain their internal financial, payment and invoicing process with their financial management offices. OSDBU will place an emphasis on capabilities of the applicant's financial management staff. Additionally, a site visit will be required prior to award for those candidates that are being strongly considered. A member of the OSDBU team will contact those candidates to

schedule the site visits prior to the award of the agreement.

(D) Staff Capability and Experience (15 Points)

The applicant organization must provide a list of proposed personnel for the project, with salaries, fringe benefit burden factors, educational levels and previous experience clearly delineated. The applicant's project team must be well-qualified, knowledgeable, and able to effectively serve the diverse and broad range of small businesses in their geographical region. The Executive Director and the Project Director shall be deemed key personnel. Detailed resumes must be submitted for all proposed key personnel and outside consultants and subcontractors. Proposed key personnel must have detailed demonstrated experience providing services similar in scope and nature to the proposed effort. The proposed Project Director will serve as the responsible individual for the program. 100% of the Project Director's time must be dedicated to the SBTRC. Both the Executive Director and the Project Director must be located on-site. In this element, OSDBU will consider the extent to which the applicant's proposed Staffing Plan; (a) clearly meets the education and experience requirements to accomplish the objectives of the cooperative agreement; (b) delineates staff responsibilities and accountability for all work required and; (c) presents a clear and feasible ability to execute the applicant's proposed approach and strategy.

(E) Cost Proposal (10 Points)

Applicants must submit the total proposed cost of establishing and administering the SBTRC in the applicant's geographical region for a 12 month period, inclusive of costs funded through alternative matching resources. The applicant's budget must be adequate to support the proposed strategy and costs must be reasonable in relation to project objectives. The portion of the submitted budget funded by OSDBU cannot exceed the ceiling outlined in Section 1.3: Description of Competition of this RFP per fiscal year. Applicants are encouraged to provide in-kind costs and other innovative cost approaches.

4.2 Scoring of Applications

A review panel will score each application based upon the evaluation criteria listed above. Points will be given for each evaluation criteria category, not to exceed the maximum number of points allowed for each category. Proposals which are deemed

non-responsive, do not meet the established criteria, or incomplete at the time of submission will be disqualified.

OSDBU will perform a responsibility determination of the prospective awardee in the region, which will include a site visit, before awarding the cooperative agreement.

4.3 Conflicts of Interest

Applicants must submit signed statements by key personnel and all organization principals indicating that they, or members of their immediate families, do not have a personal, business or financial interest in any DOT-funded transportation project, nor any relationships with local or state transportation agencies that may have the appearance of a conflict of interest.

APPENDIX A

FORMAT FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION'S SMALL BUSINESS TRANSPORTATION RESOURCE CENTER (SBTRC) PROGRAM

Submitted proposals for the DOT, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's Small Business Transportation Resource Center Program must contain the following 12 sections and be organized in the following order:

1. TABLE OF CONTENTS

Identify all parts, sections and attachments of the application.

2. APPLICATION SUMMARY

Provide a summary overview of the following:

- The applicant's proposed SBTRC region and city and key elements of the plan of action/strategy to achieve the SBTRC objectives.
- The applicant's relevant organizational experience and capabilities.

3. UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK

Provide a narrative which contains specific project information as follows:

- The applicant will describe its understanding of the OSDBU's SBTRC program mission and the role of the applicant's proposed SBTRC in advancing the program goals.
- The applicant will describe specific outreach needs of transportation-related small businesses in the applicant's region and how the SBTRC will address the identified needs.

4. APPROACH AND STRATEGY

- Describe the applicant's plan of action/strategy for conducting the program in terms of the tasks to be performed.
- Describe the specific services or activities to be performed and how these services/activities will be implemented.
- Describe innovative and creative approaches to assist small businesses to become successful transportation contractors

and increase their ability to access DOT contracting opportunities and financial assistance programs.

- Estimated direct costs, other than labor, to execute the proposed strategy.

5. LINKAGES

• Describe established relationships within the geographic region and demonstrate the ability to coordinate and establish effective networks with DOT grant recipients and local/regional technical assistance agencies.

• Describe the strategy to obtain support and collaboration on SBTRC activities from DOT grantees and recipients, transportation prime contractors and subcontractors, the SBA, U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Centers (MBDCs), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs), Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), State DOTs, and State highway supportive services contractors.

• Describe the outreach strategy related to the identified needs that can be successfully carried out within the period of this agreement and a plan for involving the Planning Committee in the execution of that strategy.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY

• Describe recent and relevant past successful performance in addressing the needs of small businesses, particularly with respect to transportation-related small businesses.

- Describe internal technical, financial management, and administrative resources.
- Propose a plan for sufficient matching alternative financial resources to fund the general and administrative costs of the SBTRC.

7. STAFF CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

- List proposed key personnel, their salaries and proposed fringe benefit factors.
- Describe the education, qualifications and relevant experience of key personnel. Attach detailed resumes.
- Proposed staffing plan. Describe how personnel are to be organized for the program and how they will be used to accomplish program objectives. Outline staff responsibilities, accountability and a schedule for conducting program tasks.

8. COST PROPOSAL

• Outline the total proposed cost of establishing and administering the SBTRC in the applicant's geographical region for a 12 month period, inclusive of costs funded through alternative matching resources. Clearly identify the portion of the costs funded by OSDBU.

- Provide a brief narrative linking the cost proposal to the proposed strategy.

9. PROOF OF TAX EXEMPT STATUS

10. ASSURANCES SIGNATURE FORM

Complete the attached Standard Form 424B ASSURANCES-NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS.

11. CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE FORMS

Complete form DOTF2307-1 Drug-Free Workplace Act Certification and Form DOT

F2308–1 Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements.

SIGNED CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

The statements must say that they, or members of their immediate families, do not have a personal, business or financial interest in any DOT-funded transportation projects, nor any relationships with local or state transportation agencies that may have the appearance of a conflict of interest.

12. STANDARD FORM 424

Complete Standard Form 424 Application for Federal Assistance.

Note: All forms can be downloaded from U.S. Department of Transportation Web site at <http://www.dot.gov/gsearch/424%2Bform>.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT ALL FORMS HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL WHO CAN LEGALLY REPRESENT THE ORGANIZATION.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 18, 2013.

Brandon Neal,

Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation .

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–1999–6439, Notice No. 24]

Adjustment of Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of adjustment of Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold.

SUMMARY: In accordance with appendix D to title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 222, Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, FRA is updating the Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold (NSRT). This action is needed to ensure that the public has the proper threshold of permissible risk for calculating quiet zones established in relationship to the NSRT. This is the sixth update to the NSRT, which is increasing from 13,722 to 14,347.

DATES: The effective date of this notice is November 26, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald Ries, Office of Railroad Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6299, Ronald.Ries@dot.gov; or Kathryn Shelton, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6038, Kathryn.Shelton@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NSRT is an average of the risk indexes for gated public crossings nationwide where train horns are routinely sounded. FRA developed this risk index to serve as one threshold of permissible risk for quiet zones established across the nation under 49 CFR part 222, Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings. Thus, a community that is trying to establish and/or maintain its quiet zone, pursuant to 49 CFR part 222, can

compare the Quiet Zone Risk Index calculated for its specific crossing corridor to the NSRT to determine whether sufficient measures have been taken to compensate for the excess risk that results from prohibiting routine sounding of the locomotive horn. (In the alternative, a community can establish its quiet zone in comparison to the Risk Index With Horns, which is defined in 49 CFR 222.9 as a measure of risk to the motoring public when locomotive horns are routinely sounded at every public highway-rail grade crossing within a quiet zone.)

FRA has been updating the NSRT since 2006, when it was calculated to be 17,030 (71 FR 47614, August 17, 2006). In 2007, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 19,047 (72 FR 14850, March 29, 2007). In 2008, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 17,610 (73 FR 30661, May 28, 2008). In 2009, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 18,775 (74 FR 45270, September 1, 2009). In 2010, FRA recalculated the NSRT to be 14,007 (75 FR 82136, December 29, 2010). FRA’s last update to the NSRT was made in 2012, when it was calculated to be 13,722 (77 FR 546, January 5, 2012).

New NSRT

Using collision data over a five-year period from 2008 to 2012, FRA has recalculated the NSRT based on formulas identified in appendix D to 49 CFR part 222. In making this recalculation, FRA noted that the total number of gated crossings nationwide where train horns are routinely sounded was 42,544.

$$\text{Fatality Rate} = \frac{\text{Fatalities}}{\text{Fatal Incidents}} = \frac{280}{234} = 1.1966$$

$$\text{Injury Rate} = \frac{\text{Injuries in Injury-Only Incidents}}{\text{Injury-Only Incidents}} = \frac{1001}{612} = 1.6356$$

Applying the fatality rate and injury rate to the probable number of fatalities and casualties predicted to occur at each of the 42,544 identified crossings and the predicted cost of the associated injuries and fatalities, FRA calculates the NSRT to be 14,347. Accordingly, this updated NSRT value will serve as one threshold of permissible risk for quiet zones established across the nation pursuant to 49 CFR part 222.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 21, 2013.

Robert C. Lauby,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2009–0203]

Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC) also known as the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC) also known as the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee. The committees will meet in a joint session to consider a proposed rule to incorporate by reference two new standards (one partially) and 21 updated editions of currently referenced standards in 49 CFR Parts 192, 193, and 195.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The committee members will take part in this joint meeting by telephone conference call. The public may participate in the meeting via telephone conference call, or at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Room E27-302. The conference call number and any additional information will be published on the PHMSA Web site at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/public>, under "News and Updates" on the homepage. Participants who plan to attend in person should register in advance at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=93>.

The meeting will not be webcast; however, presentations will be available on the meeting Web site and posted in the E-Gov Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket Number PHMSA-2013-2003 within 30 days following the meeting.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2009-0203, by any of the following methods:

E-Gov Web: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation Docket Management System: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
Fax: 202-493-2251.

Instructions: Identify the Docket Number PHMSA-2009-0203, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Note: All comments received will be posted without edits to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://docketsinfo.dot.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets. Alternatively, you may review the documents in person at the street address listed above.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to seek special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel at 202-366-4431 by December 10, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the meeting, contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by email at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Details

Members of the public may participate via telephone conference or make a statement during the advisory committee meeting. If you intend to make a statement, please notify PHMSA in advance by forwarding an email to cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov by December 10, 2013.

II. Committee Background

The GPAC and LPAC are statutorily-mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risk assessments, and safety policies for natural gas pipelines and for hazardous liquid pipelines. Both committees were established under the

Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—with membership evenly divided among the Federal and state government, the regulated industry, and the public. The committees advise PHMSA on the technical feasibility, practicability, and cost-effectiveness of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

III. Agenda

On Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the GPAC and LPAC will participate in a joint meeting. A detailed agenda will be published on the PHMSA Web site at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/>.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115; 60118.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 19, 2013.

Alan K. Mayberry,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy and Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

[Docket ID OCC-2013-0005]

Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC).

ACTION: Final guidance.

SUMMARY: The OCC is issuing final supervisory guidance entitled "Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products" (Guidance), which addresses safe and sound banking practices and consumer protection in connection with deposit advance products.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Piepergerdes, Director for Retail Credit Risk, (202) 649-6220; Kimberly Hebb, Director for Compliance Policy, (202) 649-5470; Kenneth Lennon, Assistant Director for Community and Consumer Law, (202) 649-6350; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) is issuing the Guidance to clarify the OCC's application of principles of safe and sound banking

practices and consumer protection in connection with deposit advance products. The Guidance details the OCC's supervisory expectations in connection with any deposit advance product offered by OCC-supervised financial institutions (banks) to address potential credit, reputation, operational, and compliance risks. The OCC expects a bank to apply the principles set forth in this Guidance to any deposit advance product it offers.

II. Description of Guidance

A deposit advance product is a small-dollar, short-term loan or line of credit that a bank makes available to a customer whose deposit account reflects recurring direct deposits. The customer obtains a loan, which is to be repaid from the proceeds of the next direct deposit. These loans typically have high fees, are repaid in a lump sum in advance of the customer's other bills, and often are not subject to fundamental and prudent banking practices through which a bank can determine the customer's ability to repay the loan and meet other necessary financial obligations.

The OCC continues to encourage banks to respond to customers' small-dollar credit needs; however, banks should be aware that deposit advance products can pose a variety of credit, reputation, operational, compliance, and other risks. The OCC is issuing the Guidance to ensure that any bank offering these products does so in a safe and sound manner and does not engage in practices that would increase these risks.

III. Comment Letters Received

The OCC received over 100 official comments on the proposal.¹ After consideration of all such comments, the OCC is issuing the Guidance substantially as proposed, but with certain amendments. The amendments to the Guidance are meant to provide further clarification of certain provisions, including those raised by the commenters.

Several commenters stated they believed the OCC issued the Guidance to address consumer protection issues, not safety and soundness concerns. Additionally, some commenters stated the Guidance would create new rules and regulations within the consumer protection arena, which the OCC does not have the jurisdiction to promulgate. The Guidance, like other supervisory guidance issued by the prudential

banking regulators, highlights supervisory expectations based on applicable laws and regulations. It is intended to make a bank aware of the risks related to deposit advance products and provide guidelines to follow, based on safety and soundness principles, if it offers, or is considering offering, deposit advance products. The Guidance, in part, is also designed to help a bank understand which specific consumer compliance laws and regulations may be applicable to these types of loans.

Many commenters also questioned whether guidance relating to a determination of a customer's financial capacity and the level of effort necessary to complete such an analysis may be overly burdensome. The OCC, however, believes analyzing recurring deposits (inflows) and checks/credits/customer withdrawals (outflows) over at least a six-month period is appropriate because it would afford a bank the opportunity to use readily available information to determine whether the customer has the ability to repay the loan without needing to borrow repeatedly from any source, including re-borrowing, to meet necessary expenses. When determining the appropriate credit limit for a customer, there is no expectation in the Guidance that the bank do any additional analysis of inflows and outflows to determine ability to repay other than the specific transactions occurring within the account being used to repay the deposit advance product. However, as a matter of policy, a bank may consider other factors in determining overall eligibility for the product, including performance related to other accounts at the bank.

Several commenters also expressed concerns that this Guidance would have a "chilling effect" on the overall small-dollar, short-term credit market, and potentially drive consumers to illegal and/or unregulated lenders. However, the OCC is aware of a number of banks offering affordable small-dollar loans at reasonable terms to their customers.

Certain other commenters expressed concerns with the underwriting requirements as they relate to classified credits. Specifically, commenters interpreted the proposal to mean it was necessary to look outside of their bank (e.g., obtaining a credit report) to determine whether the customer had any delinquent or adversely classified credits, and was therefore ineligible for their product. This was never the intent of the Guidance. The OCC has added language to clarify that the eligibility and underwriting expectations described in the Guidance do not require the use of credit reports.

A number of other commenters questioned whether the Guidance would be applicable to deposit advance products that are designed to resemble "lines of credit" given that the proposal uses the term "loan." To address this concern, language has been added to state that the Guidance is applicable to all deposit advance products regardless of how the extension of credit is structured.

Some commenters, primarily state regulatory agencies, raised the concern that the Guidance would preempt applicable state laws, including usury laws, and potentially limit the ability of states to regulate these types of products. This was never the intent of the Guidance. Therefore, to address these concerns, the OCC has added a footnote to the section on Compliance and Consumer Protection Related Concerns clarifying that the Guidance does not impinge on state usury laws, to the extent they are applicable.

Commenters also raised concerns about banks using the proceeds of certain government benefits (e.g., Social Security) in determining a customer's ability to repay a deposit advance loan. The commenters suggested that, because government benefits are "designed to cover basic living expenses," the Guidance should discourage a bank from using proceeds from these benefits to determine a customer's ability to repay deposit advance loans. The Guidance does not distinguish between types of inflows, but more generally cautions a bank against making a loan that cannot be repaid to any customer, including Social Security and other government benefit recipients.

A related concern raised by commenters had to do with the impact of the "cooling off" period. For example, the commenters felt a required cooling off period might result in some customers obtaining larger advances than they might otherwise, because their access to additional advances would be delayed by the cooling off period.

The Guidance makes clear that an OCC-supervised bank is expected to assess the customer's ability to repay a loan while allowing the customer to continue to meet typical recurring and other necessary expenses such as food, housing, transportation, and healthcare, as well as other outstanding debt obligations. Additionally, the bank's underwriting criteria should ensure the appropriate deposit advance limit is established and that customers can meet these criteria without needing to borrow repeatedly. The underwriting standards detailed in the Guidance, along with the cooling off provision, should prevent

¹ See "Proposed Guidance on Deposit Advance Products; Withdrawal of Proposed Guidance on Deposit-Related Consumer Credit Products," 78 FR 25353 (April 20, 2013).

customers from taking out loans they cannot repay.

IV. Guidance

The text of the Guidance follows:

OCC Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) is issuing this “Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products” (Guidance) to OCC-supervised financial institutions (banks) that offer deposit advance products. The Guidance is intended to ensure that banks are aware of the significant risks associated with deposit advance products and supplements the OCC’s existing guidance on payday loans and subprime lending.² Although the OCC encourages banks to respond to customers’ small-dollar credit needs in a responsible manner and with reasonable terms and conditions, deposit advance products pose a variety of credit, reputation, operational, and compliance risks to banks.³

Background: A deposit advance product is a type of small-dollar, short-term credit product offered to customers maintaining a deposit account, reloadable prepaid card, or similar deposit-related vehicle at a bank. The bank provides a credit feature that allows the customer to obtain a loan in advance of the customer’s next direct deposit. The deposit advance is based on the customer’s history of recurring deposits. Typically, the advance is offered as an open-end line of credit.⁴ While the specific details of deposit advance products vary from bank to bank, and also may vary over time, those currently offered incorporate some or all of the characteristics described below.

Cost: The cost of the deposit advance is typically based on a fee structure, rather than an interest rate. Generally advances are made in fixed dollar increments and a flat fee is assessed for each advance. For example, a customer may obtain advances in increments of \$20 with a fee of \$10 per every \$100

advanced. The cost of the deposit advance can be more expensive than other forms of credit, such as a credit card or a traditional line of credit.

Eligibility, Loan Limits, and Ability to Repay: Typically, a customer is eligible for a deposit advance if the deposit account has been open for a certain period of time and the customer receives recurring deposits. Banks typically require a minimum sum to be directly deposited each month for a certain period of time in order for the customer to be eligible for a deposit advance loan. Currently, some banks permit a recurring deposit as low as \$100.

The maximum dollar amount of the advance is typically limited to a percent or amount of the recurring monthly deposit. For example, some banks permit the deposit advance to be the lesser of \$500 or 50 percent of the scheduled direct deposits from the preceding statement cycle, rounded up to the nearest \$10. The advance limit does not include the fee associated with the advance. In addition, some banks will allow the advance even if the customer’s account is currently overdrawn. Some banks also permit a customer to exceed the advance limit, at the bank’s discretion.

Typically, the bank does not analyze the customer’s ability to repay the loan based on recurring debits or other indications of a need for residual income to pay other bills. The decision to advance credit to customers, based solely on the amount and frequency of their deposits, stands in contrast to banks’ traditional underwriting standards for other products, which typically include an assessment of the ability to repay the loan based on an analysis of the customer’s finances.

Repayment: Repayment is generally required through an electronic payment of the fee and the advance with the next direct deposit. Typically, the bank is paid first before any other transactions are paid. In some cases, a bank will apply a time limit on how soon it will take the fee and the advance from the direct deposit, but the time limit is minimal, usually one or two days. If the first deposit is insufficient to repay the fee and the advance, the repayment will be obtained from subsequent deposits. If the deposits are insufficient to repay the fee and the advance within a certain time period, typically 35 days, then the bank executes a forced repayment by sweeping the underlying deposit account for the remaining balance. Unlike a payday lender, the bank has automatic access to the underlying deposit account. In some cases, customers may be able to access

program features that allow for a longer repayment period than 35 days; however, this is not usually allowed.

If the deposit account funds are insufficient to repay the fee and the advance, then the account goes into overdraft status. Some banks will charge an overdraft fee based on the deposit advance overdrawn on the account. Other banks will only charge overdraft fees based on any subsequent transactions that overdraw the account.

Although the deposit advance limit is based on an amount or percentage of the monthly deposit, the repayment can be based on a shorter time period. For example, if a customer receives direct deposits of \$500 every other Friday from her employer, her monthly direct deposit would be \$1000. Under the typical bank’s advance limit, she could receive an advance of \$500 with a fee of \$50. If she obtains the deposit advance on the Thursday before her payday, then the bank will obtain repayment on Friday. The bank will take the entire \$500 paycheck. In addition, the customer will still owe \$50 in principal because the deposit was only sufficient to pay the \$50 fee and \$450 in principal. Assuming the customer has no other source of income, the customer will need to rely on savings to pay bills until the next paycheck. At the next paycheck, the bank will take the remaining \$50 in principal and the customer will have \$450 to pay all outstanding bills.

Some banks have implemented alternative repayment methods that provide more flexibility to the customer. For example, some banks will permit repayment to extend through to the second direct deposit if the first direct deposit falls below a specific dollar threshold. In addition, some banks allow payment by mail rather than electronic transfer, but may charge a fee for this option. Finally, some banks offer an installment loan option, but may also charge an additional fee or may only offer this option if the customer cannot repay the advance and fee from the monthly deposits.

Repeat Usage Controls: Banks often have repeat usage limits that trigger a “cooling off” period during which the customer cannot take out a deposit advance, or the credit limit is reduced. For example, some banks may prevent an advance for 35 days if the customer has used the service at least once each month in the previous six-month period. However, the customer can resume use of the product after the 35-day period is completed. Other banks may prevent an advance for one full billing cycle if the customer borrows the entire amount of the advance each

² OCC Advisory Letter AL 2000–10, “Payday Lending” (November 27, 2000); OCC Bulletin 2001–6, “Expanded Guidance for Subprime Lending Programs” (Subprime Lending Guidance) (January 31, 2001), jointly signed by the OCC, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (Board), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS).

³ This Guidance does not apply to banks’ overdraft lines of credit. Overdraft lines of credit typically do not have repayment characteristics similar to deposit advance products.

⁴ This Guidance applies to all deposit advance products, regardless of whether the deposit advance product is structured as open- or closed-end credit.

month in the previous six months. However, the customer can avoid this limit by taking out something less than the maximum advance.

Marketing and Access: Banks market deposit advance products as intended to assist customers through a financial emergency or to meet short-term needs. These advances, however, are typically not included with the bank's list of available credit products, but are instead listed as a deposit account "feature." Customers are alerted to the availability of the products by a reference on their account statements or a "button" or hot link on their personal accounts' Web pages, but it is not clear that the customers are made equally aware of less expensive alternatives.

Supervisory Concerns With Deposit Advance Loans

Although the OCC encourages a bank to respond to customers' small-dollar credit needs, deposit advance products pose supervisory risks. These products share a number of characteristics seen in traditional payday loans, including: High fees; very short, lump-sum repayment terms; and inadequate attention to the consumer's ability to repay. As such, a bank needs to be aware of these products' potential to harm consumers, as well as elevated credit, reputation, operational, and compliance risks.

The combined impact of both an expensive credit product and short repayment periods increases the risk that customers may end up using what is marketed as a short-term credit product that results in debt over an extended period of time. Specifically, deposit advance customers may repeatedly take out loans because they are unable to fully repay the balance in one pay period while also meeting typical recurring and other necessary expenses (e.g., housing, food, and transportation). Customers may feel compelled to take out another loan very soon thereafter to make up for the shortfall. This is similar to the practice of "loan flipping," which the OCC, the FDIC, and the Board have previously noted to be an element of predatory lending.⁵ Though deposit advance products are often marketed as intended for emergency financial assistance, and as unsuitable for meeting a customer's recurring or long-term obligations, the OCC believes the product's design results in consumer behavior that is frequently inconsistent with this

marketing and is detrimental to the customer.

To address concerns that certain customers become dependent on deposit advance products to meet their daily expenses (as evidenced by their repeated borrowings), certain lenders now require customers who have taken out a specified number of deposit advance loans within a certain time frame to wait for a specified period before they are eligible to take out a new loan. However, the OCC is concerned these cooling off periods can be easily avoided and are ineffective in preventing repeated usage of these high-cost, short-term loans, for longer-term borrowing needs.

Weak underwriting increases the risk that the customer's account may become overdrawn and result in multiple overdraft fees when subsequent transactions are presented for payment. Some banks assess overdraft fees when the automatic repayment of the deposit advance loan causes the associated account to reflect a negative balance.

Safety and Soundness Risks

Credit Risk: Customers who obtain deposit advance loans may have cash flow difficulties or blemished or insufficient credit histories that limit other borrowing options. The high aggregate cost of numerous and repeated extensions of credit that may be a consequence of this product further increases credit risk. Lenders that offer deposit advance loans typically focus on the amount of the customer's monthly deposit for underwriting purposes. Failure to consider whether the income sources are adequate to repay the debt while covering typical living expenses and other debt payments presents safety and soundness risks.

Numerous and repeated extensions of credit to the same individual may be substantially similar to continuous advances and subject the bank to increased credit risk. While re-aging, extensions, deferrals, renewals, and rewrites of lending products can be used to help customers overcome temporary financial difficulties, such practices, if repeated, can cloud the true performance and delinquency status of the portfolio.⁶ Further, a bank should ensure customers do not use deposit advances to make payments on other loans at the bank, as this could mask a

⁶ See "Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's Uniform Retail Credit Classification and Account Management Policy," 65 FR 36903 (June 12, 2000). This policy is addressed more fully in the "Credit Quality" section of this Guidance. See also OCC Bulletin 2000-20, "Uniform Retail Credit Classification and Account Management Policy" (June 20, 2000).

lack of repayment ability and delinquencies on other loans at the bank.

Relying on the amount of the customer's incoming deposits without consideration of expected outflows does not allow for a proper assessment of the customer's ability to repay the loan and other necessary expenses. This failure to properly assess the customer's financial capacity, a basic underwriting principle, increases default risk.

Reputation Risk: Reputation risk is the risk arising from negative public opinion. Deposit advance products are receiving significant levels of negative news coverage and public scrutiny. This increased scrutiny includes reports of high fees and customers taking out multiple advances to cover prior advances and everyday expenses. Engaging in practices that are perceived to be unfair or detrimental to the customer can cause a bank to lose community support and business.

Operational Risk: Banks remain responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the activities of a third party.⁷ The OCC is aware of banks working with third parties to develop, design and service the deposit advance product. The existence of third-party arrangements may, when not properly managed, significantly increase banks' reputation, compliance, and, operational risks. Some of the risks are associated with the underlying activity itself, similar to the risks faced by a bank directly conducting the activity. Consequently, third-party arrangements may expose the bank to regulatory action and may impact the bank's ability to establish new or service existing customer relationships.

Compliance Risk: The significant risks associated with deposit advance lending products may subject banks to the risk of litigation—both from private lawsuits and regulatory enforcement actions.

Compliance and Consumer Protection Related Concerns

Deposit advance products must comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, some of which are outlined below. In some circumstances, certain state laws may be applicable.⁸ It is important that a bank's deposit advance products be reviewed by counsel for compliance with all applicable laws prior to implementation. Furthermore, although

⁷ See OCC Bulletin 2013-29, "Third-Party Relationships: Risk Management Guidance" (October 30, 2013).

⁸ This Guidance has no bearing on state usury laws or existing federal laws regarding usury. See 12 U.S.C. 85, 1831d(a).

⁵ *Subprime Lending Guidance*, jointly signed by the OCC, the Board, the FDIC, and the OTS (January 31, 2001).

the guidance below outlines federal laws and regulations as of the date this Guidance is published, applicable laws and regulations are subject to amendment. In addition, statutes and regulations will have different applications depending on how a deposit advance product is structured. A bank offering deposit advances should carefully consider whether and how these laws and rules will apply to the particular version of the deposit advance product it is providing. Accordingly, a bank should monitor applicable laws and regulations for revisions and to ensure that its deposit advance product is fully compliant. Federal laws and regulations applicable to deposit advance products include the following:

The Federal Trade Commission Act (FTC Act): Section 5 of the FTC Act prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices (UDAP).⁹ The OCC enforces this section pursuant to its authority in Section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1818.¹⁰ An act or practice is unfair where it: (1) Causes or is likely to cause substantial injury to consumers; (2) cannot be reasonably avoided by consumers; and (3) is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or to competition. Public policy may also be considered. An act or practice is deceptive if: (1) There is a representation, omission, or practice that misleads or is likely to mislead a consumer; (2) the consumer's interpretation is reasonable under the circumstances; and (3) the misleading representation, omission, or practice is material.

Deposit advance products may raise issues under the FTC Act depending upon how the products are marketed and administered. Any FTC Act analysis will be dependent on the facts and circumstances in a particular matter.

The prohibition on UDAP applies not only to the product, but to every stage and activity, from product development to the creation and rollout of marketing campaigns, and to servicing and collections. For example, marketing materials and disclosures should be clear, conspicuous, accurate, and timely and should describe fairly and adequately the terms, benefits, potential risks, and material limitations of the product.

Truth in Lending Act (TILA): TILA and Regulation Z require creditors to provide cost disclosures for extensions

of consumer credit.¹¹ Different rules apply to Regulation Z disclosures depending on whether the loan is an open- or closed-end credit product. A bank should ensure the product's disclosures comply with the applicable requirements. TILA advertising rules for open-end credit require that, if an advertisement states any periodic rate that may be applied, it must state the rate as an Annual Percentage Rate, using that term.¹² Similarly, TILA advertising rules for closed-end credit require that, if an advertisement states a rate of finance charge, it must state the rate as an Annual Percentage Rate, using that term.¹³

Electronic Fund Transfer Act (EFTA): A program that involves the use of electronic fund transfers must meet the applicable disclosure and other requirements of EFTA and Regulation E.¹⁴ EFTA requires disclosures,¹⁵ prohibits creditors from mandating that loans be repaid by "preauthorized electronic fund transfers,"¹⁶ and allows customers to withdraw authorization for "preauthorized fund transfers."¹⁷

Truth in Savings Act (TISA): A program that involves a consumer's deposit account must meet the disclosure requirements of TISA and Regulation DD.¹⁸ Under TISA, deposit account disclosures must include the amount of any fee that may be imposed in connection with the account and the conditions under which the fee may be imposed.¹⁹ TISA also prohibits a bank from making any advertisement, announcement, or solicitation relating to a deposit account that is inaccurate or misleading or that misrepresents their deposit contracts.²⁰ TISA disclosures enable consumers to make informed decisions about their deposit accounts at a bank. A consumer is entitled to receive TISA disclosures at account opening, when the terms of the consumer's account are changed, and when a periodic statement is sent.

Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA): Under ECOA and Regulation B, creditors are prohibited from discriminating against an applicant on a prohibited basis in any aspect of a credit

transaction.²¹ This prohibition applies to deposit advance products. The creditor's discretion, for example in determining the application of eligibility requirements, loss mitigation options, and fee waivers, may raise fair lending risk.²² Steering or targeting certain customers on a prohibited basis toward deposit advance products while offering other customers more favorable credit products may also raise fair lending risk. Additionally, providing different product terms or conditions and different servicing or loss mitigation options to similarly situated customers on a prohibited basis may also violate ECOA.

In addition to the general prohibition against discrimination, ECOA and Regulation B contain specific rules concerning procedures and notices for credit denials and other adverse actions. Regulation B defines the term "adverse action," and generally requires a creditor who takes an adverse action to send a notice to the consumer providing, among other things, the reasons for the adverse action.²³

Supervisory Expectations

Deposit advance lending presents significant consumer protection and safety and soundness concerns, irrespective of whether the products are issued by a bank directly or by a third party. The OCC will take appropriate supervisory action to address any unsafe or unsound banking practices associated with these products, to prevent harm to consumers, and to ensure compliance with all applicable laws. Examinations will focus on potential safety and soundness issues and compliance with applicable consumer protection statutes.

Examiners will assess credit quality, including underwriting and credit administration policies and practices. In addition, examiners will assess the adequacy of capital, reliance on fee income, and adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses (ALLL). Compliance with applicable federal consumer protection statutes, management's oversight, and relationships with third parties will also be assessed.

Credit Quality: The Uniform Retail Credit Classification and Account

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 1691 *et seq.* ECOA is implemented by Regulation B, 12 CFR Part 1002. ECOA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age (provided the applicant has the capacity to contract), the fact that all or part of the applicant's income derives from a public assistance program, and the fact that the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

²² See Interagency Fair Lending Examination Procedures (August 2009) at 9–13.

²³ See 12 CFR 1002.2(c) and 1002.9.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.* TILA is implemented by Regulation Z, 12 CFR Part 1026.

¹² See 12 CFR 1026.16(b)(1).

¹³ See 12 CFR 1026.24(c).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 1693 *et seq.* EFTA is implemented by Regulation E, 12 CFR Part 1005.

¹⁵ See, e.g., 12 CFR 1005.7, 1005.8, and 1005.9.

¹⁶ See 12 CFR 1005.10(e).

¹⁷ See 12 CFR 1005.10(c).

¹⁸ 12 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* TISA is implemented by Regulation DD at 12 CFR Part 1030 for banks and federal savings associations.

¹⁹ See 12 CFR 1030.4(b)(4).

²⁰ See 12 CFR 1030.8.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 45(a) and (n).

¹⁰ See OCC Advisory Letter 2002–3, "Guidance on Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices" (March 22, 2002).

Management Policy (Retail Classification Policy) establishes guidelines for classifying consumer loans, such as deposit advance loans, based on delinquency, but also grants examiners the discretion to classify individual retail loans that exhibit signs of credit weakness, regardless of delinquency status. An examiner also may classify consumer portfolios, or segments thereof, in which underwriting standards are weak and present unreasonable credit risk.

Deposit advance loans often have weaknesses that may jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. Customers often have limited repayment capacity. A bank should adequately review repayment capacity to assess whether a customer will be able to repay the loan without needing to incur further deposit advance borrowing.

Deposit advance loans that have been accessed repeatedly or for extended periods of time could be evidence of inability to repay and inadequate underwriting. A bank should monitor for repeated or extended use, as will be discussed in greater detail in the discussion of underwriting expectations below.

Underwriting and Credit Administration Policies and Practices: As part of the credit quality review, examiners will assess underwriting and administration policies and practices for deposit advance loan products. Eligibility and underwriting criteria for deposit advance loans, consistent with eligibility and underwriting criteria for other bank loans, should be well documented in the bank's policy. The criteria should be designed to assure that the extension of credit, including all associated fees and expenses, can be repaid according to its terms while allowing the customer to continue to meet typical recurring and other necessary expenses such as food, housing, transportation, and healthcare, as well as other outstanding debt obligations. Additionally, criteria should ensure that customers can meet these requirements without needing to borrow repeatedly. Banks should maintain appropriate criteria to prevent churning and prolonged use of these products. Underwriting for deposit advance products should occur prior to opening such accounts and should be monitored on an ongoing basis. Repetitive deposit advance borrowings could indicate weak underwriting and may be criticized in the Report of Examination and then taken into account in a bank's ratings, as appropriate.

Bank policies regarding the underwriting of deposit advance loan

products should be written and approved by the bank's board of directors, and be consistent with the bank's general underwriting standards and risk appetite. Factors a bank should address in its written underwriting policies for deposit advance products include the following:

- *The Length of a Customer's Deposit Relationship With the Bank.* A bank should ensure that the customer relationship is of sufficient duration to provide the bank with adequate information regarding the customer's recurring deposits and expenses in order to prudently underwrite deposit advance loans. The OCC will consider sufficient duration to evaluate a customer's deposit advance eligibility to be no less than six months.

- *Classified Credits.* Customers with delinquent or adversely classified credits with the bank that is offering the deposit advance product should be ineligible.

- *Financial Capacity.* In addition to any eligibility requirements, the bank should conduct an analysis of the customer's financial capacity including income levels.²⁴ Underwriting assessments should consider the customer's ability to repay a loan without needing to borrow repeatedly from any source, including re-borrowing, to meet necessary expenses. The financial capacity assessment should include:

- An analysis of the customer's account for recurring deposits (inflows) and checks/credit/customer withdrawals (outflows) over at least six consecutive months. Lines of credit of any sort, including overdrafts, and drafts from savings should not be considered inflows. In reviewing a customer's transactions to determine deposit advance eligibility, the bank should consider the customer's net surplus or deficit at the end of each of the preceding six months, and not rely on a six-month transaction average.

- After conducting the above-described analysis, determine whether an installment repayment is more appropriate.

- *Cooling Off Period.* Each deposit advance loan, along with all applicable fees, should be repaid in full before the extension of a subsequent deposit advance loan, and a bank should not offer more than one loan per monthly statement cycle.²⁵ A cooling off period

²⁴ While a bank may choose to obtain and review a customer's credit report for the purposes of assessing financial capacity or ongoing eligibility, obtaining a customer's credit report to assess ability to repay is not expected pursuant to this Guidance.

²⁵ The Interagency "Expanded Guidance for Subprime Lending Programs" (2001) states that

of at least one monthly statement cycle after the repayment of a deposit advance loan should be completed before another advance may be extended in order to avoid repeated use of the short-term product.

- *Increasing Deposit Advance Credit Limits.* The amount of credit available to a customer should not be increased without a full underwriting reassessment in compliance with the bank's underwriting policies and in accordance with the factors discussed in this Guidance. Additionally, any increase in the credit limit should not be automatic and should be initiated by a request from the customer.

- *Ongoing Customer Eligibility.* As part of underwriting for this product, a bank should, no less than every six months, reevaluate the customer's eligibility and capacity for this product. Additionally, a bank should identify risks that could negatively affect a customer's eligibility to receive additional deposit advances. For example:

- Repeated overdrafts (establish/set a certain number during a specified number of months).

- Evidence that the customer is overextended with respect to total credit obligations.

Additionally, a bank should monitor for repeated customer usage, which may indicate a need for alternative credit arrangements or other services, and inform customers of these available options when appropriate.

Capital Adequacy: Higher capital requirements generally apply to loan portfolios that exhibit higher-risk characteristics and are subject to less stringent loan underwriting requirements. Loans exhibiting subprime credit characteristics are higher-risk loans and may require higher levels of capital.

Over-Reliance on Fee Income: Fees associated with deposit advance products should be based on safe and sound banking principles. A bank should monitor for any undue reliance on the fees generated by such products for its revenue and earnings.

ALLL: Examiners will assess whether the ALLL is adequate to absorb estimated credit losses within the deposit advance loan portfolio. Examiners will also determine whether a bank engaged in deposit advance lending has methodologies and analyses

loans to borrowers who do not demonstrate the capacity to repay the loan, as structured, from sources other than the collateral pledged, in this case the customer's direct deposit, are generally considered unsafe and unsound. Such lending practices should be criticized in the Report of Examination as imprudent.

in place that demonstrate and document that the level of the ALLL is appropriate.

Consumer Compliance: A bank should implement effective compliance management systems, processes and procedures to mitigate risks appropriately. Examiners will review a bank's program with respect to deposit advance products for compliance with applicable consumer protection statutes and regulations, including TILA, EFTA, TISA, ECOA, and Section 5 of the FTC Act.

Operational Risk and Third-Party Relationships: A bank is responsible for ensuring that the processes and systems, and the associated internal controls are appropriate for the delivery of products to the customer in a safe and sound manner, and in compliance with laws and regulations, whether performed by the bank or a third party. In the review of a bank's relationships with third parties, the OCC's primary supervisory concern is whether the bank is assuming more risk than it can identify, monitor, and manage. Management should allocate sufficient qualified staff to monitor for significant third-party relationships, excessive usage by customers, and excessive risk taking by the bank. Therefore, examiners will review the risks associated with all material third-party relationships and activities together with other bank risks. In certain high-risk situations, examiners may conduct on-site third-party reviews under specific authorities granted to the OCC.

Management Oversight: Examiners will assess bank management's ability to administer a deposit advance program and board oversight of the program. Furthermore, examiners will determine whether bank management has established controls and implemented a rigorous analytical process to identify, measure, monitor, and manage the risks associated with deposit advance products.

A bank should maintain adequate oversight of deposit advance programs and adequate quality control over those products and services to minimize exposure to potential significant financial loss, reputation damage, and supervisory action. The bank's compliance management system should ensure continuing compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, as well as internal policies and procedures.

Management should provide the appropriate oversight and allocate sufficient qualified staff to monitor deposit advance programs. Results of oversight activities—including identified weaknesses that, should be

documented and promptly addressed—should be reported periodically to the bank's board of directors or designated committee.

Responsible Products To Meet Small-Dollar Credit Needs

The OCC recognizes consumers' need for responsible small-dollar credit products. A number of banks are currently offering reasonably priced small-dollar loans at reasonable terms to their customers. If such loans are structured properly, they can provide a safe and affordable means for customers to transition from reliance on high-cost debt products that do not appropriately serve their needs. The OCC encourages banks to continue to offer these products, in a manner consistent with safety and soundness and other supervisory considerations, and encourages other banks to consider offering such products. Properly managed small-dollar loan products offered with reasonable terms and at a reasonable cost do not pose the same level of supervisory risk as deposit advance products. The OCC encourages banks to develop new or innovative programs to effectively meet the need for small-dollar credit that do not exhibit the risks associated with deposit advance products and payday loans.

End of Guidance.

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Thomas J. Curry,

Comptroller of the Currency.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of 2 individuals and 1 entity whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act ("Kingpin Act") (21 U.S.C. 1901-1908, 8 U.S.C. 1182).

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the 2 individuals and 1 entity identified in this notice pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act is effective on November 14, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's Web site at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofac> or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service at (202) 622-0077.

Background

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Kingpin Act establishes a program targeting the activities of significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis. It provides a statutory framework for the imposition of sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate and block the property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of persons who are found to be: (1) Materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

On November 14, 2013, the Director of OFAC designated the following 2 individuals and 1 entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act.

Individuals

1. LOZA HERNANDEZ, Miguel, Periferico Sur No. 4091, Unidad

Habitacional Emilio Porte Gil, Delegacion Tlalpan, Mexico, D.F., Mexico; DOB 11 Dec 1961; POB Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Tax ID No. 06796108238 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. LOHM611211HZSZRG11 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK].

2. VILLA SANCHEZ, Arnoldo (a.k.a. CALDERON SANCHEZ, Erick Rene), Calle Paseo San Carlos 3013, Fraccionamiento Valle Real, Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 31 Jan 1974; POB Guerrero, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Tax ID No. 39037400668 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. VISA740131HGRLNR07 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK].

Entity

3. SISTEMAS ELITE DE SEGURIDAD PRIVADA, S.A. DE C.V., Mexialtzingo 1964, Col. Americana, Guadalupe, Jalisco 44150, Mexico; RFC SES-01095-VE6 (Mexico) [SDNTK].

Dated: November 14, 2013.

Adam J. Szubin,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 8804, 8804 (Sch. A), 8805 and 8813

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8804, Annual Return for Partnership Withholding Tax (Section 1446); Form 8804 (Sch. A), Penalty for Underpayment of Estimated Section 1446 Tax by Partnerships; Form 8805, Foreign Partner's Information Statement of Section 1446 Withholding Tax; and Form 8813, Partnership Withholding Tax Payment Voucher (Section 1446).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Kerry Dennis at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Form 8804, Annual Return for Partnership Withholding Tax (Section 1446); Form 8804 (Sch. A), Penalty for Underpayment of Estimated Section 1446 Tax by Partnerships; Form 8805, Foreign Partner's Information Statement of Section 1446 Withholding Tax; and Form 8813, Partnership Withholding Tax Payment Voucher 8813, Partnership Withholding Tax Payment Voucher (Section 1446).

OMB Number: 1545-1119.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 1446 requires partnerships that are engaged in the conduct of a trade or business in the United States to pay a withholding tax if they have effectively collected taxable income that is allocable to foreign partners. The partnerships use Form 8813 to make payments of withholding tax to the IRS. They use Forms 8804 and 8805 to make annual reports to provide the IRS and affected partners with information to assure proper withholding, crediting to partners' accounts and compliance.

Current Actions: Due to changes required by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA), we estimate an increase of 24,000 additional filers. The increase in agency estimates along with the changes in Form 8804, result in an overall hourly burden increase of 93,020 (161,025 to 254,045) for the collection.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 79,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 254,045.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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 as long as 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.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: November 19, 2013.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8867

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8867, Paid Preparer's Earned Income Credit Checklist.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 27, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Kerry.Dennis at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at *Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Paid Preparer's Earned Income Credit Checklist.

OMB Number: 1545-1629.

Form Number: 8867.

Abstract: Form 8867 helps preparers meet the due diligence requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 6695(g), which was added by section 1085(a)(2) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. Paid preparers of Federal Income tax returns or claims for refund involving the earned income credit (EIC) must meet the due diligence requirements in determining if the taxpayer is eligible for the RIC and the amount of the credit. Failure to do so could result in a \$100 penalty for each failure. Completion of Form 8867 is one of the due diligence requirements.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 8,368,447.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hour, 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 17,824,793.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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 as long as 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.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the

request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 23, 2013.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Part II

Postal Service

Change in Rates and Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products; Notice

POSTAL SERVICE**Change in Rates and Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products****AGENCY:** Postal Service.**ACTION:** Notice of a change in rates of general applicability for competitive products.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products.**DATES:** *Effective:* January 26, 2014.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel J. Foucheaux, Jr., 202-268-2989.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 22, 2013, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3632, the

Governors of the Postal Service established prices and classification changes for competitive products. The Governors' Decision and the record of proceedings in connection with such decision are reprinted below in accordance with section 3632(b)(2).

Stanley F. Mires,*Attorney, Legal Policy & Legislative Advice.*

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ON CHANGES
IN RATES AND CLASSES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY FOR COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS
(GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 13-2)**

October 22, 2013

STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION

Pursuant to our authority under section 3632 of title 39, as amended by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 ("PAEA"), we establish new prices of general applicability for the Postal Service's shipping services (competitive products), and such changes in classifications as are necessary to define the new prices. The changes are described generally below, with a detailed description of the changes in the attachment. The attachment includes the draft Mail Classification Schedule sections with changes in classification language in legislative format, and new prices displayed in the price charts.

As shown in the nonpublic annex being filed under seal herewith, the changes we establish should enable each competitive product to cover its attributable costs (39 U.S.C. § 3633(a)(2)) and should result in competitive products as a whole complying with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a)(3), which, as implemented by 39 C.F.R. § 3015.7(c), requires competitive products to contribute a minimum of 5.5 percent to the Postal Service's institutional costs. Accordingly, no issue of subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products should arise (39 U.S.C. § 3633(a)(1)). We therefore find that the new prices and classification changes are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. §§ 3632-3633 and 39 C.F.R. § 3015.2.

I. Domestic Products

A. Priority Mail Express

Overall, the Priority Mail Express price change represents a 3 percent increase. The existing structure of zoned Retail, Commercial Base, and Commercial Plus price categories is maintained. A new Zone 9 is added for mailings to and from the Freely Associated States (Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau). Additionally, a 10:30am delivery time option will be added for \$5.00.

Retail prices will increase an average of 3.1 percent. The price for the Retail Flat Rate Envelope, Padded Flat Rate Envelope, and Legal Flat Rate Envelope, a significant portion of all Priority Mail Express volume, is increasing four cents to \$19.99. The Flat Rate Box price will increase from \$39.95 to \$44.95.

The Commercial Base price category offers lower prices to customers who use online and other authorized postage payment methods. The Commercial Base prices will increase 2.9 percent.

The Commercial Plus price category offers even lower prices to large-volume customers. Commercial Plus prices, as a whole, will receive a 0.6 percent increase. A fee of 20 cents per piece will be assessed on any commercial parcels that lack an Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb).

B. Priority Mail

The existing structure of Priority Mail Retail, Commercial Base, and Commercial Plus price categories is maintained. A new Zone 9 is added for mailings to and from the Freely Associated States (Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau).

Retail Flat Rate Box prices will be: Small, \$5.80; Medium, \$12.35; Large, \$17.45; and Large APO/FPO/DPO, \$15.45. The regular Flat Rate Envelope will be priced at \$5.60, with the Legal Size and Padded Flat Rate Envelopes priced at \$5.75 and \$5.95, respectively.

The Commercial Base price category offers lower prices to customers using online and other authorized postage payment methods.

The Commercial Plus price category offers even lower prices to large-volume customers. This price category will continue to contain Critical Mail letters and flats, a half pound price, an assortment of Flat Rate packaging, and Commercial Plus Cubic pricing. New for January, the minimum annual volume threshold for cubic pricing and other Commercial Plus offerings will be lowered to 50,000 packages. Finally, a fee of 20 cents per piece will be assessed on any commercial parcels that lack an Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb).

C. Parcel Select

On average, prices for Parcel Select, the Postal Service's bulk ground shipping product, will increase 5.9 percent. For destination entered parcels, the average price increases are 8.0 percent for parcels entered at a destination delivery unit (DDU), 5.6 percent for parcels entered at a destination plant (DSCF) and 5.1 percent for parcels entered at a destination Network Distribution Center (DNDC).

For non-destination entered parcels, the average price increase is 5.9 percent. Prices for Lightweight Parcel Select, formerly Standard Mail commercial parcels, will increase by 10.1 percent.

D. Parcel Return Service

Parcel Return Service prices will have an overall price increase of 3.0 percent. Prices for parcels retrieved at a return Network Distribution Center (RNDC) or a return Sectional Center Facility (RSCF) will have a zero percent overall increase, and prices for parcels picked up at a return delivery unit (RDU) will increase 5.7 percent. Prices will remain unchanged for full network Postal PRS, available to high volume mailers with at least 70 thousand pieces annually.

E. First-Class Package Service

First-Class Package Service continues to be positioned as a lightweight (less than one pound) offering used by businesses for fulfillment purposes. Overall, Commercial First-Class Package Service prices will increase 5.0 percent, with no structural changes. A fee of 20 cents per piece will be assessed on any commercial parcels that lack an Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpb).

F. Standard Post

Standard Post prices will increase 5.2 percent for 2014. Prices in Zones 1-4 will now align with the retail Priority Mail prices for those zones. Therefore, customers shipping in those price cells will receive Priority Mail service, and will only default to Standard Post if the item contains hazardous material or is otherwise not permitted to travel by air transportation.

G. Domestic Extra Services

Premium Forwarding Service prices will increase slightly in 2014, with a new pricing option added. The retail counter enrollment fee will increase to \$17.00. A new online enrollment option will be available for \$16.00. The weekly reshipment fee will remain at \$17.00. Prices for Adult Signature service will increase to \$5.20 for the basic service and \$5.45 for the person-specific service. Address Enhancement Service prices will be increasing between 3.6 and 7.7 percent depending on the particular rate element, to ensure adequate cost coverage. Competitive Post Office Box prices will be increasing 3.5 percent on average, which is within the existing price ranges. Package Intercept Service will increase 5.0 percent, to \$11.50. The Pickup on demand fee will remain unchanged for January 2014.

II. International Products

A. Expedited Services

International expedited services include Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) and Priority Mail Express International (PMEI). Overall, GXG prices will rise by 3.0 percent, and PMEI will be subject to an overall 1.3 percent increase. The existing structure of GXG Retail, Commercial Base, and Commercial Plus price categories will be maintained, with the exception of a minor revision concerning payment methods for which GXG Commercial Base is available. The existing structure of PMEI Flat Rate, Retail, Commercial Base and Commercial Plus price categories will also be maintained, except for the establishment of PMEI Flat Rate Commercial Base and PMEI Flat Rate Commercial Plus rates, a minor revision concerning payment methods for which PMEI Commercial Base is available, and an increase to 70 lbs. for the maximum weight for PMEI for Country Price Group 2 (Mexico).

B. Priority Mail International

The overall increase for Priority Mail International (PMI) will be 1.1 percent. The existing structure of PMI Flat Rate, Retail, Commercial Base, and Commercial Plus price categories will be maintained, except for the establishment of PMI Flat Rate Commercial Base and PMI Flat Rate Commercial Plus rates, with accompanying changes concerning the availability of Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International. Additional classification changes include a minor revision concerning payment methods for which PMI Commercial Base is available, an increase to 70 lbs. for the maximum weight for PMI for Rate Group 2 (Mexico), as well as minor revisions concerning PMI contents restrictions and size limitations for PMI items.

C. International Priority Airmail and International Surface Air Lift

Published prices for International Priority Airmail (IPA) will decrease by 2.5 percent, and for International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) prices will decrease by 2.9 percent. Classification changes include revising the structure of IPA and ISAL price categories so that there are 19 rate groups for which rates are established by mail shape (letters and postcards, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets and rolls)). In addition, the minimum weight of Direct Country containers will be reduced to 2 lbs., the maximum weight for IPA and ISAL large envelopes (flats) will be reduced to 17.6 ounces and the maximum weight for IPA and ISAL packages (small packets and rolls) will be increased to 4.4 pounds.

D. Airmail M-Bags

The published prices for Airmail M-Bags will increase by 2.9 percent.

E. First-Class Package International Service™

The overall increase for First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) Retail prices will be 0.8 percent; FCPIS Commercial Base and FCPIS Commercial Plus prices will remain unchanged. The existing structure of FCPIS Retail, Commercial Base, and Commercial Plus price categories will be maintained, except for a minor revision concerning payment methods for which PMI Commercial Base is available. In addition, Pickup on Demand will be made available for FCPIS.

F. International Ancillary Services and Special Services

Prices for several international ancillary services will be increased. Certificates of Mailing will increase 9.7 percent. Registered Mail will increase 5.4 percent. International Return Receipt will increase 7.1 percent the Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee will increase 9.1 percent. The maximum amount for Vendor Assisted Electronic Money Transfer will decrease to \$1500.00.

ORDER

The changes in prices and classes set forth herein shall be effective at 12:01 A.M. on January 26, 2014. We direct the Secretary to have this decision published in the *Federal Register* in accordance with 39 U.S.C. § 3632(b)(2). We also direct management to file with the Postal Regulatory Commission appropriate notice of these changes.

By The Governors:

/s/

Mickey D. Barnett
Chairman

PART B

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

2000 COMPETITIVE PRODUCT LIST

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2001 COMPETITIVE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

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2100 Domestic Products

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Priority Mail Express*

2105 Priority Mail Express

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2105.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- Sunday/Holiday Delivery
- 10:30am Delivery
- Ancillary Services (1505)
 - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
 - Collect On Delivery (1505.7)
 - Priority Mail Express Insurance (1505.9)
 - Return Receipt (1505.13)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2545)
 - Adult Signature (2545.1)
 - Package Intercept Service (2545.2)

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2105.6 Prices

Retail Priority Mail Express Zone/Weight

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
0.5	16.95	21.25	23.70	25.75	27.55	29.25	31.20	38.05
1	17.95	23.95	28.85	32.30	33.45	35.50	36.60	44.65
2	19.15	25.55	31.45	35.20	36.65	38.80	40.15	49.00
3	20.05	26.75	35.35	40.50	42.25	44.75	46.00	56.10
4	21.35	28.50	37.70	45.80	47.60	50.40	51.75	63.15
5	24.00	32.00	40.20	49.00	53.50	56.05	57.55	70.20
6	27.45	36.65	46.60	55.70	58.60	61.60	63.50	77.45
7	30.10	40.15	53.40	60.90	63.65	67.30	69.70	85.05
8	33.05	44.05	57.85	65.50	69.10	73.05	75.05	91.55
9	34.35	45.80	60.00	70.05	74.45	78.70	80.80	98.60
10	36.15	47.75	62.30	73.20	78.30	82.75	84.85	103.50
11	38.20	53.40	69.60	78.25	82.10	86.70	88.90	108.45
12	40.25	57.15	73.95	82.40	85.80	90.65	92.85	113.30
13	42.60	60.85	77.35	86.15	89.40	94.40	98.25	119.85
14	44.55	64.60	80.40	89.50	93.15	98.35	102.30	124.80
15	46.00	68.20	83.80	93.30	96.95	102.30	106.40	129.80
16	48.00	72.10	87.10	96.90	101.15	106.70	109.95	134.15
17	49.85	75.85	90.40	100.45	104.55	110.20	113.05	137.90
18	51.85	79.45	93.60	104.00	108.20	114.10	117.10	142.85
19	53.70	83.20	96.80	107.50	111.95	117.95	121.00	147.60
20	56.00	86.95	101.60	112.75	116.30	122.55	126.40	154.20
21	57.25	92.40	104.80	116.30	121.45	127.90	131.15	160.00
22	59.40	96.25	109.40	121.35	125.30	131.85	136.20	166.15
23	61.15	99.95	112.60	124.90	129.15	135.90	140.15	171.00
24	63.40	103.80	116.25	128.85	133.05	139.95	143.25	174.75
25	65.95	107.65	119.05	131.85	136.65	143.70	147.75	180.25

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Retail Priority Mail Express Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
26	67.40	111.50	122.50	135.65	140.50	147.70	151.95	185.40
27	69.35	115.15	125.70	139.10	144.20	151.55	155.95	190.25
28	70.75	119.00	129.70	143.50	147.95	155.45	160.05	195.25
29	72.95	122.75	133.95	148.10	151.80	159.35	163.95	200.00
30	75.00	126.55	138.20	152.70	156.15	163.95	169.15	206.35
31	76.85	130.35	142.35	157.30	161.10	169.05	174.50	212.90
32	78.90	134.30	146.65	161.85	165.80	173.95	179.70	219.25
33	81.35	138.00	150.85	166.45	170.65	178.95	184.85	225.50
34	83.70	141.70	155.20	171.20	175.35	183.85	190.00	231.80
35	85.85	145.55	159.25	175.55	180.05	188.70	195.20	238.15
36	88.05	149.40	163.60	180.25	185.00	193.80	200.45	244.55
37	89.95	153.10	167.80	184.80	189.90	198.85	205.70	250.95
38	92.05	157.00	172.05	189.45	194.60	203.75	210.80	257.20
39	94.35	160.80	176.35	194.00	199.15	208.45	216.05	263.60
40	96.35	164.45	180.65	198.70	204.00	213.45	221.30	270.00
41	98.25	168.35	184.85	203.20	208.95	218.60	226.45	276.25
42	100.00	172.20	189.10	207.75	213.85	223.60	231.60	282.55
43	102.30	175.90	193.25	212.25	218.60	228.45	236.85	288.95
44	104.15	179.75	197.55	216.85	223.30	233.35	242.00	295.25
45	106.15	183.60	201.65	221.30	228.10	238.30	247.30	301.70
46	108.25	187.25	206.15	226.05	232.85	243.15	252.45	308.00
47	110.50	191.10	210.30	230.55	237.65	248.10	257.65	314.35
48	112.40	195.00	214.45	234.95	242.45	253.00	262.85	320.70
49	114.40	198.65	218.75	239.50	247.40	258.10	268.10	327.10
50	116.85	202.55	223.05	244.20	252.00	262.80	273.25	333.35

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Priority Mail Express*

Retail Priority Mail Express Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
51	118.90	206.40	227.25	248.65	256.75	267.65	277.75	338.85
52	120.95	210.00	231.40	253.10	261.70	272.70	283.75	346.20
53	122.90	213.90	235.75	257.65	266.50	277.65	288.95	352.50
54	125.10	217.75	239.90	262.10	271.30	282.55	294.10	358.80
55	127.60	222.75	244.30	266.75	276.05	287.35	299.25	365.10
56	130.25	226.65	248.45	271.15	280.80	292.25	304.50	371.50
57	132.50	230.45	252.70	275.70	285.55	297.15	309.65	377.75
58	134.75	234.10	256.90	280.10	290.40	302.05	314.85	384.10
59	136.60	237.90	261.10	284.60	295.30	307.00	320.05	390.45
60	138.45	241.70	265.35	289.10	300.05	311.85	325.25	396.80
61	140.40	245.60	269.80	293.80	304.85	316.70	330.45	403.15
62	142.60	249.30	273.90	298.10	309.55	321.50	335.75	409.60
63	144.95	253.05	278.15	302.60	314.40	326.50	341.00	416.00
64	146.90	256.85	282.35	307.00	319.25	331.40	346.20	422.35
65	149.40	260.65	286.55	311.45	324.00	336.15	351.30	428.60
66	152.20	264.55	290.90	316.05	328.80	341.05	356.45	434.85
67	153.95	268.25	295.20	320.55	333.45	345.75	361.70	441.25
68	156.00	272.05	299.40	324.90	338.45	350.85	367.05	447.80
69	158.45	275.90	303.60	329.35	343.10	355.55	372.00	453.85
70	161.35	279.70	307.90	333.80	347.95	360.40	377.25	460.25

Retail Flat Rate Envelope

	(\$)
Retail Regular Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	19.99
Retail Legal Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	19.99
Retail Padded Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	19.99

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Retail Flat Rate Box

	(\$)
Retail Regular Flat Rate Box, per piece	44.95

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Commercial Base Zone/Weight

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
0.5	13.09	16.99	20.42	23.23	25.22	26.95	27.68	33.76
1	15.13	17.58	22.21	25.21	27.54	29.10	30.00	36.60
2	15.58	18.23	24.20	27.43	30.00	31.45	32.46	39.60
3	15.94	19.13	26.52	29.98	32.88	34.21	35.42	43.22
4	16.30	19.36	27.58	31.16	34.48	35.54	36.94	45.06
5	16.65	20.16	30.17	34.08	37.40	38.49	39.87	48.64
6	16.93	21.84	33.47	37.65	41.52	42.49	44.29	54.04
7	17.51	23.98	35.78	40.46	44.45	45.48	50.06	61.08
8	18.43	25.60	37.92	43.24	47.54	48.79	54.98	67.08
9	19.34	27.22	40.07	46.03	50.63	52.09	58.52	71.40
10	20.26	28.85	42.21	48.81	53.72	55.40	63.24	77.16
11	21.17	30.47	44.36	51.59	56.81	58.70	68.47	83.54
12	22.09	31.19	46.50	54.37	59.90	62.01	72.73	88.74
13	23.00	32.84	48.65	57.16	62.99	65.32	76.76	93.64
14	23.92	34.49	50.79	59.94	66.08	68.62	78.36	95.60
15	24.83	36.14	52.94	62.72	69.17	71.93	82.84	101.06
16	25.75	37.79	55.08	65.51	72.26	75.23	87.31	106.52
17	26.66	39.44	57.22	68.29	75.35	78.54	91.78	111.98
18	27.58	41.09	59.37	71.07	78.44	81.85	96.26	117.44
19	28.49	42.74	61.51	73.86	81.53	85.15	100.73	122.90
20	29.41	44.39	63.66	76.64	84.62	88.46	105.20	128.34
21	30.33	46.04	65.80	79.42	87.71	91.76	109.68	133.80
22	31.24	47.70	67.95	82.20	90.80	95.07	114.15	139.26
23	32.16	49.35	70.09	84.99	93.89	98.38	118.62	144.72
24	33.07	51.00	72.24	87.77	96.98	101.68	123.10	150.18
25	33.99	52.65	74.38	90.55	100.08	104.99	127.57	155.64

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Commercial Base Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
26	34.90	54.30	76.52	93.34	103.17	108.29	132.04	161.08
27	35.82	55.95	78.67	96.12	106.26	111.60	136.52	166.56
28	36.73	57.60	80.81	98.90	109.35	114.91	140.99	172.00
29	37.65	59.25	82.96	101.69	112.44	118.21	145.46	177.46
30	38.56	60.90	85.10	104.47	115.53	121.52	149.94	182.92
31	39.48	62.55	87.25	107.25	118.62	124.82	154.41	188.38
32	40.39	64.21	89.39	110.03	121.71	128.13	158.88	193.84
33	41.31	65.86	91.54	112.82	124.80	131.44	163.36	199.30
34	42.23	67.51	93.68	115.60	127.89	134.74	167.83	204.76
35	43.14	69.16	95.82	118.38	130.98	138.05	172.30	210.20
36	44.06	70.81	97.97	121.17	134.07	141.36	176.78	215.68
37	44.97	72.46	100.11	123.95	137.16	144.66	181.25	221.12
38	45.89	74.11	102.26	126.73	140.25	147.97	185.72	226.58
39	46.80	75.76	104.40	129.51	143.34	151.27	190.20	232.04
40	47.72	77.41	106.55	132.30	146.43	154.58	194.67	237.50
41	48.63	79.06	108.69	135.08	149.52	157.89	199.14	242.96
42	49.55	80.72	110.84	137.86	152.61	161.19	203.62	248.42
43	50.46	82.37	112.98	140.65	155.70	164.50	208.09	253.86
44	51.38	84.02	115.12	143.43	158.79	167.80	212.56	259.32
45	52.30	85.67	117.27	146.21	161.88	171.11	217.04	264.78
46	53.21	87.32	119.41	149.00	164.97	174.42	221.51	270.24
47	54.13	88.97	121.56	151.78	168.06	177.72	225.98	275.70
48	55.04	90.62	123.70	154.56	171.15	181.03	230.46	281.16
49	55.96	92.27	125.85	157.34	174.24	184.33	234.93	286.62
50	56.87	93.92	127.99	160.13	177.33	187.64	239.40	292.06

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Commercial Base Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
51	57.79	95.57	130.14	162.91	180.42	190.95	243.88	297.54
52	58.70	97.23	132.28	165.69	183.51	194.25	248.35	302.98
53	59.62	98.88	134.42	168.48	186.60	197.56	252.82	308.44
54	60.53	100.53	136.57	171.26	189.69	200.86	257.30	313.90
55	61.45	102.18	138.71	174.04	192.78	204.17	261.77	319.36
56	62.36	103.83	140.86	176.83	195.87	207.48	266.24	324.82
57	63.28	105.48	143.00	179.61	198.96	210.78	270.72	330.28
58	64.20	107.13	145.15	182.39	202.05	214.09	275.19	335.74
59	65.11	108.78	147.29	185.17	205.14	217.39	279.66	341.18
60	66.03	110.43	149.44	187.96	208.24	220.70	284.14	346.66
61	66.94	112.08	151.58	190.74	211.33	224.01	288.61	352.10
62	67.86	113.74	153.72	193.52	214.42	227.31	293.08	357.56
63	68.77	115.39	155.87	196.31	217.51	230.62	297.56	363.02
64	69.69	117.04	158.01	199.09	220.60	233.92	302.03	368.48
65	70.60	118.69	160.16	201.87	223.69	237.23	306.50	373.94
66	71.52	120.34	162.30	204.65	226.78	240.54	310.98	379.40
67	72.43	121.99	164.45	207.44	229.87	243.84	315.45	384.84
68	73.35	123.64	166.59	210.22	232.96	247.15	319.92	390.30
69	74.26	125.29	168.74	213.00	236.05	250.45	324.39	395.76
70	75.18	126.94	170.88	215.79	239.14	253.76	328.87	401.22

Commercial Base Flat Rate Envelope

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Commercial Base Regular Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	18.11
Commercial Base Legal Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	18.11
Commercial Base Padded Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	18.11

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Commercial Base Flat Rate Box

	(\$)
Commercial Base Flat Rate Box, per piece	44.95

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Commercial Plus Zone/Weight

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
0.5	11.16	13.00	15.82	16.93	17.19	17.87	18.13	22.12
1	11.94	14.39	18.62	20.28	21.15	21.91	22.37	27.30
2	12.72	15.77	21.42	23.64	25.11	25.95	26.61	32.46
3	13.51	17.16	24.23	26.99	29.06	29.98	30.85	37.64
4	14.29	18.54	27.03	30.35	33.02	34.02	35.09	42.80
5	15.07	19.93	29.83	33.70	36.98	38.06	39.33	47.98
6	15.97	21.49	31.97	36.36	39.93	41.21	43.56	53.14
7	16.88	23.62	34.11	39.01	42.88	44.36	48.46	59.12
8	17.78	25.32	36.25	41.67	45.83	47.51	53.07	64.74
9	18.68	27.05	38.39	44.33	48.78	50.65	57.67	70.36
10	19.59	28.71	40.53	46.98	51.73	53.80	62.28	75.98
11	20.49	30.30	42.67	49.64	54.68	56.95	66.89	81.60
12	21.39	30.86	44.81	52.30	57.63	60.10	71.50	87.24
13	22.30	32.42	46.95	54.96	60.58	63.25	76.11	92.86
14	23.20	33.98	49.10	57.61	63.53	66.40	77.44	94.48
15	24.11	35.54	51.24	60.27	66.48	69.55	81.67	99.64
16	25.01	37.11	53.38	62.93	69.43	72.70	85.91	104.82
17	25.91	38.67	55.52	65.58	72.38	75.84	90.14	109.98
18	26.82	40.23	57.66	68.24	75.33	78.99	94.38	115.14
19	27.72	41.79	59.80	70.90	78.28	82.14	98.61	120.30
20	28.62	43.35	61.94	73.55	81.23	85.29	102.85	125.48
21	29.53	44.91	64.08	76.21	84.18	88.44	107.08	130.64
22	30.43	46.47	66.22	78.87	87.13	91.59	111.32	135.82
23	31.33	48.04	68.36	81.53	90.08	94.74	115.55	140.98
24	32.24	49.60	70.50	84.18	93.03	97.89	119.78	146.14
25	33.14	51.16	72.64	86.84	95.98	101.03	124.02	151.30

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Commercial Plus Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
26	34.04	52.72	74.78	89.50	98.93	104.18	128.25	156.46
27	34.95	54.28	76.92	92.15	101.88	107.33	132.49	161.64
28	35.85	55.84	79.06	94.81	104.83	110.48	136.72	166.80
29	36.75	57.40	81.20	97.47	107.78	113.63	140.96	171.98
30	37.66	58.97	83.35	100.12	110.73	116.78	145.19	177.14
31	38.56	60.53	85.49	102.78	113.68	119.93	149.43	182.30
32	39.47	62.09	87.63	105.44	116.63	123.08	153.66	187.46
33	40.37	63.65	89.77	108.10	119.58	126.22	157.89	192.62
34	41.27	65.21	91.91	110.75	122.53	129.37	162.13	197.80
35	42.18	66.77	94.05	113.41	125.48	132.52	166.36	202.96
36	43.08	68.33	96.19	116.07	128.44	135.67	170.60	208.14
37	43.98	69.90	98.33	118.72	131.39	138.82	174.83	213.30
38	44.89	71.46	100.47	121.38	134.34	141.97	179.07	218.46
39	45.79	73.02	102.61	124.04	137.29	145.12	183.30	223.62
40	46.69	74.58	104.75	126.69	140.24	148.27	187.54	228.80
41	47.60	76.14	106.89	129.35	143.19	151.41	191.77	233.96
42	48.50	77.70	109.03	132.01	146.14	154.56	196.00	239.12
43	49.40	79.26	111.17	134.67	149.09	157.71	200.24	244.30
44	50.31	80.83	113.31	137.32	152.04	160.86	204.47	249.46
45	51.21	82.39	115.45	139.98	154.99	164.01	208.71	254.62
46	52.12	83.95	117.60	142.64	157.94	167.16	212.94	259.78
47	53.02	85.51	119.74	145.29	160.89	170.31	217.18	264.96
48	53.92	87.07	121.88	147.95	163.84	173.46	221.41	270.12
49	54.83	88.63	124.02	150.61	166.79	176.60	225.65	275.30
50	55.73	90.20	126.16	153.26	169.74	179.75	229.88	280.46

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Commercial Plus Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
51	56.63	91.76	128.30	155.92	172.69	182.90	234.11	285.62
52	57.54	93.32	130.44	158.58	175.64	186.05	238.35	290.78
53	58.44	94.88	132.58	161.24	178.59	189.20	242.58	295.94
54	59.34	96.44	134.72	163.89	181.54	192.35	246.82	301.12
55	60.25	98.00	136.86	166.55	184.49	195.50	251.05	306.28
56	61.15	99.56	139.00	169.21	187.44	198.65	255.29	311.46
57	62.05	101.13	141.14	171.86	190.39	201.79	259.52	316.62
58	62.96	102.69	143.28	174.52	193.34	204.94	263.76	321.78
59	63.86	104.25	145.42	177.18	196.29	208.09	267.99	326.94
60	64.76	105.81	147.56	179.83	199.24	211.24	272.23	332.12
61	65.67	107.37	149.70	182.49	202.19	214.39	276.46	337.28
62	66.57	108.93	151.85	185.15	205.14	217.54	280.69	342.44
63	67.48	110.49	153.99	187.81	208.09	220.69	284.93	347.62
64	68.38	112.06	156.13	190.46	211.04	223.84	289.16	352.78
65	69.28	113.62	158.27	193.12	213.99	226.98	293.40	357.94
66	70.19	115.18	160.41	195.78	216.94	230.13	297.63	363.10
67	71.09	116.74	162.55	198.43	219.89	233.28	301.87	368.28
68	71.99	118.30	164.69	201.09	222.84	236.43	306.10	373.44
69	72.90	119.86	166.83	203.75	225.79	239.58	310.34	378.62
70	73.80	121.42	168.97	206.40	228.74	242.73	314.57	383.78

Commercial Plus Flat Rate Envelope

	(\$)
Commercial Plus Regular Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	14.85
Commercial Plus Legal Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	14.85
Commercial Plus Padded Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	14.85

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Commercial Plus Flat Rate Box

	(\$)
Commercial Plus Flat Rate Box, per piece	44.95

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

Sunday/Holiday Delivery

Add \$12.50 for requesting Sunday or holiday delivery.

10:30am Delivery

Add \$5.00 for requesting delivery by 10:30am.

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

Add \$0.20 for each IMpb-noncompliant commercial parcel.

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2110.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- Retail
 - Zone/Weight – Prices are based on weight and zone
 - Flat Rate Envelopes – Envelope provided or approved by the Postal Service
 - Flat Rate Boxes – Boxes provided or approved by the Postal Service
 - Regional Rate Boxes
 - Balloon Price – Applies to parcels in zones local through 4, weighing less than 20 pounds, and measuring between 84 and 108 inches in combined length and girth
 - Dimensional Weight – Applies to parcels in zones 5 through 8 that exceed one cubic foot

- Commercial Base – Available to mailers who use specifically authorized postage payment methods
 - Zone/Weight – Prices are based on weight and zone
 - Flat Rate Envelopes – Envelope provided or approved by the Postal Service
 - Flat Rate Boxes – Boxes provided or approved by the Postal Service
 - Regional Rate Boxes
 - Balloon Price – Applies to parcels in zones local through 4, weighing less than 20 pounds, and measuring between 84 and 108 inches in combined length and girth
 - Dimensional Weight – Applies to parcels in zones 5 through 8 that exceed one cubic foot

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- Commercial Plus – Available to mailers who use specifically authorized postage payment methods and whose annual volume exceeds ~~75,000~~50,000 pieces or 600 open and distribute containers for parcels, or 5,000 letter-sized pieces excluding the Padded Flat Rate Envelope
 - Zone/Weight – Prices are based on weight and zone
 - Flat Rate Envelopes – Envelope provided or approved by the Postal Service
 - Flat Rate Boxes – Boxes provided or approved by the Postal Service
 - Regional Rate Boxes
 - Balloon Price – Applies to parcels in zones local through 4, weighing less than 20 pounds, and measuring between 84 and 108 inches in combined length and girth
 - Dimensional Weight – Applies to parcels in zones 5 through 8 that exceed one cubic foot
 - Critical Mail – Prices are available to Commercial Plus customers who use specifically authorized postage payment methods and whose annual Priority Mail volume exceeds 5,000 pieces.

- Commercial Plus Cubic – Prices are available to customers who use specifically authorized postage payment methods and whose annual Priority Mail volume exceeds ~~450,000~~50,000 pieces
 - Zone/Cubic Volume

- Open and Distribute (PMOD) – Prices are available to customers who use specifically authorized postage payment methods
 - Processing Facilities – Received at designated processing facilities, or other equivalent facility
- Half Tray, Full Tray, EMM Tray, or Flat Tub
 - DDU – Received at designated Destination Delivery Unit, or other equivalent facility
- Half Tray, Full Tray, EMM Tray, or Flat Tub

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2110.6 Prices

Retail Priority Mail Zone/Weight

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
1	5.60	5.70	5.85	6.00	6.20	6.45	6.95	8.35
2	5.80	6.15	6.85	8.75	9.50	10.25	11.25	13.50
3	6.50	7.50	8.60	10.50	11.90	12.75	15.10	18.10
4	7.35	8.75	9.90	13.90	15.25	16.30	18.15	21.80
5	8.70	10.05	11.35	15.80	17.35	18.70	21.00	25.20
6	9.60	11.10	12.70	17.55	19.50	21.00	23.70	28.45
7	10.20	12.00	13.70	19.55	21.60	23.60	26.65	32.00
8	10.95	13.10	15.30	21.25	23.70	26.05	29.85	35.80
9	11.65	14.15	16.60	23.00	25.80	28.15	33.20	39.85
10	12.45	15.15	18.05	24.95	27.85	31.00	36.15	43.40
11	13.30	16.20	19.50	26.90	29.90	34.20	39.70	48.05
12	14.25	17.40	20.90	28.85	32.50	37.00	42.60	51.55
13	15.10	18.45	22.05	30.50	34.90	38.45	44.15	53.40
14	16.00	19.60	23.40	32.40	36.85	40.65	46.35	56.10
15	16.70	20.70	24.65	34.30	38.40	41.55	47.65	57.65
16	17.20	21.80	26.05	36.20	40.60	43.85	50.30	60.85
17	17.95	22.95	27.55	38.10	42.65	46.15	52.95	64.05
18	18.30	23.80	28.90	39.95	44.90	48.40	55.65	67.35
19	18.80	24.30	29.45	41.05	46.95	50.70	58.25	70.50
20	19.60	24.60	30.00	41.75	48.10	52.55	60.95	73.75
21	20.25	24.95	30.45	42.35	48.90	53.40	62.35	76.05
22	20.75	25.55	31.00	43.35	50.00	54.70	63.85	77.90
23	21.20	26.00	31.85	44.10	50.90	55.75	65.00	79.30
24	21.70	26.55	32.85	45.05	51.95	57.15	66.60	81.25
25	22.20	27.00	33.80	45.80	52.65	58.60	67.70	82.60

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Retail Priority Mail Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
26	22.60	27.25	34.95	46.75	53.95	60.05	69.85	85.20
27	23.25	27.65	36.00	47.65	54.70	61.45	72.45	88.40
28	24.00	28.05	37.05	48.85	55.45	62.85	75.20	91.75
29	24.70	28.30	38.00	49.55	56.40	64.30	77.20	94.20
30	25.45	28.70	38.90	50.25	57.95	65.75	78.90	96.25
31	26.20	29.00	39.50	50.90	58.80	67.15	80.50	99.00
32	26.50	29.60	40.20	51.50	59.55	68.60	82.10	101.00
33	26.90	30.45	41.20	52.15	60.70	70.05	83.65	102.90
34	27.15	31.25	42.20	53.25	62.10	71.50	85.25	104.85
35	27.45	32.00	42.80	54.40	63.80	72.90	86.65	106.60
36	27.75	32.90	43.35	55.60	65.45	73.90	88.15	108.40
37	28.05	33.50	44.00	56.60	67.10	74.85	89.60	110.20
38	28.30	34.35	44.55	57.70	69.00	75.75	91.05	112.00
39	28.60	35.10	45.10	58.90	70.65	77.70	92.40	113.65
40	28.95	35.85	45.70	60.15	71.80	79.45	93.70	115.25
41	29.25	36.55	46.20	60.70	72.95	81.15	95.05	117.85
42	29.45	37.20	46.75	62.00	74.25	82.20	96.35	119.45
43	29.80	37.80	47.15	63.40	76.05	83.25	97.55	120.95
44	30.00	38.40	47.75	64.70	77.25	84.25	98.70	122.40
45	30.20	38.85	48.10	66.20	78.10	85.20	99.95	123.95
46	30.45	39.15	48.60	67.40	78.95	86.10	101.15	125.45
47	30.70	39.45	49.05	68.95	79.80	87.05	102.25	126.80
48	30.95	39.80	49.50	70.30	80.85	87.90	103.35	128.15
49	31.15	40.10	49.90	71.60	81.90	88.80	104.40	129.45
50	31.30	40.35	50.25	73.00	83.05	89.95	105.50	130.80

*Domestic Products
Priority Mail*

Retail Priority Mail Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
51	31.45	40.70	50.70	74.20	84.20	91.25	106.45	133.05
52	31.85	40.95	51.05	74.80	85.05	92.60	107.70	134.65
53	32.35	41.25	51.40	75.40	85.75	94.10	109.10	136.40
54	32.80	41.45	51.75	76.00	86.40	95.50	110.65	138.30
55	33.35	41.75	52.00	76.55	87.05	96.95	112.10	140.15
56	33.80	41.95	52.30	77.05	87.65	98.35	113.15	141.45
57	34.30	42.10	52.65	77.50	88.30	99.85	114.00	142.50
58	34.85	42.30	52.95	78.05	88.80	101.20	114.85	143.55
59	35.40	42.50	53.20	78.50	89.35	101.85	115.75	144.70
60	35.85	42.70	53.75	78.90	89.80	102.45	116.50	145.65
61	36.40	42.90	54.70	79.30	90.30	103.05	118.10	147.65
62	36.80	43.00	55.40	79.70	90.75	103.50	120.00	150.00
63	37.50	43.20	56.30	80.10	91.25	104.00	121.90	152.40
64	37.85	43.30	57.10	80.45	91.60	104.50	123.75	154.70
65	38.35	43.40	57.90	80.70	91.90	105.00	125.70	157.15
66	38.85	43.60	58.80	81.10	92.35	105.35	127.50	159.40
67	39.45	43.70	59.80	81.40	92.65	105.75	129.20	161.50
68	39.95	43.80	60.60	81.60	93.80	106.15	130.60	163.25
69	40.50	43.85	61.30	81.80	94.95	106.45	131.95	164.95
70	40.90	43.95	62.30	82.05	96.10	106.85	133.40	166.75

Domestic Products
Priority Mail*Retail Flat Rate Envelopes¹*

	(\$)
Retail Regular Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	5.60
Retail Legal Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	5.75
Retail Padded Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	5.95

Notes

- The price for Regular, Legal, or Padded Flat Rate Envelopes also applies to sales of Regular, Legal, or Padded Flat Rate Envelopes, respectively, marked with Forever postage, at the time the envelopes are purchased.

Retail Flat Rate Boxes¹

Size	Delivery to Domestic Address (\$)	Delivery to APO/FPO/DPO Address (\$)
Small Flat Rate Box	5.80	5.80
Medium Flat Rate Boxes	12.35	12.35
Large Flat Rate Boxes	17.45	15.45

Notes

- The price for Small, Medium, or Large Flat Rate Boxes also applies to sales of Small, Medium, or Large Flat Rate Boxes, respectively, marked with Forever postage, at the time the boxes are purchased.

Regional Rate Boxes

Size	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
A	6.07	6.19	6.59	8.30	9.01	9.73	10.72	12.71
B	6.91	8.00	8.85	11.41	14.12	15.17	17.03	20.28
C	16.00	20.64	24.37	33.78	38.13	41.64	48.18	58.14

Retail Balloon Price

In Zones 1-4 (including local), parcels weighing less than 20 pounds but measuring more than 84 inches in combined length and girth (but not more than 108 inches) are charged the applicable price for a 20-pound parcel.

Retail Dimensional Weight

In Zones 5-8, parcels exceeding one cubic foot are priced at the actual weight or the dimensional weight, whichever is greater.

For box-shaped parcels, the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) of the parcel, and dividing by 194.

For irregular-shaped parcels (parcels not appearing box-shaped), the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) at the associated maximum cross-sections of the parcel, dividing by 194, and multiplying by an adjustment factor of 0.785.

Domestic Products
Priority Mail

Commercial Base Priority Mail Zone/Weight

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
1	5.05	5.23	5.35	5.54	5.75	6.02	6.51	7.81
2	5.32	5.44	5.84	7.55	8.26	8.98	9.97	11.96
3	5.49	6.39	7.36	9.11	10.72	11.59	13.52	16.22
4	6.16	7.25	8.10	10.66	13.37	14.42	16.28	19.53
5	6.78	7.33	8.42	12.47	15.22	16.58	18.87	22.64
6	6.95	7.55	8.55	14.89	17.08	18.90	21.61	25.94
7	7.27	7.75	10.22	16.88	18.91	21.31	24.27	29.12
8	7.54	9.79	13.44	18.58	20.79	23.46	27.25	32.70
9	8.18	10.68	14.31	20.00	22.61	25.41	30.30	36.36
10	9.41	13.18	15.55	21.70	24.43	27.93	32.95	39.54
11	11.36	14.11	16.83	23.38	26.21	30.40	35.70	43.20
12	12.17	15.10	18.03	25.12	28.58	32.87	38.28	46.32
13	12.90	16.06	19.00	26.44	30.69	34.20	39.64	47.97
14	13.67	17.04	20.15	28.11	32.41	36.12	41.61	50.35
15	14.28	18.00	21.27	29.74	33.66	36.80	42.71	51.68
16	14.70	18.97	22.46	31.36	35.57	38.86	45.06	54.52
17	15.25	19.89	23.62	33.03	37.38	40.89	47.43	57.39
18	15.56	20.57	24.75	34.64	39.35	42.90	49.82	60.29
19	15.97	21.02	25.26	35.57	41.12	44.91	52.19	63.14
20	16.68	21.27	25.72	36.17	42.17	46.58	54.60	66.06
21	17.23	21.59	26.11	36.46	42.51	47.02	55.30	67.47
22	17.40	21.79	26.56	36.75	42.81	47.39	55.94	68.25
23	17.56	21.93	26.64	36.91	43.05	47.72	56.27	68.65
24	17.99	22.41	27.50	37.73	43.95	48.95	57.64	70.33
25	18.39	22.78	28.32	38.33	44.59	50.17	58.64	71.54

Domestic Products
Priority Mail

Commercial Base Priority Mail Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
26	18.77	23.00	29.24	39.15	45.68	51.40	60.47	73.77
27	19.31	23.34	30.14	39.92	46.30	52.60	62.76	76.57
28	19.90	23.66	30.98	40.96	46.92	53.83	65.11	79.44
29	20.50	23.89	31.82	41.50	47.72	55.06	66.86	81.56
30	21.13	24.25	32.57	42.09	49.06	56.27	68.30	83.33
31	21.71	24.49	33.08	42.61	49.77	57.52	69.69	85.72
32	21.96	25.00	33.63	43.12	50.42	58.75	71.11	87.47
33	22.30	25.69	34.48	43.68	51.39	59.95	72.43	89.08
34	22.50	26.37	35.34	44.62	52.60	61.20	73.80	90.77
35	22.77	27.00	35.84	45.56	54.01	62.42	75.05	92.31
36	23.05	27.78	36.32	46.55	55.38	63.27	76.33	93.89
37	23.29	28.28	36.84	47.39	56.83	64.08	77.58	95.43
38	23.50	28.97	37.31	48.33	58.42	64.83	78.82	96.95
39	23.75	29.64	37.75	49.33	59.80	66.54	80.04	98.45
40	23.99	30.27	38.22	50.35	60.76	68.02	81.13	99.79
41	24.25	30.79	38.63	50.81	61.78	69.46	82.29	102.04
42	24.43	31.42	39.12	51.91	62.85	70.41	83.41	103.43
43	24.71	31.92	39.51	53.08	64.36	71.28	84.48	104.76
44	24.87	32.45	39.98	54.19	65.39	72.13	85.45	105.96
45	25.04	32.78	40.28	55.42	66.12	72.93	86.53	107.30
46	25.25	33.03	40.69	56.45	66.84	73.70	87.56	108.58
47	25.46	33.29	41.08	57.77	67.54	74.54	88.54	109.79
48	25.66	33.59	41.42	58.85	68.42	75.26	89.50	110.98
49	25.85	33.85	41.76	59.91	69.35	76.04	90.38	112.07
50	25.96	34.06	42.05	61.12	70.32	77.00	91.34	113.27

Domestic Products
Priority Mail

Commercial Base Priority Mail Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
51	26.34	34.37	42.44	62.16	71.28	78.11	92.19	115.24
52	26.75	34.53	42.69	62.60	71.98	79.30	93.27	116.59
53	27.23	34.79	42.98	63.12	72.58	80.58	94.46	118.08
54	27.63	34.94	43.30	63.66	73.10	81.75	95.79	119.74
55	28.06	35.24	43.55	64.07	73.70	83.03	97.08	121.34
56	28.45	35.41	43.82	64.55	74.19	84.21	98.07	122.59
57	28.90	35.57	44.10	64.93	74.76	85.48	98.95	123.69
58	29.33	35.74	44.32	65.34	75.18	86.62	99.76	124.70
59	29.76	35.92	44.53	65.75	75.63	87.21	100.50	125.62
60	30.14	36.08	45.11	66.09	76.01	87.73	101.20	126.50
61	30.61	36.25	45.91	66.43	76.43	88.23	102.56	128.21
62	30.99	36.33	46.52	66.73	76.79	88.63	104.20	130.25
63	31.54	36.45	47.27	67.08	77.22	89.05	105.86	132.33
64	31.83	36.54	47.98	67.36	77.56	89.46	107.50	134.37
65	32.29	36.63	48.62	67.58	77.80	89.88	109.17	136.47
66	32.72	36.80	49.37	67.89	78.18	90.16	110.76	138.45
67	33.20	36.89	50.20	68.14	78.45	90.53	112.22	140.28
68	33.59	36.97	50.85	68.32	79.42	90.99	113.42	141.78
69	34.06	37.02	51.48	68.53	80.37	91.43	114.62	143.28
70	34.41	37.10	52.30	68.73	81.34	91.76	115.85	144.82

Commercial Base Flat Rate Envelope

	(\$)
Commercial Base Regular Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	5.05
Commercial Base Legal Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	5.25
Commercial Base Padded Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	5.70

Commercial Base Flat Rate Box

Size	Delivery to Domestic Address (\$)	Delivery to APO/FPO/DPO Address (\$)
Small Flat Rate Box	5.25	5.25
Regular Flat Rate Boxes	11.30	11.30
Large Flat Rate Boxes	15.80	13.80

Commercial Base Regional Rate Boxes

Size	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
A	5.32	5.44	5.84	7.55	8.26	8.98	9.97	11.96
B	6.16	7.25	8.10	10.66	13.37	14.42	16.28	19.53
C	15.25	19.89	23.62	33.03	37.38	40.89	47.43	57.39

Commercial Base Balloon Price

In Zones 1-4 (including local), parcels weighing less than 20 pounds but measuring more than 84 inches in combined length and girth (but not more than 108 inches) are charged the applicable price for a 20-pound parcel.

Commercial Base Dimensional Weight

In Zones 5-8, parcels exceeding one cubic foot are priced at the actual weight or the dimensional weight, whichever is greater.

For box-shaped parcels, the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) of the parcel, and dividing by 194.

For irregular-shaped parcels (parcels not appearing box-shaped), the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) at the associated maximum cross-sections of the parcel, dividing by 194, and multiplying by an adjustment factor of 0.785.

Domestic Products
Priority Mail

Commercial Plus Priority Mail Zone/Weight

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
0.5	4.58	4.65	4.74	4.99	5.23	5.47	5.82	6.98
1	4.95	5.10	5.27	5.47	5.66	5.86	6.25	7.50
2	5.09	5.35	5.74	7.17	7.68	8.29	8.99	10.78
3	5.20	6.05	6.92	8.65	10.18	11.15	12.53	15.04
4	5.79	6.92	8.07	10.56	12.36	13.62	15.52	18.63
5	6.47	7.28	8.37	12.34	14.33	15.89	18.30	21.96
6	6.90	7.50	8.50	14.56	16.07	18.33	20.36	24.43
7	7.22	7.70	10.17	16.63	17.85	20.61	23.27	27.93
8	7.49	9.74	13.03	18.16	19.37	22.61	26.11	31.34
9	8.13	10.63	13.90	19.59	20.97	24.59	29.06	34.87
10	9.31	12.15	14.66	20.87	22.71	26.77	31.73	38.07
11	9.74	12.44	15.51	21.67	24.12	28.23	32.86	39.76
12	10.17	13.08	16.38	22.89	25.99	29.68	34.28	41.47
13	10.44	13.40	16.85	24.16	27.87	30.88	35.46	42.91
14	10.80	13.98	17.60	25.24	29.36	32.64	37.23	45.05
15	11.27	14.61	18.45	26.00	30.03	32.98	38.02	46.01
16	11.64	15.11	19.04	26.56	30.72	33.72	39.00	47.18
17	11.99	15.61	19.43	27.23	31.55	34.55	39.99	48.39
18	12.25	16.10	19.79	27.78	32.15	35.22	40.95	49.55
19	12.67	16.46	20.11	28.44	32.91	36.12	41.98	50.79
20	12.97	16.72	20.49	28.92	33.54	36.80	42.89	51.90
21	13.35	16.95	20.81	29.41	34.10	37.44	43.74	53.37
22	13.66	17.26	21.13	30.06	34.86	38.30	44.82	54.68
23	13.97	17.47	21.71	30.59	35.47	38.99	45.59	55.62
24	14.28	17.68	22.37	31.23	36.20	39.89	46.74	57.02
25	14.61	17.94	23.12	31.73	36.77	40.48	47.54	58.00

Domestic Products
Priority Mail

Commercial Plus Priority Mail Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
26	14.91	18.17	23.85	32.38	37.57	41.32	49.06	59.85
27	15.32	18.42	24.57	32.83	38.13	41.94	50.87	62.06
28	15.81	18.63	25.20	33.25	38.64	42.57	52.74	64.34
29	16.26	18.85	25.95	33.70	39.14	43.12	54.43	66.40
30	16.79	19.13	26.63	34.18	39.70	43.74	56.26	68.64
31	17.20	19.29	27.39	34.58	40.19	44.29	58.11	71.48
32	17.66	19.75	28.09	35.02	40.75	45.36	59.93	73.71
33	18.14	20.29	28.71	35.46	41.24	46.65	61.70	75.89
34	18.62	20.81	29.47	36.21	42.47	47.94	63.51	78.12
35	19.08	21.35	30.08	36.98	43.63	49.22	65.32	80.34
36	19.55	21.87	30.56	37.81	44.73	50.57	67.14	82.58
37	20.02	22.35	31.06	38.52	45.90	51.85	68.93	84.79
38	20.28	22.88	31.51	39.28	47.18	53.08	70.76	87.04
39	20.53	23.36	31.94	40.06	48.33	54.45	72.63	89.33
40	20.91	23.82	32.42	40.89	49.43	55.66	74.33	91.42
41	21.35	24.29	32.84	41.26	50.61	57.01	76.13	94.41
42	21.75	24.78	33.28	42.15	51.71	58.35	77.94	96.65
43	22.19	25.20	33.71	43.08	53.00	59.64	79.79	98.94
44	22.58	25.69	34.15	44.07	54.08	60.97	81.58	101.15
45	22.96	26.17	34.52	45.00	55.27	62.29	83.38	103.39
46	23.39	26.65	35.20	45.86	56.43	63.56	85.19	105.63
47	23.81	27.12	35.86	46.86	57.71	64.91	86.96	107.83
48	24.23	27.48	36.65	47.79	58.89	66.24	88.51	109.76
49	24.62	27.82	37.02	48.68	59.93	67.60	89.40	110.85
50	24.96	28.06	37.36	49.61	61.09	68.88	90.52	112.25

Domestic Products
Priority Mail

Commercial Plus Priority Mail Zone/Weight (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
51	25.45	28.33	38.02	50.61	62.26	70.16	91.48	114.36
52	25.79	28.58	38.77	51.53	63.53	71.46	92.38	115.47
53	26.29	28.87	39.41	52.46	64.64	72.80	93.29	116.61
54	26.63	29.06	40.07	53.45	65.74	74.03	94.18	117.72
55	27.05	29.34	40.88	54.38	66.91	75.26	94.98	118.72
56	27.46	29.54	41.52	55.24	68.18	76.61	95.81	119.76
57	27.90	29.83	42.18	56.13	69.29	77.94	96.68	120.84
58	28.27	30.03	42.92	57.12	70.46	78.59	97.46	121.82
59	28.72	30.24	43.63	58.06	71.18	79.04	98.15	122.69
60	29.06	30.45	44.27	59.04	71.58	80.34	98.90	123.63
61	29.54	30.65	45.06	59.92	72.41	81.57	100.22	125.27
62	29.89	30.94	45.72	60.92	72.87	82.83	101.81	127.26
63	30.37	31.40	46.43	61.90	73.28	83.69	103.41	129.27
64	30.71	31.59	47.12	62.84	73.74	84.20	105.03	131.29
65	31.16	31.68	47.73	63.46	74.12	84.65	106.68	133.34
66	31.54	32.04	48.48	63.72	74.59	85.07	108.22	135.28
67	31.97	32.48	49.26	64.39	74.95	85.55	109.92	137.40
68	32.37	32.88	49.94	65.31	75.25	85.96	111.43	139.29
69	32.82	33.32	50.58	66.31	75.68	86.41	113.08	141.35
70	33.20	33.71	51.36	66.60	75.98	86.75	114.67	143.33

Commercial Plus Flat Rate Envelope

	(\$)
Commercial Plus Regular Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	4.95
Commercial Plus Legal Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	4.99
Commercial Plus Padded Flat Rate Envelope, per piece	5.35

Commercial Plus Flat Rate Box

Size	Delivery to Domestic Address (\$)	Delivery to APO/FPO/DPO Address (\$)
Small Flat Rate Box	5.20	5.20
Medium Flat Rate Boxes	10.65	10.65
Large Flat Rate Boxes	14.80	12.80

Commercial Plus Regional Rate Boxes

Maximum Cubic Feet	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
A	5.32	5.44	5.84	7.55	8.26	8.98	9.97	11.96
B	6.16	7.25	8.10	10.66	13.37	14.42	16.28	19.53
C	15.25	19.89	23.62	33.03	37.38	40.89	47.43	57.39

Commercial Plus Balloon Price

In Zones 1-4 (including local), parcels weighing less than 20 pounds but measuring more than 84 inches in combined length and girth (but not more than 108 inches) are charged the applicable price for a 20-pound parcel.

Commercial Plus Dimensional Weight

In Zones 5-8, parcels exceeding one cubic foot are priced at the actual weight or the dimensional weight, whichever is greater.

For box-shaped parcels, the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) of the parcel, and dividing by 194.

For irregular-shaped parcels (parcels not appearing box-shaped), the dimensional weight (pounds) is calculated by multiplying the length (inches) times the width (inches) times the height (inches) at the

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associated maximum cross-sections of the parcel, dividing by 194, and multiplying by an adjustment factor of 0.785.

Critical Mail

Shape	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
Letter	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Flat	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Letter with Signature	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60
Flat with Signature	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35

Commercial Plus Cubic

Maximum Cubic Feet	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
0.10	4.58	4.65	4.74	4.99	5.23	5.47	5.82	6.98
0.20	4.99	5.12	5.28	5.50	5.70	5.91	6.30	7.56
0.30	5.22	5.61	6.12	7.64	8.39	9.09	9.96	11.94
0.40	5.40	6.31	7.24	9.13	10.73	11.77	13.26	15.91
0.50	6.18	7.21	8.35	11.50	13.41	14.82	16.97	20.36

Open and Distribute (PMOD)

a. DDU

Container	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
Half Tray	7.49	9.17	11.08	17.83	18.06	19.64	21.80	27.25
Full Tray	10.18	12.74	14.83	25.95	29.83	31.69	35.36	44.20
EMM Tray	11.67	13.91	17.18	28.71	31.52	34.61	38.48	48.10
Flat Tub	16.68	20.91	25.85	43.73	52.78	57.06	63.51	79.39

b. Processing Facilities

Container	Local, Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)	Zone 9 (\$)
Half Tray	5.94	7.52	9.24	16.10	16.45	18.00	19.32	24.15
Full Tray	7.68	9.90	12.33	22.49	26.58	28.45	31.80	39.75
EMM Tray	9.16	10.62	14.46	24.83	28.20	31.05	35.88	44.85
Flat Tub	13.11	17.33	21.95	40.09	48.96	53.30	58.63	73.29

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

Add \$0.20 for each IMpb-noncompliant commercial parcel.

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2115.2 Size and Weight Limitations

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	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	130 inches in combined length and girth			70 pounds

Lightweight

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	108 inches in combined length and girth			< 16 ounces

2115.3 Minimum Volume Requirements

	Minimum Volume Requirements
Nonpresort — PC Postage	None
Nonpresort — All Other Postage Payment Methods	50 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing
Lightweight	200 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing
All Other Parcel Select	50 pieces per mailing

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2115.6 Prices

Destination Entered — DDU

a. DDU

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DDU (\$)
1	2.32
2	2.32
3	2.38
4	2.42
5	2.46
6	2.50
7	2.54
8	2.58
9	2.62
10	2.66
11	2.70
12	2.74
13	2.79
14	2.84
15	2.89
16	2.94
17	2.99
18	3.04
19	3.09
20	3.13
21	3.18
22	3.23
23	3.28
24	3.33
25	3.38

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a. DDU (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DDU (\$)
26	3.43
27	3.48
28	3.53
29	3.58
30	3.63
31	3.68
32	3.73
33	3.78
34	3.83
35	3.88
36	3.93
37	3.98
38	4.03
39	4.08
40	4.13
41	4.18
42	4.23
43	4.28
44	4.33
45	4.38
46	4.43
47	4.48
48	4.53
49	4.58
50	4.64

a. DDU (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DDU (\$)
51	4.70
52	4.76
53	4.82
54	4.88
55	4.94
56	5.00
57	5.06
58	5.12
59	5.18
60	5.24
61	5.30
62	5.36
63	5.42
64	5.48
65	5.54
66	5.59
67	5.64
68	5.69
69	5.74
70	5.79
Oversized	9.29

b. Balloon Price

Pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

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c. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

d. Forwarding and Returns

Parcel Select pieces that are forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer will be subject to the applicable Parcel Select Nonpresort price, plus \$3.00, when forwarded or returned.

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Destination Entered — DSCF

a. DSCF — 5-Digit Machinable

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DSCF 5-Digit (\$)
1	3.18
2	3.18
3	3.35
4	3.52
5	3.69
6	3.85
7	4.01
8	4.17
9	4.33
10	4.49
11	4.65
12	4.81
13	4.96
14	5.11
15	5.26
16	5.41
17	5.56
18	5.71
19	5.85
20	6.00
21	6.15
22	6.31
23	6.47
24	6.62
25	6.77

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a. DSCF — 5-Digit Machinable (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DSCF 5-Digit (\$)
26	6.92
27	7.07
28	7.22
29	7.37
30	7.51
31	7.66
32	7.81
33	7.96
34	8.11
35	8.26

b. DSCF — 3-Digit, 5-Digit Non-Machinable

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DSCF 3-Digit (\$)	DSCF 5-Digit (\$)
1	4.68	3.18
2	4.68	3.18
3	4.85	3.35
4	5.02	3.52
5	5.19	3.69
6	5.35	3.85
7	5.51	4.01
8	5.67	4.17
9	5.83	4.33
10	5.99	4.49
11	6.15	4.65
12	6.31	4.81
13	6.46	4.96
14	6.61	5.11
15	6.76	5.26
16	6.91	5.41
17	7.06	5.56
18	7.21	5.71
19	7.35	5.85
20	7.50	6.00
21	7.65	6.15
22	7.81	6.31
23	7.97	6.47
24	8.12	6.62
25	8.27	6.77

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b. DSCF — 3-Digit, 5-Digit Non-Machinable (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DSCF 3-Digit (\$)	DSCF 5-Digit (\$)
26	8.42	6.92
27	8.57	7.07
28	8.72	7.22
29	8.87	7.37
30	9.01	7.51
31	9.16	7.66
32	9.31	7.81
33	9.46	7.96
34	9.61	8.11
35	9.76	8.26
36	9.90	8.40
37	10.04	8.54
38	10.19	8.69
39	10.34	8.84
40	10.48	8.98
41	10.62	9.12
42	10.76	9.26
43	10.90	9.40
44	11.04	9.54
45	11.18	9.68
46	11.32	9.82
47	11.46	9.96
48	11.60	10.10
49	11.74	10.24
50	11.88	10.38

b. DSCF — 3-Digit, 5-Digit Non-Machinable (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DSCF 3-Digit (\$)	DSCF 5-Digit (\$)
51	12.02	10.52
52	12.16	10.66
53	12.30	10.80
54	12.45	10.95
55	12.60	11.10
56	12.75	11.25
57	12.91	11.41
58	13.07	11.57
59	13.23	11.73
60	13.39	11.89
61	13.54	12.04
62	13.69	12.19
63	13.84	12.34
64	13.99	12.49
65	14.14	12.64
66	14.29	12.79
67	14.44	12.94
68	14.59	13.09
69	14.74	13.24
70	14.89	13.39
Oversized	18.39	18.39

c. Balloon Price

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d. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

e. Forwarding and Returns

Parcel Select pieces that are forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer will be subject to the applicable Parcel Select Nonpresort price, plus \$3.00, when forwarded or returned.

Destination Entered — DNDC

a. DNDC — Machinable

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zones 5 (\$)
1	4.17	4.82	5.81	6.69
2	4.17	4.82	5.81	6.69
3	4.47	5.64	6.94	7.90
4	4.76	6.34	7.89	8.92
5	5.04	6.99	8.72	9.75
6	5.31	7.57	9.42	10.45
7	5.58	8.14	10.05	11.13
8	5.84	8.70	10.61	11.70
9	6.09	9.25	11.13	12.24
10	6.34	9.80	11.61	12.76
11	6.59	10.35	12.04	13.19
12	6.83	10.85	12.43	13.62
13	7.07	11.32	12.78	14.03
14	7.31	11.77	13.10	14.39
15	7.55	12.19	13.40	14.72
16	7.79	12.60	13.66	15.02
17	8.03	12.99	13.93	15.31
18	8.27	13.38	14.17	15.57
19	8.51	13.73	14.41	15.83
20	8.74	14.05	14.65	16.09
21	8.97	14.37	14.89	16.35
22	9.20	14.67	15.13	16.62
23	9.45	14.94	15.38	16.89
24	9.69	15.18	15.63	17.15
25	9.94	15.40	15.88	17.42

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a. DNDC — Machinable (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zones 5 (\$)
26	10.18	15.61	16.13	17.70
27	10.42	15.81	16.38	17.97
28	10.66	16.02	16.63	18.25
29	10.90	16.24	16.88	18.53
30	11.12	16.46	17.13	18.81
31	11.35	16.68	17.38	19.09
32	11.58	16.90	17.63	19.37
33	11.81	17.13	17.88	19.67
34	12.04	17.35	18.13	19.98
35	12.28	17.57	18.38	20.29

b. DNDC — Non-Machinable

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
1	6.59	7.24	8.23	9.11
2	6.59	7.24	8.23	9.11
3	6.89	8.06	9.36	10.32
4	7.18	8.76	10.31	11.34
5	7.46	9.41	11.14	12.17
6	7.73	9.99	11.84	12.87
7	8.00	10.56	12.47	13.55
8	8.26	11.12	13.03	14.12
9	8.51	11.67	13.55	14.66
10	8.76	12.22	14.03	15.18
11	9.01	12.77	14.46	15.61
12	9.25	13.27	14.85	16.04
13	9.49	13.74	15.20	16.45
14	9.73	14.19	15.52	16.81
15	9.97	14.61	15.82	17.14
16	10.21	15.02	16.08	17.44
17	10.45	15.41	16.35	17.73
18	10.69	15.80	16.59	17.99
19	10.93	16.15	16.83	18.25
20	11.16	16.47	17.07	18.51
21	11.39	16.79	17.31	18.77
22	11.62	17.09	17.55	19.04
23	11.87	17.36	17.80	19.31
24	12.11	17.60	18.05	19.57
25	12.36	17.82	18.30	19.84

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b. DNDC — Non-Machinable (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
26	12.60	18.03	18.55	20.12
27	12.84	18.23	18.80	20.39
28	13.08	18.44	19.05	20.67
29	13.32	18.66	19.30	20.95
30	13.54	18.88	19.55	21.23
31	13.77	19.10	19.80	21.51
32	14.00	19.32	20.05	21.79
33	14.23	19.55	20.30	22.09
34	14.46	19.77	20.55	22.40
35	14.70	19.99	20.80	22.71
36	14.93	20.22	21.05	23.02
37	15.16	20.46	21.33	23.33
38	15.39	20.69	21.60	23.64
39	15.62	20.92	21.88	23.95
40	15.85	21.15	22.17	24.26
41	16.08	21.38	22.45	24.57
42	16.31	21.62	22.72	24.88
43	16.54	21.87	22.99	25.19
44	16.77	22.11	23.25	25.49
45	17.00	22.36	23.51	25.79
46	17.23	22.61	23.78	26.10
47	17.46	22.86	24.03	26.41
48	17.69	23.11	24.26	26.73
49	17.92	23.36	24.48	27.06
50	18.15	23.59	24.70	27.42

b. DNDC — Non-Machinable (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	DNDC Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	DNDC Zone 3 (\$)	DNDC Zone 4 (\$)	DNDC Zone 5 (\$)
51	18.38	23.82	24.92	27.79
52	18.61	24.05	25.14	28.17
53	18.84	24.27	25.36	28.55
54	19.08	24.48	25.59	28.93
55	19.33	24.69	25.82	29.31
56	19.58	24.89	26.05	29.68
57	19.84	25.09	26.28	30.06
58	20.09	25.31	26.52	30.43
59	20.34	25.52	26.76	30.80
60	20.59	25.71	27.00	31.17
61	20.84	25.90	27.23	31.51
62	21.08	26.09	27.46	31.81
63	21.32	26.28	27.69	32.10
64	21.56	26.47	27.92	32.37
65	21.80	26.66	28.15	32.64
66	22.04	26.85	28.38	32.90
67	22.28	27.03	28.61	33.15
68	22.52	27.21	28.84	33.40
69	22.75	27.39	29.07	33.65
70	22.99	27.57	29.29	33.90
Oversized	28.31	39.96	53.13	63.26

c. Balloon Price

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d. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

e. Forwarding and Returns

Parcel Select pieces that are forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer will be subject to the applicable Parcel Select Nonpresort price, plus \$3.00, when forwarded or returned.

Non-Destination Entered — ONDC Presort

a. ONDC Presort

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
1	4.80	4.90	5.05	5.07	5.36	5.65	5.93
2	5.00	5.35	6.05	6.19	7.07	7.96	8.84
3	5.70	6.70	7.80	7.82	9.21	10.59	11.98
4	6.55	7.95	9.10	9.12	10.27	11.43	12.58
5	7.90	9.25	10.55	10.57	11.56	12.54	13.53
6	8.80	10.30	11.90	11.92	13.04	14.16	15.28
7	9.40	11.20	12.90	12.92	14.27	15.61	16.96
8	10.15	12.30	14.50	14.52	16.22	17.92	19.63
9	10.85	13.35	15.80	15.82	17.87	19.91	21.96
10	11.65	14.35	17.25	17.27	19.50	21.73	23.97
11	12.50	15.40	18.70	18.72	21.28	23.84	26.40
12	13.45	16.60	20.10	20.12	22.91	25.69	28.48
13	14.30	17.65	21.25	21.27	24.02	26.77	29.52
14	15.20	18.80	22.60	22.62	25.40	28.18	30.97
15	15.90	19.90	23.85	23.87	26.49	29.12	31.74
16	16.40	21.00	25.25	25.27	28.05	30.82	33.60
17	17.15	22.15	26.75	26.77	29.29	31.81	34.33
18	17.50	23.00	28.10	28.12	30.76	33.40	36.03
19	18.00	23.50	28.65	28.67	31.35	34.04	36.72
20	18.80	23.80	29.20	29.22	31.95	34.68	37.41
21	19.45	24.15	29.65	29.67	32.44	35.20	37.97
22	19.95	24.75	30.20	30.22	33.03	35.84	38.65
23	20.40	25.20	31.05	31.07	33.95	36.84	39.72
24	20.90	25.75	32.05	32.07	35.03	38.00	40.96
25	21.40	26.20	33.00	33.02	36.07	39.11	42.16

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a. ONDC Presort (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
26	21.80	26.45	34.15	34.17	37.31	40.46	43.60
27	22.45	26.85	35.20	35.22	38.45	41.69	44.92
28	23.20	27.25	36.25	36.27	39.60	42.92	46.25
29	23.90	27.50	37.20	37.22	40.62	44.02	47.42
30	24.65	27.90	38.10	38.12	41.60	45.07	48.55
31	25.40	28.20	38.70	38.72	42.24	45.77	49.29
32	25.70	28.80	39.40	39.42	43.36	47.31	51.25
33	26.10	29.65	40.40	40.42	44.81	49.21	53.60
34	26.35	30.45	41.40	41.42	46.28	51.14	56.00
35	26.65	31.20	42.00	42.02	47.31	52.60	57.90
36	26.95	32.10	42.55	42.57	48.29	54.01	59.72
37	27.25	32.70	43.20	43.22	49.38	55.54	61.70
38	27.50	33.55	43.75	43.77	50.38	56.99	63.61
39	27.80	34.30	44.30	44.32	51.38	58.43	65.49
40	28.15	35.05	44.90	44.92	52.43	59.95	67.46
41	28.45	35.75	45.40	45.42	53.39	61.35	69.32
42	28.65	36.40	45.95	45.97	54.39	62.82	71.24
43	29.00	37.00	46.35	46.37	55.23	64.09	72.95
44	29.20	37.60	46.95	46.97	56.32	65.67	75.03
45	29.40	38.05	47.30	47.32	57.11	66.90	76.68
46	29.65	38.35	47.80	47.82	58.07	68.33	78.58
47	29.90	38.65	48.25	48.27	58.99	69.70	80.42
48	30.15	39.00	48.70	48.72	59.90	71.08	82.26
49	30.35	39.30	49.10	49.12	60.45	71.79	83.12
50	30.50	39.55	49.45	49.47	60.95	72.43	83.90

a. ONDC Presort (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	30.65	39.90	49.90	49.92	61.56	73.20	84.85
52	31.05	40.15	50.25	50.27	62.03	73.78	85.54
53	31.55	40.45	50.60	50.62	62.50	74.38	86.25
54	32.00	40.65	50.95	50.97	62.98	75.00	87.01
55	32.55	40.95	51.20	51.22	63.32	75.42	87.51
56	33.00	41.15	51.50	51.52	63.74	75.95	88.17
57	33.50	41.30	51.85	51.87	64.22	76.57	88.92
58	34.05	41.50	52.15	52.17	64.60	77.03	89.46
59	34.60	41.70	52.40	52.42	64.95	77.49	90.02
60	35.05	41.90	52.95	52.97	65.69	78.41	91.12
61	35.60	42.10	53.90	53.92	66.88	79.85	92.81
62	36.00	42.20	54.60	54.62	67.78	80.93	94.09
63	36.70	42.40	55.50	55.52	68.93	82.34	95.75
64	37.05	42.50	56.30	56.32	69.96	83.59	97.23
65	37.55	42.60	57.10	57.12	70.98	84.85	98.71
66	38.05	42.80	58.00	58.02	72.11	86.19	100.28
67	38.65	42.90	59.00	59.02	73.38	87.74	102.09
68	39.15	43.00	59.80	59.82	74.40	88.98	103.56
69	39.70	43.05	60.50	60.52	75.03	89.54	104.04
70	40.10	43.15	61.50	61.52	76.02	90.53	105.03
Oversized	62.24	67.19	72.14	77.10	95.23	113.36	131.49

b. Balloon Price

Pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

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c. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

d. Forwarding and Returns

Parcel Select pieces that are forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer will be subject to the applicable Parcel Select Nonpresort price, plus \$3.00, when forwarded or returned.

Non-Destination Entered — NDC Presort

a. NDC Presort

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
1	5.30	5.40	5.55	5.57	5.86	6.15	6.43
2	5.50	5.85	6.55	6.69	7.57	8.46	9.34
3	6.20	7.20	8.30	8.32	9.71	11.09	12.48
4	7.05	8.45	9.60	9.62	10.77	11.93	13.08
5	8.40	9.75	11.05	11.07	12.06	13.04	14.03
6	9.30	10.80	12.40	12.42	13.54	14.66	15.78
7	9.90	11.70	13.40	13.42	14.77	16.11	17.46
8	10.65	12.80	15.00	15.02	16.72	18.42	20.13
9	11.35	13.85	16.30	16.32	18.37	20.41	22.46
10	12.15	14.85	17.75	17.77	20.00	22.23	24.47
11	13.00	15.90	19.20	19.22	21.78	24.34	26.90
12	13.95	17.10	20.60	20.62	23.41	26.19	28.98
13	14.80	18.15	21.75	21.77	24.52	27.27	30.02
14	15.70	19.30	23.10	23.12	25.90	28.68	31.47
15	16.40	20.40	24.35	24.37	26.99	29.62	32.24
16	16.90	21.50	25.75	25.77	28.55	31.32	34.10
17	17.65	22.65	27.25	27.27	29.79	32.31	34.83
18	18.00	23.50	28.60	28.62	31.26	33.90	36.53
19	18.50	24.00	29.15	29.17	31.85	34.54	37.22
20	19.30	24.30	29.70	29.72	32.45	35.18	37.91
21	19.95	24.65	30.15	30.17	32.94	35.70	38.47
22	20.45	25.25	30.70	30.72	33.53	36.34	39.15
23	20.90	25.70	31.55	31.57	34.45	37.34	40.22
24	21.40	26.25	32.55	32.57	35.53	38.50	41.46
25	21.90	26.70	33.50	33.52	36.57	39.61	42.66

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a. NDC Presort (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
26	22.30	26.95	34.65	34.67	37.81	40.96	44.10
27	22.95	27.35	35.70	35.72	38.95	42.19	45.42
28	23.70	27.75	36.75	36.77	40.10	43.42	46.75
29	24.40	28.00	37.70	37.72	41.12	44.52	47.92
30	25.15	28.40	38.60	38.62	42.10	45.57	49.05
31	25.90	28.70	39.20	39.22	42.74	46.27	49.79
32	26.20	29.30	39.90	39.92	43.86	47.81	51.75
33	26.60	30.15	40.90	40.92	45.31	49.71	54.10
34	26.85	30.95	41.90	41.92	46.78	51.64	56.50
35	27.15	31.70	42.50	42.52	47.81	53.10	58.40
36	27.45	32.60	43.05	43.07	48.79	54.51	60.22
37	27.75	33.20	43.70	43.72	49.88	56.04	62.20
38	28.00	34.05	44.25	44.27	50.88	57.49	64.11
39	28.30	34.80	44.80	44.82	51.88	58.93	65.99
40	28.65	35.55	45.40	45.42	52.93	60.45	67.96
41	28.95	36.25	45.90	45.92	53.89	61.85	69.82
42	29.15	36.90	46.45	46.47	54.89	63.32	71.74
43	29.50	37.50	46.85	46.87	55.73	64.59	73.45
44	29.70	38.10	47.45	47.47	56.82	66.17	75.53
45	29.90	38.55	47.80	47.82	57.61	67.40	77.18
46	30.15	38.85	48.30	48.32	58.57	68.83	79.08
47	30.40	39.15	48.75	48.77	59.49	70.20	80.92
48	30.65	39.50	49.20	49.22	60.40	71.58	82.76
49	30.85	39.80	49.60	49.62	60.95	72.29	83.62
50	31.00	40.05	49.95	49.97	61.45	72.93	84.40

a. NDC Presort (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	31.15	40.40	50.40	50.42	62.06	73.70	85.35
52	31.55	40.65	50.75	50.77	62.53	74.28	86.04
53	32.05	40.95	51.10	51.12	63.00	74.88	86.75
54	32.50	41.15	51.45	51.47	63.48	75.50	87.51
55	33.05	41.45	51.70	51.72	63.82	75.92	88.01
56	33.50	41.65	52.00	52.02	64.24	76.45	88.67
57	34.00	41.80	52.35	52.37	64.72	77.07	89.42
58	34.55	42.00	52.65	52.67	65.10	77.53	89.96
59	35.10	42.20	52.90	52.92	65.45	77.99	90.52
60	35.55	42.40	53.45	53.47	66.19	78.91	91.62
61	36.10	42.60	54.40	54.42	67.38	80.35	93.31
62	36.50	42.70	55.10	55.12	68.28	81.43	94.59
63	37.20	42.90	56.00	56.02	69.43	82.84	96.25
64	37.55	43.00	56.80	56.82	70.46	84.09	97.73
65	38.05	43.10	57.60	57.62	71.48	85.35	99.21
66	38.55	43.30	58.50	58.52	72.61	86.69	100.78
67	39.15	43.40	59.50	59.52	73.88	88.24	102.59
68	39.65	43.50	60.30	60.32	74.90	89.48	104.06
69	40.20	43.55	61.00	61.02	75.53	90.04	104.54
70	40.60	43.65	62.00	62.02	76.52	91.03	105.53
Oversized	62.74	67.69	72.64	77.60	95.73	113.86	131.99

b. Balloon Price

Pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

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c. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

d. Forwarding and Returns

Parcel Select pieces that are forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer will be subject to the applicable Parcel Select Nonpresort price, plus \$3.00, when forwarded or returned.

Non-Destination Entered — Nonpresort

a. Nonpresort

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
1	5.55	5.65	5.80	5.82	6.11	6.40	6.68
2	5.75	6.10	6.80	6.94	7.82	8.71	9.59
3	6.45	7.45	8.55	8.57	9.96	11.34	12.73
4	7.30	8.70	9.85	9.87	11.02	12.18	13.33
5	8.65	10.00	11.30	11.32	12.31	13.29	14.28
6	9.55	11.05	12.65	12.67	13.79	14.91	16.03
7	10.15	11.95	13.65	13.67	15.02	16.36	17.71
8	10.90	13.05	15.25	15.27	16.97	18.67	20.38
9	11.60	14.10	16.55	16.57	18.62	20.66	22.71
10	12.40	15.10	18.00	18.02	20.25	22.48	24.72
11	13.25	16.15	19.45	19.47	22.03	24.59	27.15
12	14.20	17.35	20.85	20.87	23.66	26.44	29.23
13	15.05	18.40	22.00	22.02	24.77	27.52	30.27
14	15.95	19.55	23.35	23.37	26.15	28.93	31.72
15	16.65	20.65	24.60	24.62	27.24	29.87	32.49
16	17.15	21.75	26.00	26.02	28.80	31.57	34.35
17	17.90	22.90	27.50	27.52	30.04	32.56	35.08
18	18.25	23.75	28.85	28.87	31.51	34.15	36.78
19	18.75	24.25	29.40	29.42	32.10	34.79	37.47
20	19.55	24.55	29.95	29.97	32.70	35.43	38.16
21	20.20	24.90	30.40	30.42	33.19	35.95	38.72
22	20.70	25.50	30.95	30.97	33.78	36.59	39.40
23	21.15	25.95	31.80	31.82	34.70	37.59	40.47
24	21.65	26.50	32.80	32.82	35.78	38.75	41.71
25	22.15	26.95	33.75	33.77	36.82	39.86	42.91

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a. Nonpresort (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
26	22.55	27.20	34.90	34.92	38.06	41.21	44.35
27	23.20	27.60	35.95	35.97	39.20	42.44	45.67
28	23.95	28.00	37.00	37.02	40.35	43.67	47.00
29	24.65	28.25	37.95	37.97	41.37	44.77	48.17
30	25.40	28.65	38.85	38.87	42.35	45.82	49.30
31	26.15	28.95	39.45	39.47	42.99	46.52	50.04
32	26.45	29.55	40.15	40.17	44.11	48.06	52.00
33	26.85	30.40	41.15	41.17	45.56	49.96	54.35
34	27.10	31.20	42.15	42.17	47.03	51.89	56.75
35	27.40	31.95	42.75	42.77	48.06	53.35	58.65
36	27.70	32.85	43.30	43.32	49.04	54.76	60.47
37	28.00	33.45	43.95	43.97	50.13	56.29	62.45
38	28.25	34.30	44.50	44.52	51.13	57.74	64.36
39	28.55	35.05	45.05	45.07	52.13	59.18	66.24
40	28.90	35.80	45.65	45.67	53.18	60.70	68.21
41	29.20	36.50	46.15	46.17	54.14	62.10	70.07
42	29.40	37.15	46.70	46.72	55.14	63.57	71.99
43	29.75	37.75	47.10	47.12	55.98	64.84	73.70
44	29.95	38.35	47.70	47.72	57.07	66.42	75.78
45	30.15	38.80	48.05	48.07	57.86	67.65	77.43
46	30.40	39.10	48.55	48.57	58.82	69.08	79.33
47	30.65	39.40	49.00	49.02	59.74	70.45	81.17
48	30.90	39.75	49.45	49.47	60.65	71.83	83.01
49	31.10	40.05	49.85	49.87	61.20	72.54	83.87
50	31.25	40.30	50.20	50.22	61.70	73.18	84.65

a. Nonpresort (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	31.40	40.65	50.65	50.67	62.31	73.95	85.60
52	31.80	40.90	51.00	51.02	62.78	74.53	86.29
53	32.30	41.20	51.35	51.37	63.25	75.13	87.00
54	32.75	41.40	51.70	51.72	63.73	75.75	87.76
55	33.30	41.70	51.95	51.97	64.07	76.17	88.26
56	33.75	41.90	52.25	52.27	64.49	76.70	88.92
57	34.25	42.05	52.60	52.62	64.97	77.32	89.67
58	34.80	42.25	52.90	52.92	65.35	77.78	90.21
59	35.35	42.45	53.15	53.17	65.70	78.24	90.77
60	35.80	42.65	53.70	53.72	66.44	79.16	91.87
61	36.35	42.85	54.65	54.67	67.63	80.60	93.56
62	36.75	42.95	55.35	55.37	68.53	81.68	94.84
63	37.45	43.15	56.25	56.27	69.68	83.09	96.50
64	37.80	43.25	57.05	57.07	70.71	84.34	97.98
65	38.30	43.35	57.85	57.87	71.73	85.60	99.46
66	38.80	43.55	58.75	58.77	72.86	86.94	101.03
67	39.40	43.65	59.75	59.77	74.13	88.49	102.84
68	39.90	43.75	60.55	60.57	75.15	89.73	104.31
69	40.45	43.80	61.25	61.27	75.78	90.29	104.79
70	40.85	43.90	62.25	62.27	76.77	91.28	105.78
Oversized	62.99	67.94	72.89	77.85	95.98	114.11	132.24

b. Balloon Price

Pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

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c. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

d. Forwarding and Returns

Parcel Select pieces that are forwarded on request of the addressee or forwarded or returned on request of the mailer will be subject to the applicable Parcel Select Nonpresort price, plus \$3.00, when forwarded or returned.

Machinable Lightweight Parcels (3.5 ounces or greater)

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Entry Point/Sortation Level					
	DDU/ 5-Digit (\$)	DSCF/ 5-Digit (\$)	DNDC/ 5-Digit (\$)	DNDC/ NDC (\$)	None/ NDC (\$)	None/ Mixed NDC (\$)
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	1.02	1.05	1.11	1.45	1.49	1.89
5	1.05	1.08	1.15	1.51	1.55	1.96
6	1.08	1.12	1.20	1.57	1.62	2.03
7	1.11	1.16	1.25	1.63	1.69	2.10
8	1.14	1.20	1.30	1.69	1.76	2.17
9	1.17	1.24	1.35	1.75	1.83	2.24
10	1.20	1.29	1.41	1.82	1.90	2.32
11	1.23	1.34	1.47	1.89	1.97	2.40
12	1.26	1.39	1.53	1.96	2.04	2.48
13	1.29	1.44	1.59	2.03	2.11	2.56
14	1.32	1.49	1.65	2.10	2.18	2.64
15	1.35	1.54	1.71	2.17	2.25	2.72
16	1.38	1.59	1.77	2.24	2.32	2.80

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Irregular Lightweight Parcels

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Entry Point/Sortation Level							
	DDU/ 5-Digit (\$)	DSCF/ 5-Digit (\$)	DNDC/ 5-Digit (\$)	DSCF/ SCF (\$)	DNDC/ SCF (\$)	DNDC/ NDC (\$)	None/ NDC (\$)	None/ Mixed NDC (\$)
1	1.00	1.02	1.08	1.06	1.12	1.53	1.57	2.02
2	1.00	1.02	1.08	1.06	1.12	1.53	1.57	2.02
3	1.00	1.02	1.08	1.06	1.12	1.53	1.57	2.02
4	1.02	1.05	1.11	1.09	1.15	1.57	1.63	2.08
5	1.05	1.08	1.15	1.12	1.19	1.62	1.69	2.14
6	1.08	1.12	1.20	1.16	1.24	1.68	1.75	2.20
7	1.11	1.16	1.25	1.20	1.29	1.74	1.81	2.27
8	1.14	1.20	1.30	1.24	1.34	1.80	1.88	2.34
9	1.17	1.24	1.35	1.28	1.39	1.87	1.95	2.41
10	1.20	1.29	1.41	1.33	1.45	1.94	2.02	2.48
11	1.23	1.34	1.47	1.38	1.51	2.01	2.09	2.55
12	1.26	1.39	1.53	1.43	1.57	2.08	2.16	2.62
13	1.29	1.44	1.59	1.48	1.63	2.15	2.23	2.69
14	1.32	1.49	1.65	1.53	1.69	2.22	2.30	2.76
15	1.35	1.54	1.71	1.58	1.75	2.29	2.37	2.83
16	1.38	1.59	1.77	1.63	1.81	2.36	2.45	2.91

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

Add \$0.20 for each IMpb-noncompliant commercial parcel.

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2120.6 Prices

RNDC Entered

a. Machinable RNDC

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RNDC (\$)
1	3.65
2	3.99
3	4.34
4	4.59
5	4.94
6	5.29
7	5.64
8	5.99
9	6.34
10	6.69
11	6.99
12	7.29
13	7.59
14	7.89
15	8.19
16	8.44
17	8.69
18	8.94
19	9.19
20	9.44
21	9.64
22	9.84
23	10.04
24	10.24
25	10.42

a. Machinable RNDC (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RNDC (\$)
26	10.58
27	10.74
28	10.90
29	11.06
30	11.20
31	11.34
32	11.48
33	11.62
34	11.74
35	11.86

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b. Nonmachinable RNDC

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RNDC (\$)
1	6.07
2	6.41
3	6.76
4	7.01
5	7.36
6	7.71
7	8.06
8	8.41
9	8.76
10	9.11
11	9.41
12	9.71
13	10.01
14	10.31
15	10.61
16	10.86
17	11.11
18	11.36
19	11.61
20	11.86
21	12.06
22	12.26
23	12.46
24	12.66
25	12.84

b. Nonmachinable RNDC (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RNDC (\$)
26	13.00
27	13.16
28	13.32
29	13.48
30	13.62
31	13.76
32	13.90
33	14.04
34	14.16
35	14.28
36	14.40
37	14.52
38	14.62
39	14.72
40	14.82
41	14.90
42	14.98
43	15.06
44	15.14
45	15.22
46	15.30
47	15.38
48	15.45
49	15.52
50	15.59

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b. Nonmachinable RNDC (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RNDC (\$)
51	15.66
52	15.72
53	15.78
54	15.84
55	15.89
56	15.94
57	15.99
58	16.04
59	16.08
60	16.12
61	16.16
62	16.20
63	16.24
64	16.28
65	16.31
66	16.34
67	16.37
68	16.40
69	16.42
70	16.47
Oversized	34.20

c. Balloon Price

RNDC entered pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined, but not more than 108 inches, and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

d. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

RSCF Entered

a. Machinable RSCF

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
1	2.94
2	3.29
3	3.52
4	3.75
5	3.98
6	4.26
7	4.51
8	4.76
9	5.04
10	5.29
11	5.56
12	5.83
13	6.09
14	6.36
15	6.62
16	6.87
17	7.12
18	7.37
19	7.62
20	7.87
21	8.07
22	8.27
23	8.47
24	8.67
25	8.83

*Domestic Products
Parcel Return Service*

a. Machinable RSCF (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
26	8.99
27	9.15
28	9.31
29	9.47
30	9.63
31	9.79
32	9.95
33	10.11
34	10.27
35	10.43

b. Nonmachinable RSCF

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
1	5.36
2	5.71
3	5.94
4	6.17
5	6.40
6	6.68
7	6.93
8	7.18
9	7.46
10	7.71
11	7.98
12	8.25
13	8.51
14	8.78
15	9.04
16	9.29
17	9.54
18	9.79
19	10.04
20	10.29
21	10.49
22	10.69
23	10.89
24	11.09
25	11.25

*Domestic Products
Parcel Return Service*

b. Nonmachinable RSCF (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
26	11.41
27	11.57
28	11.73
29	11.89
30	12.05
31	12.21
32	12.37
33	12.53
34	12.69
35	12.85
36	13.01
37	13.17
38	13.29
39	13.41
40	13.53
41	13.65
42	13.77
43	13.89
44	13.97
45	14.05
46	14.13
47	14.21
48	14.26
49	14.31
50	14.36

b. Nonmachinable RSCF (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RSCF (\$)
51	14.41
52	14.46
53	14.51
54	14.56
55	14.61
56	14.66
57	14.71
58	14.75
59	14.79
60	14.83
61	14.87
62	14.91
63	14.95
64	14.97
65	14.99
66	15.01
67	15.03
68	15.05
69	15.07
70	15.09
Oversized	24.31

c. Balloon Price

RSCF entered pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined, but not more than 108 inches, and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

d. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

*Domestic Products
Parcel Return Service**RDU Entered*

a. Machinable RDU

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
1	2.37
2	2.39
3	2.41
4	2.43
5	2.46
6	2.48
7	2.50
8	2.52
9	2.54
10	2.56
11	2.59
12	2.62
13	2.67
14	2.73
15	2.81
16	2.88
17	2.96
18	3.02
19	3.10
20	3.16
21	3.22
22	3.27
23	3.33
24	3.38
25	3.45

a. Machinable RDU (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
26	3.50
27	3.55
28	3.59
29	3.64
30	3.68
31	3.72
32	3.78
33	3.82
34	3.85
35	3.89

*Domestic Products
Parcel Return Service*

b. Nonmachinable RDU

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
1	2.37
2	2.39
3	2.41
4	2.43
5	2.46
6	2.48
7	2.50
8	2.52
9	2.54
10	2.56
11	2.59
12	2.62
13	2.67
14	2.73
15	2.81
16	2.88
17	2.96
18	3.02
19	3.10
20	3.16
21	3.22
22	3.27
23	3.33
24	3.38
25	3.45

b. Nonmachinable RDU (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
26	3.50
27	3.55
28	3.59
29	3.64
30	3.68
31	3.72
32	3.78
33	3.82
34	3.85
35	3.89
36	3.94
37	3.97
38	4.01
39	4.04
40	4.07
41	4.11
42	4.14
43	4.17
44	4.20
45	4.23
46	4.26
47	4.28
48	4.31
49	4.34
50	4.36

*Domestic Products
Parcel Return Service*

b. Nonmachinable RDU (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	RDU (\$)
51	4.38
52	4.42
53	4.45
54	4.47
55	4.49
56	4.52
57	4.54
58	4.56
59	4.58
60	4.59
61	4.61
62	4.63
63	4.65
64	4.67
65	4.68
66	4.70
67	4.71
68	4.73
69	4.75
70	4.76
Oversized	7.91

c. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

PRs Full Network

a. PRs Full Network

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
1	4.69	4.96	5.04	5.24	5.46	5.53	5.62
2	4.96	5.26	5.66	5.76	6.06	6.17	6.36
3	5.03	5.46	5.92	6.09	6.39	6.55	6.98
4	5.14	5.61	6.19	6.45	6.68	6.95	7.44
5	5.28	5.68	6.43	6.69	6.92	7.22	7.81
6	5.41	5.83	6.52	6.84	7.02	7.42	7.98
7	5.65	5.99	6.64	7.00	7.22	7.60	8.22
8	5.86	6.13	6.80	7.12	7.42	7.92	8.66
9	5.96	6.28	6.90	7.26	7.56	8.31	9.17
10	8.18	8.39	9.37	9.96	10.51	11.86	13.08
11	8.88	9.18	9.98	10.66	11.45	13.24	14.57
12	9.11	9.43	10.15	10.82	11.93	14.00	15.52
13	9.34	9.66	10.27	11.06	12.44	14.82	16.49
14	9.52	9.93	10.44	11.30	13.12	15.56	17.40
15	9.69	10.23	10.61	11.55	13.75	16.34	18.33
16	9.84	10.36	10.68	11.76	14.26	16.90	19.06
17	9.93	10.68	11.00	12.22	14.98	17.78	20.04
18	10.06	10.87	11.31	12.83	15.65	18.54	21.03
19	10.18	11.23	11.72	13.37	16.31	19.31	22.03
20	10.36	11.58	12.10	13.94	17.01	20.08	23.01
21	10.52	11.89	12.46	14.51	17.67	20.86	23.92
22	10.76	12.24	12.90	15.03	18.38	21.65	24.94
23	10.99	12.61	13.29	15.54	19.05	22.42	25.93
24	11.19	12.91	13.69	16.04	19.76	23.17	26.92
25	15.34	17.26	18.59	22.00	27.47	33.08	38.41

Domestic Products
Parcel Return Service

a. PRS Full Network (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
26	15.70	18.08	19.31	22.73	28.31	33.01	38.57
27	16.04	18.50	19.75	23.40	29.23	34.06	39.88
28	16.32	18.93	20.36	24.10	30.13	35.05	41.23
29	16.64	19.29	20.92	24.65	30.97	35.91	42.46
30	17.04	19.74	21.54	25.35	31.91	36.90	43.78
31	17.29	20.05	22.01	26.02	32.77	37.88	44.99
32	17.41	20.46	22.58	26.75	33.69	38.90	46.33
33	17.74	20.92	23.13	27.44	34.56	39.92	47.58
34	17.90	21.38	23.63	28.13	35.50	40.95	48.91
35	18.20	21.84	24.16	28.79	36.39	41.98	50.17
36	18.45	22.05	24.58	29.49	37.27	43.00	51.25
37	18.77	22.54	25.04	30.13	38.07	43.98	52.23
38	19.05	22.87	25.59	30.83	38.90	45.03	53.18
39	19.31	23.32	26.16	31.46	40.13	46.49	54.25
40	19.50	23.84	26.72	32.10	40.92	47.46	55.14
41	19.75	24.16	27.18	32.71	41.63	48.35	55.88
42	20.05	24.44	27.68	33.30	42.29	49.23	56.74
43	20.29	24.85	28.23	33.99	43.06	50.24	57.72
44	20.55	25.27	28.70	34.59	43.82	51.27	58.32
45	20.77	25.66	29.23	35.26	44.56	52.29	59.28
46	20.98	26.02	29.58	35.90	45.27	53.33	60.25
47	21.15	26.22	30.03	36.49	45.89	54.34	61.21
48	21.36	26.50	30.42	37.09	46.55	55.38	62.18
49	21.54	26.78	30.81	37.72	47.14	56.39	63.12
50	21.71	27.02	31.17	37.84	47.38	56.98	64.08

a. PRS Full Network (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	21.83	27.20	31.39	38.07	47.79	57.73	64.44
52	22.01	27.37	31.61	38.57	48.26	58.50	65.38
53	22.17	27.64	31.75	39.05	48.73	59.10	66.33
54	22.36	27.85	32.12	39.56	49.23	59.53	67.17
55	22.55	28.03	32.39	40.14	49.58	59.73	67.94
56	22.70	28.31	32.69	40.69	49.88	59.82	68.78
57	22.98	28.55	32.96	41.26	50.40	60.26	69.48
58	23.20	28.79	33.26	41.69	50.96	60.63	70.04
59	23.40	29.07	33.62	42.09	51.42	60.96	70.56
60	23.63	29.34	33.95	42.39	51.87	61.28	71.01
61	23.87	29.57	34.23	42.87	52.32	61.64	71.42
62	24.04	29.78	34.47	43.24	52.68	61.99	71.85
63	24.22	30.06	34.72	43.60	53.02	62.39	72.29
64	24.44	30.38	35.00	43.90	53.39	62.80	72.70
65	24.63	30.71	35.37	44.19	53.84	63.11	73.12
66	24.83	31.07	35.76	44.49	54.38	63.43	73.65
67	25.02	31.39	36.11	44.74	54.82	63.74	73.85
68	25.20	31.70	36.44	45.00	55.11	64.10	74.01
69	25.43	31.94	36.78	45.24	55.40	64.42	74.21
70	25.59	32.22	37.02	45.41	55.52	64.64	74.86
Oversized	66.02	69.06	70.43	72.51	97.11	103.41	114.45

b. Balloon Price

Pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

*Domestic Products
Parcel Return Service*

c. Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

Add \$0.20 for each IMpb-noncompliant commercial parcel.

*Domestic Products
First-Class Package Service*

2125 First-Class Package Service

2125.6 Prices

Commercial Plus

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Single- Piece (\$)
≥3.5 and <16	3.37	3.57	3.77	4.05

~~*Commercial Plus Surcharge*~~

~~Single-piece parcels are subject to a \$0.08 surcharge if the parcel does not bear a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode with a postal routing code.~~

*Domestic Products
First-Class Package Service*

Commercial Base

Maximum Weight (ounces)	5-Digit (\$)	3-Digit (\$)	ADC (\$)	Mixed ADC/Single- Piece (\$)
1	1.42	1.55	1.68	1.93
2	1.42	1.55	1.68	1.93
3	1.42	1.55	1.68	1.93
4	1.51	1.64	1.77	2.01
5	1.60	1.73	1.86	2.09
6	1.77	1.90	2.03	2.25
7	1.95	2.08	2.20	2.42
8	2.13	2.26	2.38	2.59
9	2.31	2.44	2.56	2.76
10	2.49	2.62	2.74	2.93
11	2.67	2.80	2.92	3.11
12	2.85	2.98	3.10	3.29
13	3.03	3.16	3.28	3.47

Commercial Base Surcharge

Single-piece parcels are subject to a \$0.08 surcharge if:

- a. the parcel is irregularly shaped (such as rolls, tubes, and triangles), unless the parcel is prepared in 5-Digit/scheme containers, or
- b. the parcel does not bear a unique Intelligent Mail package barcode with a postal routing code.

Irregular Commercial Base Parcel Surcharge

Add \$0.20 for each irregularly shaped Commercial Base parcel (such as rolls, tubes, and triangles), unless the parcel is prepared in 5-Digit/scheme containers.

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

Add \$0.20 for each IMpb-noncompliant commercial parcel.

Domestic Products
Standard Post

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2135.6 Prices

Standard Post¹

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
1	5.60	5.70	5.85	5.87	6.16	6.45	6.73
2	5.80	6.15	6.85	6.99	7.87	8.76	9.64
3	6.50	7.50	8.60	8.62	10.01	11.39	12.78
4	7.35	8.75	9.90	9.92	11.07	12.23	13.38
5	8.70	10.05	11.35	11.37	12.36	13.34	14.33
6	9.60	11.10	12.70	12.72	13.84	14.96	16.08
7	10.20	12.00	13.70	13.72	15.07	16.41	17.76
8	10.95	13.10	15.30	15.32	17.02	18.72	20.43
9	11.65	14.15	16.60	16.62	18.67	20.71	22.76
10	12.45	15.15	18.05	18.07	20.30	22.53	24.77
11	13.30	16.20	19.50	19.52	22.08	24.64	27.20
12	14.25	17.40	20.90	20.92	23.71	26.49	29.28
13	15.10	18.45	22.05	22.07	24.82	27.57	30.32
14	16.00	19.60	23.40	23.42	26.20	28.98	31.77
15	16.70	20.70	24.65	24.67	27.29	29.92	32.54
16	17.20	21.80	26.05	26.07	28.85	31.62	34.40
17	17.95	22.95	27.55	27.57	30.09	32.61	35.13
18	18.30	23.80	28.90	28.92	31.56	34.20	36.83
19	18.80	24.30	29.45	29.47	32.15	34.84	37.52
20	19.60	24.60	30.00	30.02	32.75	35.48	38.21
21	20.25	24.95	30.45	30.47	33.24	36.00	38.77
22	20.75	25.55	31.00	31.02	33.83	36.64	39.45
23	21.20	26.00	31.85	31.87	34.75	37.64	40.52
24	21.70	26.55	32.85	32.87	35.83	38.80	41.76
25	22.20	27.00	33.80	33.82	36.87	39.91	42.96

Domestic Products
Standard Post

Standard Post (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
26	22.60	27.25	34.95	34.97	38.11	41.26	44.40
27	23.25	27.65	36.00	36.02	39.25	42.49	45.72
28	24.00	28.05	37.05	37.07	40.40	43.72	47.05
29	24.70	28.30	38.00	38.02	41.42	44.82	48.22
30	25.45	28.70	38.90	38.92	42.40	45.87	49.35
31	26.20	29.00	39.50	39.52	43.04	46.57	50.09
32	26.50	29.60	40.20	40.22	44.16	48.11	52.05
33	26.90	30.45	41.20	41.22	45.61	50.01	54.40
34	27.15	31.25	42.20	42.22	47.08	51.94	56.80
35	27.45	32.00	42.80	42.82	48.11	53.40	58.70
36	27.75	32.90	43.35	43.37	49.09	54.81	60.52
37	28.05	33.50	44.00	44.02	50.18	56.34	62.50
38	28.30	34.35	44.55	44.57	51.18	57.79	64.41
39	28.60	35.10	45.10	45.12	52.18	59.23	66.29
40	28.95	35.85	45.70	45.72	53.23	60.75	68.26
41	29.25	36.55	46.20	46.22	54.19	62.15	70.12
42	29.45	37.20	46.75	46.77	55.19	63.62	72.04
43	29.80	37.80	47.15	47.17	56.03	64.89	73.75
44	30.00	38.40	47.75	47.77	57.12	66.47	75.83
45	30.20	38.85	48.10	48.12	57.91	67.70	77.48
46	30.45	39.15	48.60	48.62	58.87	69.13	79.38
47	30.70	39.45	49.05	49.07	59.79	70.50	81.22
48	30.95	39.80	49.50	49.52	60.70	71.88	83.06
49	31.15	40.10	49.90	49.92	61.25	72.59	83.92
50	31.30	40.35	50.25	50.27	61.75	73.23	84.70

Domestic Products
Standard Post

Standard Post (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	31.45	40.70	50.70	50.72	62.36	74.00	85.65
52	31.85	40.95	51.05	51.07	62.83	74.58	86.34
53	32.35	41.25	51.40	51.42	63.30	75.18	87.05
54	32.80	41.45	51.75	51.77	63.78	75.80	87.81
55	33.35	41.75	52.00	52.02	64.12	76.22	88.31
56	33.80	41.95	52.30	52.32	64.54	76.75	88.97
57	34.30	42.10	52.65	52.67	65.02	77.37	89.72
58	34.85	42.30	52.95	52.97	65.40	77.83	90.26
59	35.40	42.50	53.20	53.22	65.75	78.29	90.82
60	35.85	42.70	53.75	53.77	66.49	79.21	91.92
61	36.40	42.90	54.70	54.72	67.68	80.65	93.61
62	36.80	43.00	55.40	55.42	68.58	81.73	94.89
63	37.50	43.20	56.30	56.32	69.73	83.14	96.55
64	37.85	43.30	57.10	57.12	70.76	84.39	98.03
65	38.35	43.40	57.90	57.92	71.78	85.65	99.51
66	38.85	43.60	58.80	58.82	72.91	86.99	101.08
67	39.45	43.70	59.80	59.82	74.18	88.54	102.89
68	39.95	43.80	60.60	60.62	75.20	89.78	104.36
69	40.50	43.85	61.30	61.32	75.83	90.34	104.84
70	40.90	43.95	62.30	62.32	76.82	91.33	105.83
Oversized	63.04	67.99	72.94	77.90	96.03	114.16	132.29

Notes

1. Prices for Zones 1-4, up to 70 pounds, applicable only to Hazmat, Lives, or other required ground-only mail.

*Domestic Products
Standard Post*

Balloon Price

Pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

Oversized Pieces

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

IMpb Noncompliance Fee

Add \$0.20 for each IMpb-noncompliant commercial parcel.

2305 Outbound International Expedited Services

2305.1 Description

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Priority Mail Express International

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- c. Document reconstruction up to \$100.00 and merchandise insurance up to \$200.00 is included in the price of postage. Additional merchandise insurance may be purchased at the time of mailing. Additional document reconstruction insurance may not be purchased.

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2305.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

Global Express Guaranteed

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- Commercial Base – For selected destination countries, available for customers who prepare and pay for Global Express Guaranteed shipments via ~~permit imprint when used in conjunction with Postal Service-supplied or other approved software, online at usps.com, or by using an authorized PC Postage vendor~~USPS-approved payment methods. The discount applies only to the postage portion of Global Express Guaranteed prices.
 - Price Groups 1-8

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Priority Mail Express International

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- Commercial Base – For selected destination countries, available for customers who prepare and pay for Priority Mail Express International shipments via ~~permit imprint when used in conjunction with Postal Service-supplied or other approved software~~USPS-approved payment methods that electronically transmits customs-related functions, ~~online at usps.com, or by using an authorized PC Postage vendor~~. The discount applies only to the postage portion of Priority Mail Express International prices.
 - Price Groups 1-17

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*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

2305.6 Prices

Global Express Guaranteed Retail Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
0.5	51.50	56.75	65.95	107.75	72.25	76.50	56.75	88.75
1	60.75	61.95	74.75	122.50	83.75	86.95	67.50	99.75
2	65.00	67.50	80.60	136.05	89.70	93.80	76.05	112.00
3	69.25	73.05	86.45	149.60	95.65	100.65	84.60	124.25
4	73.50	78.60	92.30	163.15	101.60	107.50	93.15	136.50
5	77.75	84.15	98.15	176.70	107.55	114.35	101.70	148.75
6	82.00	89.30	103.20	190.05	113.40	120.90	107.35	160.60
7	86.25	94.45	108.25	203.40	119.25	127.45	113.00	172.45
8	90.50	99.60	113.30	216.75	125.10	134.00	118.65	184.30
9	94.75	104.75	118.35	230.10	130.95	140.55	124.30	196.15
10	99.00	109.90	123.40	243.45	136.80	147.10	129.95	208.00
11	103.25	113.15	127.65	256.80	141.15	153.05	134.40	216.95
12	107.50	116.40	131.90	270.15	145.50	159.00	138.85	225.90
13	111.75	119.65	136.15	283.50	149.85	164.95	143.30	234.85
14	116.00	122.90	140.40	296.85	154.20	170.90	147.75	243.80
15	120.25	126.15	144.65	310.20	158.55	176.85	152.20	252.75
16	124.50	129.40	148.90	323.55	162.90	182.80	156.65	261.70
17	128.75	132.65	153.15	336.90	167.25	188.75	161.10	270.65
18	133.00	135.90	157.40	350.25	171.60	194.70	165.55	279.60
19	137.25	139.15	161.65	363.60	175.95	200.65	170.00	288.55
20	141.50	142.40	165.90	376.95	180.30	206.60	174.45	297.50
21	145.75	144.75	170.15	387.60	184.65	212.55	178.90	306.45
22	150.00	147.10	174.40	398.25	189.00	218.50	183.35	315.40
23	154.25	149.45	178.65	408.90	193.35	224.45	187.80	324.35
24	158.50	151.80	182.90	419.55	197.70	230.40	192.25	333.30
25	162.75	154.15	187.15	430.20	202.05	236.35	196.70	342.25

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
26	167.00	156.50	191.40	440.85	206.40	242.30	201.15	351.20
27	171.25	158.85	195.65	451.50	210.75	248.25	205.60	360.15
28	175.50	161.20	199.90	462.15	215.10	254.20	210.05	369.10
29	179.75	163.55	204.15	472.80	219.45	260.15	214.50	378.05
30	184.00	165.90	208.40	483.45	223.80	266.10	218.95	387.00
31	188.25	168.25	212.65	494.10	228.15	272.05	223.40	395.95
32	192.50	170.60	216.90	504.75	232.50	278.00	227.85	404.90
33	196.75	172.95	221.15	515.40	236.85	283.95	232.30	413.85
34	201.00	175.30	225.40	526.05	241.20	289.90	236.75	422.80
35	205.25	177.65	229.65	536.70	245.55	295.85	241.20	431.75
36	209.50	180.00	233.90	547.35	249.90	301.80	245.65	440.70
37	213.75	182.35	238.15	558.00	254.25	307.75	250.10	449.65
38	218.00	184.70	242.40	568.65	258.60	313.70	254.55	458.60
39	222.25	187.05	246.65	579.30	262.95	319.65	259.00	467.55
40	226.50	189.40	250.90	589.95	267.30	325.60	263.45	476.50
41	230.05	191.75	255.15	600.60	271.65	331.55	267.90	485.45
42	233.60	194.10	259.40	611.25	276.00	337.50	272.35	494.40
43	237.15	196.45	263.65	621.90	280.35	343.45	276.80	503.35
44	240.70	198.80	267.90	632.55	284.70	349.40	281.25	512.30
45	244.25	201.15	272.15	643.20	289.05	355.35	285.70	521.25
46	247.80	203.50	276.40	653.85	293.40	361.30	290.15	530.20
47	251.35	205.85	280.65	664.50	297.75	367.25	294.60	539.15
48	254.90	208.20	284.90	675.15	302.10	373.20	299.05	548.10
49	258.45	210.55	289.15	685.80	306.45	379.15	303.50	557.05
50	262.00	212.90	293.40	696.45	310.80	385.10	307.95	566.00

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
51	265.55	215.25	297.65	707.10	315.15	391.05	312.40	574.95
52	269.10	217.60	301.90	717.75	319.50	397.00	316.85	583.90
53	272.65	219.95	306.15	728.40	323.85	402.95	321.30	592.85
54	276.20	222.30	310.40	739.05	328.20	408.90	325.75	601.80
55	279.75	224.65	314.65	749.70	332.55	414.85	330.20	610.75
56	283.30	227.00	318.90	760.35	336.90	420.80	334.65	619.70
57	286.85	229.35	323.15	771.00	341.25	426.75	339.10	628.65
58	290.40	231.70	327.40	781.65	345.60	432.70	343.55	637.60
59	293.95	234.05	331.65	792.30	349.95	438.65	348.00	646.55
60	297.50	236.40	335.90	802.95	354.30	444.60	352.45	655.50
61	301.05	238.75	340.15	813.60	358.65	450.55	356.90	664.45
62	304.60	241.10	344.40	824.25	363.00	456.50	361.35	673.40
63	308.15	243.45	348.65	834.90	367.35	462.45	365.80	682.35
64	311.70	245.80	352.90	845.55	371.70	468.40	370.25	691.30
65	315.25	248.15	357.15	856.20	376.05	474.35	374.70	700.25
66	318.80	250.50	361.40	866.85	380.40	480.30	379.15	709.20
67	322.35	252.85	365.65	877.50	384.75	486.25	383.60	718.15
68	325.90	255.20	369.90	888.15	389.10	492.20	388.05	727.10
69	329.45	257.55	374.15	898.80	393.45	498.15	392.50	736.05
70	333.00	259.90	378.40	909.45	397.80	504.10	396.95	745.00

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Commercial Base Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
0.5	48.40	53.30	62.02	101.27	67.83	71.71	53.30	83.33
1	56.52	57.67	69.46	113.86	77.91	80.78	63.15	92.77
2	59.60	61.43	71.70	121.08	79.87	83.45	69.31	99.79
3	64.73	68.26	76.89	133.16	85.21	89.56	75.64	110.76
4	68.37	72.39	83.56	145.23	92.07	95.66	82.99	121.73
5	70.32	77.88	90.37	157.30	97.33	101.77	90.66	132.70
6	71.78	83.01	94.33	165.42	102.65	105.20	95.68	140.03
7	75.27	88.16	98.48	177.05	107.46	110.89	100.82	150.49
8	78.99	93.64	102.59	188.68	113.10	116.60	105.76	162.33
9	82.71	96.93	107.16	200.30	119.76	122.30	109.35	173.66
10	86.43	100.39	111.77	211.93	124.38	128.00	113.52	185.16
11	90.17	104.69	114.50	223.54	130.03	133.25	117.00	196.46
12	93.89	109.33	117.24	235.17	134.67	138.50	120.91	207.41
13	97.61	110.78	122.33	246.80	138.82	143.75	124.81	218.44
14	101.34	113.90	126.62	258.42	143.78	150.40	131.61	228.44
15	105.06	117.05	130.35	270.05	147.57	156.53	135.99	239.10
16	108.79	120.84	134.27	281.66	153.22	161.89	140.32	248.94
17	112.52	124.48	138.29	293.29	157.26	167.23	144.83	258.07
18	116.24	127.43	141.97	304.92	160.87	171.94	149.20	266.37
19	119.96	129.50	145.90	316.54	164.87	177.32	154.40	274.70
20	123.69	131.40	149.89	328.16	169.25	182.04	161.99	283.18
21	127.42	132.96	154.61	337.54	173.80	186.86	165.31	292.51
22	131.14	133.24	157.93	347.62	179.63	191.58	167.64	301.48
23	134.86	135.35	161.61	356.31	181.77	196.82	169.65	309.47
24	138.59	137.56	164.42	365.68	183.73	201.51	170.71	317.62
25	142.31	139.77	166.77	375.06	185.69	206.76	171.77	325.23

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
26	146.04	143.24	172.60	384.44	193.59	212.02	184.34	333.41
27	149.77	148.03	175.52	393.82	197.01	217.26	187.87	341.55
28	153.49	151.00	179.28	403.21	201.02	222.51	189.91	349.69
29	157.21	152.95	182.13	412.58	205.19	227.77	191.99	356.49
30	160.94	154.58	186.03	421.96	209.02	233.02	196.43	363.63
31	164.67	156.02	189.28	431.34	212.81	238.27	200.88	370.27
32	168.39	156.80	193.95	441.36	216.99	243.51	208.62	377.25
33	172.11	158.42	197.31	450.53	221.18	248.77	212.63	384.39
34	175.84	159.36	200.79	460.01	225.17	254.02	215.96	391.02
35	179.56	160.81	204.42	469.17	229.17	259.27	220.49	397.66
36	183.29	161.76	207.69	478.67	232.80	264.53	222.79	404.63
37	187.02	163.54	211.40	487.62	236.78	269.77	226.97	411.09
38	190.74	165.17	214.46	497.01	240.60	275.02	231.00	417.92
39	194.46	166.95	218.41	506.38	244.59	280.28	235.67	425.06
40	198.19	169.74	221.23	515.76	248.22	285.53	239.88	431.69
41	201.29	171.52	225.29	525.14	252.21	290.78	244.07	438.33
42	204.39	173.81	227.75	534.52	256.39	296.02	248.41	444.96
43	207.48	175.60	231.31	543.90	260.57	301.28	252.42	451.77
44	210.58	177.90	234.18	553.28	264.75	306.53	256.77	458.41
45	213.67	179.69	237.90	562.66	268.37	311.78	260.78	465.22
46	216.77	181.79	241.64	572.04	272.36	317.04	265.66	470.69
47	219.87	184.42	245.36	581.42	276.38	322.28	269.66	477.68
48	222.96	186.55	249.08	590.80	280.17	327.53	274.20	484.31
49	226.06	189.01	252.81	600.18	284.17	332.79	276.26	490.95
50	229.15	190.79	256.53	609.56	287.78	338.04	278.33	498.88

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
51	232.25	192.64	260.26	618.94	288.10	343.29	287.16	509.57
52	235.35	194.52	263.99	628.32	296.34	348.53	290.58	514.77
53	238.45	196.32	267.71	637.70	296.64	353.79	295.52	523.33
54	241.55	198.10	271.43	647.08	301.19	359.04	298.44	530.67
55	244.64	199.88	275.16	656.46	305.37	364.29	302.19	538.60
56	247.74	201.66	278.89	665.84	309.55	369.55	305.96	546.55
57	250.84	203.45	282.61	675.22	313.72	374.79	309.71	554.49
58	253.93	205.24	286.33	684.60	317.90	380.04	313.47	562.44
59	257.03	207.10	290.06	693.98	322.27	385.29	319.49	570.38
60	260.12	208.98	293.78	703.36	330.90	390.55	321.84	578.32
61	263.22	210.68	297.51	712.74	331.17	395.80	327.30	586.27
62	266.32	212.38	301.24	722.12	339.24	401.04	329.51	594.21
63	269.41	214.17	304.96	731.50	339.55	406.30	335.11	602.16
64	272.51	215.95	308.68	740.88	347.43	411.55	337.55	610.10
65	275.60	217.81	312.41	750.26	347.73	416.80	343.28	618.04
66	278.70	219.69	316.14	759.63	355.78	422.06	345.57	625.98
67	281.81	221.47	319.86	769.02	356.08	427.30	351.29	633.93
68	284.90	223.27	323.58	778.40	364.33	432.55	353.26	641.88
69	288.00	224.80	327.31	787.78	364.63	437.80	359.62	649.82
70	291.09	226.33	331.03	797.16	372.33	443.06	361.12	657.76

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Commercial Plus Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
0.5	43.52	47.92	55.76	91.04	60.98	64.47	47.92	74.92
1	51.36	52.40	63.12	103.46	70.78	73.40	56.93	84.29
2	53.72	55.37	65.73	111.00	73.21	76.50	62.47	91.48
3	58.34	61.52	70.48	122.06	78.05	82.09	69.04	101.52
4	61.62	65.24	75.31	133.13	82.97	87.68	76.07	111.58
5	63.58	70.19	81.46	144.19	87.72	93.28	83.10	121.64
6	65.49	74.81	85.02	151.44	92.52	96.31	86.23	128.19
7	68.90	79.46	88.75	162.08	96.84	101.52	90.86	137.59
8	72.31	84.39	92.46	172.73	101.93	106.74	95.33	147.01
9	75.72	87.37	96.57	183.36	107.94	111.96	99.06	156.51
10	79.13	90.48	100.74	194.00	112.10	117.18	103.53	166.87
11	82.54	94.36	103.19	204.64	117.19	121.98	107.11	177.06
12	85.95	98.53	105.66	215.29	121.36	126.79	110.68	186.92
13	89.36	99.84	110.25	225.93	125.11	131.59	114.26	196.88
14	92.77	102.66	114.13	236.57	129.58	136.40	118.61	205.88
15	96.18	105.48	117.47	247.21	133.01	141.21	122.56	215.48
16	99.59	108.91	121.02	257.85	138.10	146.02	126.46	224.36
17	103.00	112.19	124.63	268.49	141.74	150.83	130.53	232.58
18	106.42	114.84	127.96	279.13	144.99	155.63	134.46	240.08
19	109.82	116.71	131.49	289.77	148.59	160.44	139.15	247.58
20	113.23	118.42	135.10	300.42	152.54	165.24	146.00	255.22
21	116.64	119.83	139.34	309.00	156.64	170.05	148.99	263.62
22	120.05	120.08	142.33	317.59	161.89	174.85	151.08	271.72
23	123.46	121.99	145.65	326.18	163.83	179.67	152.90	278.90
24	126.87	123.97	148.18	334.76	165.59	184.48	153.85	286.26
25	130.28	125.97	150.30	343.35	167.36	189.28	157.15	293.12

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
26	133.69	129.10	155.56	351.94	174.48	194.09	166.14	300.48
27	137.11	133.41	158.19	360.52	177.57	198.89	169.32	307.82
28	140.51	136.10	161.58	369.11	181.18	203.70	171.16	315.16
29	143.92	137.85	164.15	377.69	184.93	208.50	173.03	321.28
30	147.33	139.31	167.67	386.28	188.38	213.32	177.03	327.73
31	150.74	140.62	170.60	394.87	191.80	218.12	181.04	333.71
32	154.15	141.31	174.80	403.45	195.56	222.93	188.02	340.00
33	157.56	142.78	177.82	412.04	199.34	227.73	191.63	346.43
34	160.97	143.63	180.96	420.63	202.93	232.54	194.64	352.41
35	164.38	144.94	184.23	429.21	206.54	237.35	198.72	358.40
36	167.80	145.79	187.19	437.80	209.81	242.15	200.79	364.68
37	171.20	147.39	190.53	446.39	213.40	246.97	204.56	370.50
38	174.62	148.86	193.92	454.97	216.84	251.77	208.19	376.66
39	178.02	150.47	197.33	463.56	220.43	256.58	212.40	383.09
40	181.43	152.97	200.74	472.15	223.70	261.38	216.20	389.07
41	184.27	154.59	204.15	480.73	227.30	266.19	219.97	395.06
42	187.10	156.65	207.56	489.33	231.08	270.99	223.89	401.03
43	189.93	158.26	210.97	497.91	234.84	275.80	227.50	407.16
44	192.77	160.33	214.38	506.49	238.61	280.62	231.42	413.15
45	195.60	161.94	217.79	515.09	241.88	285.42	235.04	420.34
46	198.45	163.85	221.21	523.67	245.46	290.23	239.43	427.61
47	201.28	166.21	224.61	532.25	249.09	295.03	243.04	434.89
48	204.11	168.13	228.03	540.85	252.51	299.84	247.12	442.15
49	206.95	170.34	231.43	549.43	256.11	304.64	248.98	449.43
50	209.78	171.95	234.84	558.01	259.37	309.45	250.85	456.70

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Global Express Guaranteed Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)
51	212.61	173.62	238.25	566.61	259.66	314.26	258.81	463.97
52	215.45	175.32	241.66	575.19	267.08	319.07	261.88	471.25
53	218.29	176.93	245.07	583.77	267.35	323.87	266.34	478.52
54	221.12	178.55	248.48	592.37	271.45	328.68	268.97	485.79
55	223.96	180.14	251.90	600.95	275.21	333.49	272.35	493.06
56	226.79	181.75	255.30	609.53	278.98	338.29	275.74	500.34
57	229.62	183.37	258.72	618.13	282.74	343.10	279.13	507.60
58	232.46	184.97	262.12	626.71	286.52	347.91	282.52	514.88
59	235.29	186.65	265.53	635.29	290.45	352.72	287.95	522.15
60	238.12	188.42	268.94	643.89	298.22	357.52	290.06	529.42
61	240.97	190.27	272.35	652.47	298.48	362.33	294.98	536.69
62	243.80	192.11	275.76	661.06	305.74	367.13	296.98	543.97
63	246.63	193.96	279.17	669.65	306.02	371.94	302.02	551.24
64	249.47	195.81	282.59	678.23	313.13	376.75	304.22	558.51
65	252.30	197.66	285.99	686.82	313.39	381.56	309.38	565.78
66	255.14	199.50	289.41	695.41	320.65	386.37	311.44	573.05
67	257.97	201.36	292.81	703.99	320.93	391.17	316.60	580.33
68	260.81	203.21	296.23	712.58	328.36	395.98	318.37	587.59
69	263.65	205.06	299.63	721.17	328.63	400.78	324.11	594.87
70	266.48	206.90	303.04	729.75	335.56	405.59	325.46	602.14

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Priority Mail Express International: Flat Rate Retail Prices¹

	Country Price Group	
	Canada (Price Group 1) (\$)	All Other Countries (Price Groups 2 through 17) (\$)
Flat Rate Envelope	35.95	46.50
Flat Rate Box	66.95	84.95

Note

1. No additional discount is offered for Commercial Base or Commercial Plus.

Priority Mail Express International Flat Rate Commercial Base Prices

	Country Price Group	
	Canada (Price Group 1) (\$)	All Other Countries (Price Groups 2 through 17) (\$)
Flat Rate Envelope	33.00	42.75
Flat Rate Box	61.60	78.25

Priority Mail Express International Flat Rate Commercial Plus Prices

	Country Price Group	
	Canada (Price Group 1) (\$)	All Other Countries (Price Groups 2 through 17) (\$)
Flat Rate Envelope	33.00	42.75
Flat Rate Box	61.60	78.25

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Priority Mail Express International Retail Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
0.5	35.25	44.75	46.95	54.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	48.00	47.00
1	38.75	46.55	50.50	55.15	51.55	52.85	54.65	52.45	51.05
2	42.90	49.90	55.25	59.50	55.00	57.00	60.10	56.90	55.10
3	47.05	53.25	60.00	63.85	58.45	61.15	65.55	61.35	59.15
4	51.20	56.60	64.75	68.20	61.90	65.30	71.00	65.80	63.20
5	55.35	59.95	69.50	72.55	65.35	69.45	76.45	70.25	67.25
6	59.50	62.50	72.95	77.00	68.80	73.60	81.90	74.60	71.20
7	63.65	65.05	76.40	81.45	72.25	77.75	87.35	78.95	75.15
8	67.80	67.60	79.85	85.90	75.70	81.90	92.80	83.30	79.10
9	71.95	70.15	83.30	90.35	79.15	86.05	98.25	87.65	83.05
10	76.10	72.70	86.75	94.80	82.60	90.20	103.70	92.00	87.00
11	80.35	75.15	89.80	99.25	86.05	94.45	109.15	96.35	90.95
12	84.60	77.60	92.85	103.70	89.50	98.70	114.60	100.70	94.90
13	88.85	80.05	95.90	108.15	92.95	102.95	120.05	105.05	98.85
14	93.10	82.50	98.95	112.60	96.40	107.20	125.50	109.40	102.80
15	97.35	84.95	102.00	117.05	99.85	111.45	130.95	113.75	106.75
16	101.60	87.40	105.05	121.50	103.30	115.70	136.40	118.10	110.70
17	105.85	89.85	108.10	125.95	106.75	119.95	141.85	122.45	114.65
18	110.10	92.30	111.15	130.40	110.20	124.20	147.30	126.80	118.60
19	114.35	94.75	114.20	134.85	113.65	128.45	152.75	131.15	122.55
20	118.60	97.20	117.25	139.30	117.10	132.70	158.20	135.50	126.50
21	122.85	99.65	120.30	143.75	120.55	136.95	163.65	139.85	130.45
22	127.10	102.10	123.35	148.20	124.00	141.20	169.10	144.20	134.40
23	131.35	104.55	126.40	152.65	127.45	145.45	174.55	148.55	138.35
24	135.60	107.00	129.45	157.10	130.90	149.70	180.00	152.90	142.30
25	139.85	109.45	132.50	161.55	134.35	153.95	185.45	157.25	146.25

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Priority Mail Express International Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
0.5	54.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
1	56.45	53.85	57.95	53.65	53.35	54.75	53.25	53.35
2	61.70	57.60	62.70	56.50	58.50	58.40	55.90	55.70
3	66.95	61.35	67.45	59.35	63.65	62.05	58.55	58.05
4	72.20	65.10	72.20	62.20	68.80	65.70	61.20	60.40
5	77.45	68.85	76.95	65.05	73.95	69.35	63.85	62.75
6	83.10	71.70	81.20	67.90	79.20	73.00	66.50	65.30
7	88.75	74.55	85.45	70.75	84.45	76.65	69.15	67.85
8	94.40	77.40	89.70	73.60	89.70	80.30	71.80	70.40
9	100.05	80.25	93.95	76.45	94.95	83.95	74.45	72.95
10	105.70	83.10	98.20	79.30	100.20	87.60	77.10	75.50
11	111.45	85.95	102.05	82.25	105.85	91.25	80.25	78.65
12	117.20	88.80	105.90	85.20	111.50	94.90	83.40	81.80
13	122.95	91.65	109.75	88.15	117.15	98.55	86.55	84.95
14	128.70	94.50	113.60	91.10	122.80	102.20	89.70	88.10
15	134.45	97.35	117.45	94.05	128.45	105.85	92.85	91.25
16	140.20	100.20	121.30	97.00	134.10	109.50	96.00	94.40
17	145.95	103.05	125.15	99.95	139.75	113.15	99.15	97.55
18	151.70	105.90	129.00	102.90	145.40	116.80	102.30	100.70
19	157.45	108.75	132.85	105.85	151.05	120.45	105.45	103.85
20	163.20	111.60	136.70	108.80	156.70	124.10	108.60	107.00
21	168.95	114.45	140.55	111.75	161.65	127.75	111.75	110.15
22	174.70	117.30	144.40	114.70	166.60	131.40	114.90	113.30
23	180.45	120.15	148.25	117.65	171.55	135.05	118.05	116.45
24	186.20	123.00	152.10	120.60	176.50	138.70	121.20	119.60
25	191.95	125.85	155.95	123.55	181.45	142.35	124.35	122.75

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Priority Mail Express International Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
26	144.10	111.90	135.55	166.00	137.80	158.20	190.90	161.60	150.20
27	148.35	114.35	138.60	170.45	141.25	162.45	196.35	165.95	154.15
28	152.60	116.80	141.65	174.90	144.70	166.70	201.80	170.30	158.10
29	156.85	119.25	144.70	179.35	148.15	170.95	207.25	174.65	162.05
30	161.10	121.70	147.75	183.80	151.60	175.20	212.70	179.00	166.00
31	164.65	124.15	150.80	188.25	155.05	179.45	218.15	183.35	169.95
32	168.20	126.60	153.85	192.70	158.50	183.70	223.60	187.70	173.90
33	171.75	129.05	156.90	197.15	161.95	187.95	229.05	192.05	177.85
34	175.30	131.50	159.95	201.60	165.40	192.20	234.50	196.40	181.80
35	178.85	133.95	163.00	206.05	168.85	196.45	239.95	200.75	185.75
36	182.40	136.40	166.05	210.50	172.30	200.70	245.40	205.10	189.70
37	185.95	138.85	169.10	214.95	175.75	204.95	250.85	209.45	193.65
38	189.50	141.30	172.15	219.40	179.20	209.20	256.30	213.80	197.60
39	193.05	143.75	175.20	223.85	182.65	213.45	261.75	218.15	201.55
40	196.60	146.20	178.25	228.30	186.10	217.70	267.20	222.50	205.50
41	200.15	148.65	181.30	232.75	189.55	221.95	272.65	226.85	209.45
42	203.70	151.10	184.35	237.20	193.00	226.20	278.10	231.20	213.40
43	207.25	153.55	187.40	241.65	196.45	230.45	283.55	235.55	217.35
44	210.80	156.00	190.45	246.10	199.90	234.70	289.00	239.90	221.30
45	214.35	158.45	193.50	250.55	203.35	238.95	294.45	244.25	225.25
46	217.90	160.90	196.55	255.00	206.80	243.20	299.90	248.60	229.20
47	221.45	163.35	199.60	259.45	210.25	247.45	305.35	252.95	233.15
48	225.00	165.80	202.65	263.90	213.70	251.70	310.80	257.30	237.10
49	228.55	168.25	205.70	268.35	217.15	255.95	316.25	261.65	241.05
50	232.10	170.70	208.75	272.80	220.60	260.20	321.70	266.00	245.00

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Priority Mail Express International Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
26	197.70	128.70	159.80	126.50	186.40	146.00	127.50	125.90
27	203.45	131.55	163.65	129.45	191.35	149.65	130.65	129.05
28	209.20	134.40	167.50	132.40	196.30	153.30	133.80	132.20
29	214.95	137.25	171.35	135.35	201.25	156.95	136.95	135.35
30	220.70	140.10	175.20	138.30	206.20	160.60	140.10	138.50
31	226.45	142.95	179.05	141.25	211.15	164.25	143.25	141.65
32	232.20	145.80	182.90	144.20	216.10	167.90	146.40	144.80
33	237.95	148.65	186.75	147.15	221.05	171.55	149.55	147.95
34	243.70	151.50	190.60	150.10	226.00	175.20	152.70	151.10
35	249.45	154.35	194.45	153.05	230.95	178.85	155.85	154.25
36	255.20	157.20	198.30	156.00	235.90	182.50	159.00	157.40
37	260.95	160.05	202.15	158.95	240.85	186.15	162.15	160.55
38	266.70	162.90	206.00	161.90	245.80	189.80	165.30	163.70
39	272.45	165.75	209.85	164.85	250.75	193.45	168.45	166.85
40	278.20	168.60	213.70	167.80	255.70	197.10	171.60	170.00
41	283.95	171.45	217.55	170.75	260.65	200.75	174.75	173.15
42	289.70	174.30	221.40	173.70	265.60	204.40	177.90	176.30
43	295.45	177.15	225.25	176.65	270.55	208.05	181.05	179.45
44	301.20	180.00	229.10	179.60	275.50	211.70	184.20	182.60
45	306.95	182.85	232.95	182.55	280.45	215.35	187.35	185.75
46	312.70	185.70	236.80	185.50	285.40	219.00	190.50	188.90
47	318.45	188.55	240.65	188.45	290.35	222.65	193.65	192.05
48	324.20	191.40	244.50	191.40	295.30	226.30	196.80	195.20
49	329.95	194.25	248.35	194.35	300.25	229.95	199.95	198.35
50	335.70	197.10	252.20	197.30	305.20	233.60	203.10	201.50

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Priority Mail Express International Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
51	235.65	173.15	211.80	277.25	224.05	264.45	327.15	270.35	248.95
52	239.20	175.60	214.85	281.70	227.50	268.70	332.60	274.70	252.90
53	242.75	178.05	217.90	286.15	230.95	272.95	338.05	279.05	256.85
54	246.30	180.50	220.95	290.60	234.40	277.20	343.50	283.40	260.80
55	249.85	182.95	224.00	295.05	237.85	281.45	348.95	287.75	264.75
56	253.40	185.40	227.05	299.50	241.30	285.70	354.40	292.10	268.70
57	256.95	187.85	230.10	303.95	244.75	289.95	359.85	296.45	272.65
58	260.50	190.30	233.15	308.40	248.20	294.20	365.30	300.80	276.60
59	264.05	192.75	236.20	312.85	251.65	298.45	370.75	305.15	280.55
60	267.60	195.20	239.25	317.30	255.10	302.70	376.20	309.50	284.50
61	271.15	197.65	242.30	321.75	258.55	306.95	381.65	313.85	288.45
62	274.70	200.10	245.35	326.20	262.00	311.20	387.10	318.20	292.40
63	278.25	202.55	248.40	330.65	265.45	315.45	392.55	322.55	296.35
64	281.80	205.00	251.45	335.10	268.90	319.70	398.00	326.90	300.30
65	285.35	207.45	254.50	339.55	272.35	323.95	403.45	331.25	304.25
66	288.90	209.90	257.55	344.00	275.80	328.20	408.90	335.60	308.20
67	-	212.35	260.60	348.45	279.25	332.45	414.35	339.95	312.15
68	-	214.80	263.65	352.90	282.70	336.70	419.80	344.30	316.10
69	-	217.25	266.70	357.35	286.15	340.95	425.25	348.65	320.05
70	-	219.70	269.75	361.80	289.60	345.20	430.70	353.00	324.00

Priority Mail Express International Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
51	341.45	199.95	256.05	200.25	310.15	237.25	206.25	204.65
52	347.20	202.80	259.90	203.20	315.10	240.90	209.40	207.80
53	352.95	205.65	263.75	206.15	320.05	244.55	212.55	210.95
54	358.70	208.50	267.60	209.10	325.00	248.20	215.70	214.10
55	364.45	211.35	271.45	212.05	329.95	251.85	218.85	217.25
56	370.20	214.20	275.30	215.00	334.90	255.50	222.00	220.40
57	375.95	217.05	279.15	217.95	339.85	259.15	225.15	223.55
58	381.70	219.90	283.00	220.90	344.80	262.80	228.30	226.70
59	387.45	222.75	286.85	223.85	349.75	266.45	231.45	229.85
60	393.20	225.60	290.70	226.80	354.70	270.10	234.60	233.00
61	398.95	228.45	294.55	229.75	359.65	273.75	237.75	236.15
62	404.70	231.30	298.40	232.70	364.60	277.40	240.90	239.30
63	410.45	234.15	302.25	235.65	369.55	281.05	244.05	242.45
64	416.20	237.00	306.10	238.60	374.50	284.70	247.20	245.60
65	421.95	239.85	309.95	241.55	379.45	288.35	250.35	248.75
66	427.70	242.70	313.80	244.50	384.40	292.00	253.50	251.90
67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Priority Mail Express International Commercial Base Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
0.5	33.24	42.11	44.06	50.92	47.00	47.00	47.00	45.04	44.06
1	36.19	43.36	46.95	51.50	47.97	49.18	50.82	48.79	47.43
2	39.27	45.44	50.37	54.45	50.23	51.98	54.83	51.89	50.18
3	43.11	48.43	54.78	58.48	53.50	55.83	59.90	56.01	53.93
4	46.96	51.41	59.19	62.51	56.77	59.67	64.98	60.14	57.67
5	50.80	54.40	63.60	66.54	60.05	63.51	70.05	64.27	61.42
6	53.70	55.69	65.44	69.15	61.96	66.00	73.51	66.92	63.77
7	57.69	58.15	68.64	73.19	65.16	69.85	78.48	70.96	67.43
8	61.68	60.61	71.84	77.23	68.36	73.70	83.45	75.00	71.10
9	65.67	63.07	75.04	81.26	71.56	77.55	88.41	79.04	74.77
10	69.66	65.53	78.25	85.30	74.77	81.40	93.38	83.07	78.43
11	73.61	67.81	81.08	89.34	77.97	85.35	98.34	87.11	82.10
12	77.55	70.08	83.91	93.38	81.17	89.29	103.31	91.15	85.77
13	81.50	72.35	86.74	97.41	84.37	93.24	108.27	95.19	89.43
14	85.44	74.63	89.57	101.45	87.58	97.18	113.24	99.22	93.10
15	89.39	76.90	92.40	105.49	90.78	101.13	118.21	103.26	96.76
16	93.33	79.18	95.23	109.53	93.98	105.07	123.17	107.30	100.43
17	97.28	81.45	98.06	113.57	97.18	109.02	128.14	111.34	104.10
18	101.22	83.72	100.90	117.60	100.38	112.96	133.10	115.38	107.76
19	105.17	86.00	103.73	121.64	103.59	116.91	138.07	119.41	111.43
20	109.11	88.27	106.56	125.68	106.79	120.85	143.04	123.45	115.10
21	111.81	89.55	108.19	128.29	108.78	123.43	146.38	126.09	117.46
22	115.71	91.80	110.99	132.28	111.95	127.33	151.29	130.08	121.08
23	119.62	94.05	113.79	136.28	115.12	131.23	156.20	134.07	124.71
24	123.52	96.30	116.59	140.27	118.28	135.13	161.11	138.07	128.34
25	127.42	98.55	119.39	144.26	121.45	139.03	166.02	142.06	131.96

*International Products
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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
0.5	50.92	48.96	48.96	48.96	48.96	48.96	48.96	48.96
1	52.67	50.24	54.12	50.05	49.76	51.02	49.66	49.76
2	56.44	52.74	57.39	51.70	53.50	53.31	51.13	50.94
3	61.33	56.30	61.80	54.40	58.29	56.68	53.64	53.17
4	66.21	59.86	66.21	57.11	63.08	60.05	56.16	55.40
5	71.10	63.41	70.62	59.81	67.87	63.41	58.67	57.63
6	74.81	64.70	72.96	61.17	71.19	65.44	59.87	58.76
7	80.06	67.34	76.81	63.81	75.97	68.83	62.33	61.12
8	85.30	69.99	80.66	66.46	80.75	72.21	64.79	63.49
9	90.55	72.63	84.51	69.10	85.53	75.60	67.25	65.86
10	95.79	75.28	88.36	71.75	90.31	78.99	69.71	68.22
11	101.19	77.92	91.94	74.49	95.56	82.38	72.63	71.15
12	108.05	80.57	95.51	77.23	100.80	85.77	75.56	74.07
13	114.91	83.21	99.09	79.96	106.05	89.15	78.48	76.99
14	121.77	85.86	102.66	82.70	111.29	92.54	81.40	79.92
15	128.63	88.50	106.23	85.44	116.54	95.93	84.33	82.84
16	135.49	91.15	109.81	88.18	121.78	99.32	87.25	85.77
17	142.34	93.79	113.38	90.92	127.02	102.71	90.17	88.69
18	149.20	96.44	116.95	93.66	132.27	106.09	93.10	91.61
19	156.06	99.09	120.53	96.39	137.51	109.48	96.02	94.54
20	162.89	101.73	124.10	99.13	142.76	112.87	98.95	97.46
21	164.30	103.23	126.27	100.75	145.73	114.98	100.75	99.28
22	170.94	105.85	129.81	103.46	150.28	118.33	103.64	102.17
23	177.58	108.46	133.34	106.17	154.82	121.68	106.53	105.07
24	184.22	111.08	136.87	108.87	159.36	125.03	109.43	107.96
25	190.86	113.69	140.41	111.58	163.91	128.38	112.32	110.85

*International Products
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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
26	131.32	100.80	122.19	148.26	124.62	142.93	170.93	146.05	135.59
27	135.22	103.05	124.99	152.25	127.79	146.83	175.84	150.05	139.21
28	139.12	105.29	127.79	156.24	130.95	150.74	180.75	154.04	142.84
29	143.02	107.54	130.59	160.24	134.12	154.64	185.67	158.03	146.47
30	146.93	109.79	133.39	164.23	137.29	158.54	190.58	162.03	150.09
31	150.18	112.04	136.19	168.22	140.45	162.44	195.49	166.02	153.72
32	153.44	114.29	138.99	172.22	143.62	166.34	200.40	170.01	157.35
33	156.70	116.54	141.79	176.21	146.79	170.24	205.31	174.01	160.97
34	159.96	118.79	144.59	180.20	149.96	174.14	210.22	178.00	164.60
35	163.22	121.04	147.38	184.20	153.12	178.05	215.13	181.99	168.22
36	166.48	123.29	150.18	188.19	156.29	181.95	220.04	185.99	171.85
37	169.74	125.54	152.98	192.18	159.46	185.85	224.96	189.98	175.48
38	173.00	127.79	155.78	196.18	162.62	189.75	229.87	193.97	179.10
39	176.26	130.03	158.58	200.17	165.79	193.65	234.78	197.97	182.73
40	179.51	132.28	161.38	204.16	168.96	197.55	239.69	201.96	186.35
41	182.77	134.53	164.18	208.16	172.13	201.46	244.60	205.95	189.98
42	186.03	136.78	166.98	212.15	175.29	205.36	249.51	209.95	193.61
43	189.29	139.03	169.78	216.14	178.46	209.26	254.42	213.94	197.23
44	192.55	141.28	172.58	220.14	181.63	213.16	259.33	217.93	200.86
45	195.81	143.53	175.38	224.13	184.79	217.06	264.25	221.93	204.48
46	199.07	145.78	178.18	228.12	187.96	220.96	269.16	225.92	208.11
47	202.33	148.03	180.98	232.12	191.13	224.86	274.07	229.91	211.74
48	205.59	150.28	183.78	236.11	194.29	228.77	278.98	233.91	215.36
49	208.85	152.53	186.58	240.10	197.46	232.67	283.89	237.90	218.99
50	212.10	154.78	189.38	244.10	200.63	236.57	288.80	241.89	222.62

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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
26	197.47	116.31	143.94	114.29	168.45	131.73	115.21	113.74
27	203.24	118.93	147.48	117.00	173.00	135.08	118.10	116.63
28	209.00	121.54	151.01	119.71	177.54	138.43	120.99	119.52
29	214.76	124.16	154.55	122.42	182.09	141.79	123.88	122.42
30	220.52	126.78	158.08	125.12	186.63	145.14	126.78	125.31
31	226.29	129.39	161.61	127.83	191.17	148.49	129.67	128.20
32	232.05	132.01	165.15	130.54	196.22	151.84	132.56	131.09
33	237.81	134.62	168.68	133.25	201.74	155.19	135.45	133.98
34	243.58	137.24	172.22	135.96	207.25	158.54	138.34	136.87
35	249.34	139.86	175.75	138.66	212.77	161.89	141.23	139.77
36	255.10	142.47	179.29	141.37	218.29	165.24	144.13	142.66
37	260.87	145.09	182.82	144.08	223.81	168.59	147.02	145.55
38	266.63	147.71	186.35	146.79	229.33	171.94	149.91	148.44
39	272.39	150.32	189.89	149.50	234.84	175.29	152.80	151.33
40	278.15	152.94	193.42	152.20	240.36	178.64	155.69	154.22
41	283.92	155.56	196.96	154.91	245.88	181.99	158.58	157.12
42	289.68	158.17	200.49	157.62	251.40	185.34	161.48	160.01
43	295.44	160.79	204.03	160.33	256.92	188.69	164.37	162.90
44	301.21	163.40	207.56	163.04	262.43	192.05	167.26	165.79
45	306.97	166.02	211.09	165.74	267.95	195.40	170.15	168.68
46	312.73	168.64	214.63	168.45	273.47	198.75	173.04	171.57
47	318.50	171.25	218.16	171.16	278.99	202.10	175.93	174.47
48	324.26	173.87	221.70	173.87	284.51	205.45	178.83	177.36
49	330.02	176.49	225.23	176.58	290.03	208.80	181.72	180.25
50	335.78	179.10	228.77	179.29	295.54	212.15	184.61	183.14

*International Products
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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
51	215.36	157.03	192.18	248.09	203.80	240.47	293.71	245.89	226.24
52	218.62	159.28	194.98	252.08	206.96	244.37	298.63	249.88	229.87
53	221.88	161.53	197.78	256.08	210.13	248.27	303.54	253.87	233.49
54	225.14	163.78	200.58	260.07	213.30	252.17	308.45	257.87	237.12
55	228.40	166.03	203.38	264.06	216.46	256.08	313.36	261.86	240.75
56	231.66	168.28	206.18	268.06	219.63	259.98	318.27	265.85	244.37
57	234.92	170.53	208.98	272.05	222.80	263.88	323.18	269.85	248.00
58	238.18	172.78	211.78	276.04	225.97	267.78	328.09	273.84	251.62
59	241.43	175.03	214.58	280.04	229.13	271.68	333.00	277.83	255.25
60	244.69	177.28	217.38	284.03	232.30	275.58	337.92	281.83	258.88
61	248.42	179.53	220.18	288.02	235.47	279.49	342.83	285.82	262.50
62	252.20	181.78	222.98	292.02	238.63	283.39	347.74	289.81	266.13
63	255.98	184.03	225.78	296.01	241.80	287.29	352.65	293.81	269.75
64	259.75	186.28	228.58	300.00	244.97	291.19	357.56	297.80	273.38
65	263.53	188.53	231.38	304.00	248.14	295.09	362.47	301.79	277.01
66	267.31	190.78	234.18	307.99	251.30	298.99	367.38	305.79	280.63
67	-	193.03	236.98	311.98	254.47	302.89	372.29	309.78	284.26
68	-	195.28	239.78	315.98	257.64	306.80	377.21	313.77	287.88
69	-	197.53	242.58	319.97	260.80	310.70	382.12	317.77	291.51
70	-	199.78	245.38	323.96	263.97	314.60	387.03	321.76	295.14

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Priority Mail Express International Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
51	341.55	181.72	232.30	181.99	301.06	215.50	187.50	186.03
52	347.31	184.33	235.83	184.70	306.58	218.85	190.39	188.92
53	353.07	186.95	239.37	187.41	312.10	222.20	193.28	191.82
54	358.84	189.57	242.90	190.12	317.62	225.55	196.18	194.71
55	364.60	192.18	246.44	192.83	323.13	228.90	199.07	197.60
56	370.36	194.80	249.97	195.53	328.65	232.25	201.96	200.49
57	376.13	197.42	253.51	198.24	334.17	235.60	204.85	203.38
58	381.89	200.03	257.04	200.95	339.69	238.96	207.74	206.27
59	387.65	202.65	260.57	203.66	345.21	242.31	210.64	209.17
60	393.41	205.26	264.11	206.37	350.72	245.66	213.53	212.06
61	399.18	207.88	267.64	209.07	356.24	249.01	216.42	214.95
62	404.94	210.50	271.18	211.78	361.76	252.36	219.31	217.84
63	410.70	213.11	274.71	214.49	367.28	255.71	222.20	220.73
64	416.47	215.73	278.25	217.20	372.80	259.06	225.09	223.62
65	422.23	218.35	281.78	219.91	378.31	262.41	227.99	226.52
66	427.99	220.96	285.31	222.62	383.83	265.76	230.88	229.41
67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*International Products
Outbound International Expedited Services*

Priority Mail Express International Commercial Plus Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
0.5	30.25	38.31	40.10	46.33	42.77	42.77	42.77	40.99	40.10
1	33.28	39.88	43.17	47.36	44.10	45.22	46.74	44.87	43.62
2	35.66	41.25	45.74	49.44	45.61	47.20	49.79	47.11	45.56
3	39.14	43.97	49.74	53.10	48.58	50.69	54.39	50.86	48.97
4	42.64	46.68	53.75	56.76	51.55	54.17	59.00	54.61	52.37
5	46.12	49.39	57.75	60.42	54.52	57.67	63.61	58.35	55.77
6	48.10	49.90	58.63	61.95	55.51	59.12	65.86	59.95	57.13
7	51.69	52.10	61.50	65.57	58.38	62.58	70.31	63.58	60.42
8	55.26	54.30	64.37	69.19	61.25	66.03	74.76	67.19	63.70
9	58.84	56.51	67.23	72.80	64.11	69.48	79.21	70.81	66.98
10	62.41	58.71	70.10	76.43	66.98	72.93	83.66	74.43	70.27
11	65.94	60.75	72.64	80.04	69.85	76.47	88.11	78.04	73.56
12	69.48	62.79	75.18	83.66	72.73	80.00	92.56	81.67	76.84
13	73.01	64.83	77.72	87.28	75.60	83.54	97.01	85.28	80.12
14	76.55	66.86	80.25	90.89	78.46	87.07	101.46	88.90	83.41
15	80.08	68.89	82.78	94.52	81.33	90.60	105.90	92.52	86.69
16	83.62	70.93	85.32	98.13	84.20	94.14	110.36	96.13	89.98
17	87.15	72.97	87.86	101.74	87.07	97.67	114.80	99.75	93.27
18	90.68	75.01	90.40	105.37	89.94	101.21	119.26	103.37	96.54
19	94.22	77.05	92.93	108.98	92.80	104.74	123.70	106.99	99.83
20	97.75	79.08	95.47	112.60	95.67	108.28	128.15	110.60	103.12
21	101.29	81.12	98.00	116.22	98.54	111.81	132.60	114.22	106.41
22	104.82	83.16	100.54	119.83	101.42	115.34	137.05	117.84	109.69
23	108.36	85.20	103.08	123.45	104.29	118.88	141.50	121.45	112.97
24	111.89	87.24	105.61	127.07	107.15	122.41	145.95	125.08	116.26
25	115.42	89.27	108.15	130.69	110.02	125.95	150.39	128.69	119.54

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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
0.5	46.33	44.55	44.55	44.55	44.55	44.55	44.55	44.55
1	48.43	46.20	49.77	46.03	45.76	46.92	45.67	45.76
2	51.25	47.89	52.11	46.95	48.58	48.40	46.42	46.25
3	55.69	51.11	56.11	49.39	52.93	51.46	48.71	48.27
4	60.12	54.35	60.12	51.85	57.28	54.52	50.99	50.30
5	64.56	57.58	64.12	54.30	61.63	57.58	53.27	52.32
6	67.02	57.96	65.36	54.81	63.79	58.63	53.64	52.64
7	71.73	60.33	68.81	57.17	68.06	61.67	55.85	54.76
8	76.43	62.71	72.27	59.54	72.35	64.70	58.04	56.89
9	82.16	65.07	75.72	61.91	76.64	67.74	60.25	59.00
10	88.61	67.44	79.17	64.28	80.91	70.77	62.45	61.12
11	95.04	69.81	82.37	66.74	85.62	73.80	65.07	63.75
12	101.48	72.18	85.58	69.19	90.31	76.84	67.70	66.36
13	107.93	74.56	88.77	71.65	95.01	79.87	70.31	68.98
14	114.37	76.92	91.97	74.09	99.71	82.91	72.93	71.60
15	120.82	79.29	95.18	76.55	104.41	85.94	75.55	74.22
16	127.25	81.67	98.38	79.00	109.11	88.98	78.17	76.84
17	133.70	84.03	101.58	81.46	113.80	92.02	80.79	79.46
18	140.14	86.41	104.78	83.91	118.50	95.05	83.41	82.08
19	146.59	88.77	107.98	86.36	123.21	98.09	86.03	84.69
20	153.03	91.14	111.19	88.81	127.90	101.12	88.64	87.32
21	156.82	93.52	114.38	91.27	132.02	104.16	91.27	89.94
22	163.15	95.88	117.59	93.72	136.13	107.20	93.89	92.56
23	169.49	98.26	120.79	96.18	140.25	110.23	96.51	95.18
24	175.82	100.62	123.99	98.62	145.14	113.27	99.13	97.79
25	182.16	102.99	127.20	101.08	150.41	116.30	101.74	100.42

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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
26	118.96	91.31	110.68	134.30	112.89	129.48	154.85	132.30	122.83
27	122.49	93.35	113.23	137.92	115.76	133.02	159.29	135.93	126.12
28	126.03	95.39	115.76	141.54	118.63	136.55	163.75	139.54	129.39
29	129.56	97.43	118.30	145.15	121.49	140.09	168.19	143.16	132.68
30	133.10	99.46	120.83	148.78	124.36	143.62	172.64	146.78	135.97
31	136.05	101.49	123.36	152.39	127.23	147.15	177.09	150.39	139.25
32	139.01	103.53	125.91	156.00	130.11	150.69	181.54	154.01	142.54
33	141.96	105.57	128.44	159.63	132.98	154.22	185.99	157.63	145.82
34	144.91	107.61	130.98	163.24	135.84	157.76	190.44	161.25	149.10
35	147.86	109.64	133.51	166.86	138.71	161.29	194.88	164.86	152.39
36	150.81	111.68	136.05	170.48	141.58	164.83	199.34	168.48	155.68
37	153.77	113.72	138.59	174.09	144.45	168.36	203.78	172.10	158.96
38	156.72	115.76	141.12	177.71	147.32	171.89	208.24	175.72	162.24
39	159.67	117.80	143.66	181.33	150.18	175.43	212.68	179.34	165.53
40	162.62	119.83	146.19	184.95	153.05	178.96	217.13	182.95	168.81
41	165.57	121.87	148.73	188.57	155.93	182.50	221.58	186.57	172.10
42	168.63	123.91	151.27	192.18	158.80	186.03	226.03	190.19	175.39
43	172.23	125.95	153.81	195.80	161.67	189.57	230.48	193.80	178.67
44	175.83	127.99	156.34	199.42	164.53	193.10	234.93	197.43	181.95
45	179.44	130.03	158.88	203.04	167.40	196.63	239.37	201.04	185.24
46	183.04	132.07	161.41	206.65	170.27	200.17	243.83	204.65	188.53
47	186.64	134.11	163.95	210.27	173.14	203.70	248.27	208.28	191.81
48	190.25	136.14	166.49	213.89	176.01	207.24	252.73	211.89	195.09
49	193.85	138.18	169.02	217.50	178.87	210.77	257.17	215.51	198.38
50	197.46	140.22	171.56	221.13	181.74	214.31	261.62	219.13	201.66

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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
26	188.50	105.37	130.39	103.53	155.68	119.33	104.37	103.04
27	194.82	107.73	133.60	105.99	160.94	122.37	106.99	105.65
28	201.16	110.11	136.80	108.44	166.21	125.40	109.60	108.28
29	207.49	112.47	140.00	110.89	171.48	128.44	112.23	110.89
30	213.83	114.84	143.20	113.35	176.74	131.47	114.84	113.51
31	219.63	117.22	146.40	115.80	182.00	134.51	117.46	116.14
32	225.23	119.58	149.61	118.26	187.27	137.55	120.09	118.75
33	230.82	121.96	152.81	120.71	192.54	140.58	122.70	121.37
34	236.41	124.32	156.00	123.16	197.80	143.62	125.32	123.99
35	242.01	126.69	159.21	125.61	203.07	146.65	127.94	126.61
36	247.60	129.07	162.41	128.07	208.34	149.69	130.56	129.23
37	253.19	131.43	165.62	130.52	213.60	152.73	133.18	131.85
38	258.79	133.81	168.81	132.98	218.87	155.76	135.80	134.47
39	264.38	136.17	172.01	135.42	224.14	158.80	138.42	137.09
40	269.97	138.54	175.22	137.88	229.40	161.83	141.04	139.71
41	275.57	140.92	178.42	140.33	234.67	164.86	143.66	142.33
42	281.16	143.28	181.63	142.79	239.94	167.90	146.28	144.95
43	286.75	145.66	184.82	145.24	245.20	170.93	148.90	147.57
44	292.35	148.02	188.02	147.69	250.47	173.97	151.52	150.18
45	297.94	150.39	191.23	150.14	255.74	177.00	154.13	152.81
46	303.53	152.77	194.43	152.60	261.00	180.04	156.76	155.43
47	309.13	155.13	197.63	155.05	266.27	183.08	159.38	158.04
48	314.72	157.51	200.83	157.51	271.54	186.11	161.99	160.67
49	320.31	159.88	204.03	159.95	276.80	189.15	164.62	163.28
50	325.91	162.24	207.24	162.41	282.07	192.18	167.23	165.90

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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
51	201.06	142.26	174.09	224.74	184.62	217.84	266.07	222.74	204.95
52	204.66	144.30	176.64	228.35	187.49	221.37	270.52	226.36	208.24
53	208.27	146.34	179.17	231.98	190.36	224.91	274.97	229.98	211.51
54	211.87	148.38	181.70	235.59	193.22	228.44	279.42	233.60	214.80
55	215.47	150.42	184.24	239.21	196.09	231.98	283.86	237.21	218.09
56	219.08	152.46	186.77	242.83	198.96	235.51	288.32	240.83	221.37
57	222.68	154.50	189.32	246.44	201.83	239.05	292.76	244.45	224.66
58	226.28	156.54	191.85	250.06	204.70	242.58	297.22	248.06	227.94
59	229.89	158.58	194.39	253.68	207.56	246.11	301.66	251.69	231.22
60	233.49	160.62	196.92	257.30	210.43	249.65	306.11	255.30	234.51
61	237.10	162.66	199.46	260.91	213.31	253.18	310.56	258.91	237.80
62	240.70	164.70	202.00	264.53	216.18	256.72	315.01	262.54	241.08
63	244.30	166.74	204.53	268.15	219.05	260.25	319.46	266.15	244.36
64	247.92	168.78	207.07	271.76	221.91	263.79	323.91	269.77	247.65
65	251.52	170.81	209.60	275.39	224.78	267.32	328.35	273.39	250.94
66	255.12	172.85	212.14	279.00	227.65	270.85	332.81	277.00	254.22
67	-	174.89	214.68	282.62	230.52	274.39	337.25	280.63	257.51
68	-	176.93	217.22	286.24	233.39	277.92	341.71	284.24	260.79
69	-	178.97	219.75	289.85	236.25	281.46	346.15	287.86	264.07
70	-	181.01	222.28	293.48	239.12	284.99	350.60	291.48	267.36

*International Products
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Priority Mail Express International Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
51	331.50	164.62	210.43	164.86	287.34	195.22	169.85	168.53
52	337.09	166.98	213.64	167.32	292.60	198.26	172.48	171.14
53	342.69	169.36	216.84	169.78	297.87	201.29	175.09	173.76
54	348.28	171.73	220.04	172.22	303.14	204.33	177.71	176.38
55	353.88	174.09	223.25	174.68	308.40	207.36	180.33	179.00
56	359.47	176.47	226.44	177.13	313.67	210.39	182.95	181.63
57	365.06	178.83	229.65	179.59	318.94	213.43	185.58	184.24
58	370.66	181.21	232.85	182.04	324.21	216.46	188.19	186.86
59	376.25	183.58	236.05	184.49	329.47	219.50	190.81	189.48
60	381.84	185.94	239.25	186.94	334.74	222.53	193.43	192.10
61	387.44	188.32	242.45	189.40	340.01	225.57	196.05	194.72
62	393.03	190.68	245.66	191.85	345.27	228.61	198.67	197.34
63	398.62	193.06	248.86	194.31	350.54	231.64	201.29	199.96
64	404.22	195.43	252.05	196.75	355.81	234.68	203.91	202.57
65	409.81	197.79	255.26	199.21	361.06	237.71	206.52	205.20
66	415.40	200.17	258.46	201.66	366.33	240.75	209.15	207.82
67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

2013 GXG Promotion (April 29, 2013 to August 1, 2013)

The 2013 GXG Promotion offers a discount from applicable Commercial Base or Commercial Plus prices for Global Express Guaranteed items to existing customers using Global Shipping Software (GSS). Eligible customers will be notified about the promotion, participation, and applicable terms and conditions by email. The following terms apply:

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- ~~a. The promotion is only applicable to Postal Service customers with a GSS account during the promotion period. No registration is required.~~
- ~~b. The promotion is not valid with any other Postal Service promotion, and excludes GSS customers that have a Global Expedited Package Services Contract, a Global Plus Contract, a Global Reseller Expedited Package Contract, or a Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates Contract.~~
- ~~c. All other standards in IMM section 210 apply.~~
- ~~d. The discount does not apply to optional insurance coverage in excess of \$100.00.~~
- ~~e. The promotional discount is limited to the equivalent of \$10,000.00 in total discounts for Commercial Base and Commercial Plus postage for Global Express Guaranteed items per GSS account holder during the promotion period.~~
- ~~f. Customers have the option to opt out of the promotion by contacting GSS customer support directly.~~
- ~~g. The Postal Service reserves the right, without prior notice, to end the promotion before June August 1, 2013 and to make changes to the promotion, except for changes that affect the percentage discount offered under the promotion.~~

2310 Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

2310.1 Description

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- d. Single-Piece Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU rates) service is subject to the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention and the Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Regulations.

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2315.1 Description

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- d. ~~Priority Mail International Large and Medium Flat Rate Boxes and the Priority Mail International parcel services are designed for the carriage of outbound international postal parcels. The insertion of correspondence, with the exception of archived materials, exchanged between persons other than sender and the addressee or persons living with them, is prohibited. Priority Mail International parcel service is designed for the carriage of outbound international postal parcels. Written communication having the nature of current and personal correspondence may be included, provided it is exchanged between the sender and the addressee or other persons living with the addressee. Archived correspondence (e.g., personnel records) is also permitted and may be sent to any addressee. Indemnity for ordinary, uninsured parcels is included in the price of postage based on the weight of the item.~~

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2315.2 Size and Weight Limitations^{1, 2}

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inch	none	none
	<u>For customer-provided packaging, large enough to accommodate postage, address, customs labels, and any other required elements on the address side</u>			
Maximum Parcels	79 inches			70 pounds
	108 inches in combined length and girth			
<u>Letter Post Flat Rate Envelopes</u>	Nominal Sizes: 9.5 x 12.5 inches Priority Mail Gift Card: 10 x 7 inches Priority Mail Legal: 15 x 9.5 inches Priority Mail Window: 10 x 5 inches Priority Mail Small: 10 x 6 inches Priority Mail Padded: 12.5 x 9.5 inches			4 pounds
Parcel Flat Rate Boxes	Nominal Sizes: Large: 12.25 x 12.25 x 6.0 inches or 11.875 x 3.125 x 24.0625 inches – approximately 1/2 cu. ft. Medium: 11.875 x 3.375 x 13.625 inches or 11 x 8.5 x 5.5 inches – approximately 1/3 cu. ft.			20 pounds
Letter Post Flat Rate Boxes	Nominal Sizes: Small: 8.625 x 5.375 x 1.625 inches – approximately 1/20 cu. ft. DVD Box: 7.5625 x 5.4375 x 1.375 inches Large Video Box: 9.25 x 6.25 x 2			4 pounds

Notes

1. Weight and other exceptional size limits based on shape and destination country restrictions may apply.
2. ~~Items must be large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side.~~

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2315.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

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- Commercial Base
For selected destination countries, available for customers who prepare and pay for Priority Mail International shipments via ~~permit imprint when used in conjunction with Postal Service-supplied or other approved software and~~USPS-approved payments methods that electronically transmit customs-related functions, online at usps.com, or by using an authorized PC Postage. The discount applies only to the postage portion of Priority Mail International prices.
 - Price Groups 1-17

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2315.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- International Ancillary Services (2615)
 - International Certificate of Mailing (2615.1)
 - Outbound Competitive International Registered Mail: Letter Post Flat Rate Envelopes and Letter Post Flat Rate Boxes only (2615.2)
 - International Return Receipt (2615.3)
 - International Insurance: Parcels and Large and Medium Flat Rate Boxes only (2615.5)

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2315.7 Prices

Priority Mail International-Parcels Flat Rate Retail Prices¹⁻²

	Country Price Group	
	Canada (Price Group 1) (\$)	All Other Countries (Price Groups 2 through 17) (\$)
Flat Rate Envelopes	20.55	24.75
Letter Post Flat Rate Boxes	20.55	24.75
Medium Flat Rate Boxes	42.25	61.75
Large Flat Rate Boxes	55.75	80.50

Notes

1. ~~No additional discount is offered for Commercial Base or Commercial Plus.~~
2. ~~Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International, which is optionally provided at no charge, offers scan events for customers using select software or online tools. It is available for certain Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes and Small Flat Rate Box offerings to select destinations.~~

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Priority Mail International Flat Rate Commercial Base Prices¹

	Country Price Group	
	Canada (Price Group 1) (\$)	All Other Countries (Price Groups 2 through 17) (\$)
Flat Rate Envelopes	19.50	23.50
Letter Post Flat Rate Boxes	19.50	23.50
Medium Flat Rate Boxes	40.15	58.65
Large Flat Rate Boxes	52.95	76.50

1. Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International, which is optionally provided at no charge, offers scan events for customers using select software or online tools. It is available for certain Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes and Small Flat Rate Box offerings to select destinations.

Priority Mail International Flat Rate Commercial Plus Prices¹

	Country Price Group	
	Canada (Price Group 1) (\$)	All Other Countries (Price Groups 2 through 17) (\$)
Flat Rate Envelopes	19.50	23.50
Letter Post Flat Rate Boxes	19.50	23.50
Medium Flat Rate Boxes	40.15	58.65
Large Flat Rate Boxes	52.95	76.50

1. Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International, which is optionally provided at no charge, offers scan events for customers using select software or online tools. It is available for certain Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes and Small Flat Rate Box offerings to select destinations.

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Priority Mail International Parcels Retail Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	29.25	34.50	37.25	42.50	39.50	40.75	41.50	38.00	37.95
2	31.60	37.65	41.70	47.05	42.15	44.40	46.35	42.15	41.90
3	33.95	40.80	46.15	51.60	44.80	48.05	51.20	46.30	45.85
4	36.30	43.95	50.60	56.15	47.45	51.70	56.05	50.45	49.80
5	38.65	47.10	55.05	60.70	50.10	55.35	60.90	54.60	53.75
6	41.10	49.55	58.00	64.85	52.65	59.00	65.85	58.05	56.80
7	43.55	52.00	60.95	69.00	55.20	62.65	70.80	61.50	59.85
8	46.00	54.45	63.90	73.15	57.75	66.30	75.75	64.95	62.90
9	48.45	56.90	66.85	77.30	60.30	69.95	80.70	68.40	65.95
10	50.90	59.35	69.80	81.45	62.85	73.60	85.65	71.85	69.00
11	53.45	61.40	72.75	85.60	65.30	77.15	90.90	75.30	72.05
12	56.00	63.45	75.70	89.75	67.75	80.70	96.15	78.75	75.10
13	58.55	65.50	78.65	93.90	70.20	84.25	101.40	82.20	78.15
14	61.10	67.55	81.60	98.05	72.65	87.80	106.65	85.65	81.20
15	63.65	69.60	84.55	102.20	75.10	91.35	111.90	89.10	84.25
16	66.20	71.65	87.50	106.35	77.55	94.90	117.15	92.55	87.20
17	68.75	73.70	90.45	110.50	80.00	98.45	122.40	96.00	90.15
18	71.30	75.75	93.40	114.65	82.45	102.00	127.65	99.45	93.10
19	73.85	77.80	96.35	118.80	84.90	105.55	132.90	102.90	96.05
20	76.40	79.85	99.30	122.95	87.35	109.10	138.15	106.35	99.00
21	78.95	81.90	102.25	127.10	89.80	112.65	143.40	109.80	101.95
22	81.50	83.95	105.20	131.25	92.25	116.20	148.65	113.25	104.90
23	84.05	86.00	108.15	135.40	94.70	119.75	153.90	116.70	107.85
24	86.60	88.05	111.10	139.55	97.15	123.30	159.15	120.15	110.80
25	89.15	90.10	114.05	143.70	99.60	126.85	164.40	123.60	113.75

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Priority Mail International Parcels Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
1	41.50	43.50	44.00	36.75	42.25	38.25	36.25	36.25
2	45.75	47.45	46.95	39.90	46.30	41.40	39.30	39.50
3	50.00	51.40	49.90	43.05	50.35	44.55	42.35	42.75
4	54.25	55.35	52.85	46.20	54.40	47.70	45.40	46.00
5	58.50	59.30	55.80	49.35	58.45	50.85	48.45	49.25
6	62.95	62.35	58.65	52.10	61.50	54.00	51.30	51.90
7	67.40	65.40	61.50	54.85	64.55	57.15	54.15	54.55
8	71.85	68.45	64.35	57.60	67.60	60.30	57.00	57.20
9	76.30	71.50	67.20	60.35	70.65	63.45	59.85	59.85
10	80.75	74.55	70.05	63.10	73.70	66.60	62.70	62.50
11	85.30	77.40	72.80	65.55	76.75	70.15	64.75	64.85
12	89.85	80.25	75.55	68.00	79.80	73.70	66.80	67.20
13	94.40	83.10	78.30	70.45	82.85	77.25	68.85	69.55
14	98.95	85.95	81.05	72.90	85.90	80.80	70.90	71.90
15	103.50	88.80	83.80	75.35	88.95	84.35	72.95	74.25
16	108.05	91.65	86.55	77.80	91.90	87.90	75.00	76.60
17	112.60	94.50	89.30	80.25	94.85	91.45	77.05	78.95
18	117.15	97.35	92.05	82.70	97.80	95.00	79.10	81.30
19	121.70	100.20	94.80	85.15	100.75	98.55	81.15	83.65
20	126.25	103.05	97.55	87.60	103.70	102.10	83.20	86.00
21	130.80	105.90	100.30	90.05	106.65	105.65	85.25	88.35
22	135.35	108.75	103.05	92.50	109.60	109.20	87.30	90.70
23	139.90	111.60	105.80	94.95	112.55	112.75	89.35	93.05
24	144.45	114.45	108.55	97.40	115.50	116.30	91.40	95.40
25	149.00	117.30	111.30	99.85	118.45	119.85	93.45	97.75

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Priority Mail International Parcels Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
26	91.70	92.15	117.00	147.85	102.05	130.40	169.65	127.05	116.70
27	94.25	94.20	119.95	152.00	104.50	133.95	174.90	130.50	119.65
28	96.80	96.25	122.90	156.15	106.95	137.50	180.15	133.95	122.60
29	99.35	98.30	125.85	160.30	109.40	141.05	185.40	137.40	125.55
30	101.90	100.35	128.80	164.45	111.85	144.60	190.65	140.85	128.50
31	104.45	102.40	131.75	168.60	114.30	148.15	195.90	144.30	131.45
32	107.00	104.45	134.70	172.75	116.75	151.70	201.15	147.75	134.40
33	109.55	106.50	137.65	176.90	119.20	155.25	206.40	151.20	137.35
34	112.10	108.55	140.60	181.05	121.65	158.80	211.65	154.65	140.30
35	114.65	110.60	143.55	185.20	124.10	162.35	216.90	158.10	143.25
36	117.20	112.65	146.50	189.35	126.55	165.90	222.15	161.55	146.20
37	119.75	114.70	149.45	193.50	129.00	169.45	227.40	165.00	149.15
38	122.30	116.75	152.40	197.65	131.45	173.00	232.65	168.45	152.10
39	124.85	118.80	155.35	201.80	133.90	176.55	237.90	171.90	155.05
40	127.40	120.85	158.30	205.95	136.35	180.10	243.15	175.35	158.00
41	129.95	122.90	161.25	210.10	138.80	183.65	248.40	178.80	160.95
42	132.50	124.95	164.20	214.25	141.25	187.20	253.65	182.25	163.90
43	135.05	127.00	167.15	218.40	143.70	190.75	258.90	185.70	166.85
44	137.60	129.05	170.10	222.55	146.15	194.30	264.15	189.15	169.80
45	140.15	131.10	173.05	226.70	148.60	197.85	269.40	192.60	172.75
46	142.70	133.15	176.00	230.85	151.05	201.40	274.65	196.05	175.70
47	145.25	135.20	178.95	235.00	153.50	204.95	279.90	199.50	178.65
48	147.80	137.25	181.90	239.15	155.95	208.50	285.15	202.95	181.60
49	150.35	139.30	184.85	243.30	158.40	212.05	290.40	206.40	184.55
50	152.90	141.35	187.80	247.45	160.85	215.60	295.65	209.85	187.50

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Priority Mail International Parcels Retail Prices (Continued)

Maxi- mum Weight (pound s)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
26	153.55	120.15	114.05	102.30	121.40	123.40	95.50	100.10
27	158.10	123.00	116.80	104.75	124.35	126.95	97.55	102.45
28	162.65	125.85	119.55	107.20	127.30	130.50	99.60	104.80
29	167.20	128.70	122.30	109.65	130.25	134.05	101.65	107.15
30	171.75	131.55	125.05	112.10	133.20	137.60	103.70	109.50
31	176.30	134.40	127.80	114.55	136.15	141.15	105.75	111.85
32	180.85	137.25	130.55	117.00	139.10	144.70	107.80	114.20
33	185.40	140.10	133.30	119.45	142.05	148.25	109.85	116.55
34	189.95	142.95	136.05	121.90	145.00	151.80	111.90	118.90
35	194.50	145.80	138.80	124.35	147.95	155.35	113.95	121.25
36	199.05	148.65	141.55	126.80	150.90	158.90	116.00	123.60
37	203.60	151.50	144.30	129.25	153.85	162.45	118.05	125.95
38	208.15	154.35	147.05	131.70	156.80	166.00	120.10	128.30
39	212.70	157.20	149.80	134.15	159.75	169.55	122.15	130.65
40	217.25	160.05	152.55	136.60	162.70	173.10	124.20	133.00
41	221.80	162.80	155.30	139.05	165.65	176.65	126.25	135.35
42	226.35	165.55	158.05	141.50	168.60	180.20	128.30	137.70
43	230.90	168.30	160.80	143.95	171.55	183.75	130.35	140.05
44	235.45	171.05	163.55	146.40	174.50	187.30	132.40	142.40
45	240.00	173.80	166.30	148.85	177.45	190.85	134.45	-
46	244.55	176.55	169.05	151.30	180.40	194.40	136.50	-
47	249.10	179.30	171.80	153.75	183.35	197.95	138.55	-
48	253.65	182.05	174.55	156.20	186.30	201.50	140.60	-
49	258.20	184.80	177.30	158.65	189.25	205.05	142.65	-
50	262.75	187.55	180.05	161.10	192.20	208.60	144.70	-

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Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
51	155.45	143.40	190.75	251.60	163.30	219.15	300.90	213.30	190.45
52	158.00	145.45	193.70	255.75	165.75	222.70	306.15	216.75	193.40
53	160.55	147.50	196.65	259.90	168.20	226.25	311.40	220.20	196.35
54	163.10	149.55	199.60	264.05	170.65	229.80	316.65	223.65	199.30
55	165.65	151.60	202.55	268.20	173.10	233.35	321.90	227.10	202.25
56	168.20	153.65	205.50	272.35	175.55	236.90	327.15	230.55	205.20
57	170.75	155.70	208.45	276.50	178.00	240.45	332.40	234.00	208.15
58	173.30	157.75	211.40	280.65	180.45	244.00	337.65	237.45	211.10
59	175.85	159.80	214.35	284.80	182.90	247.55	342.90	240.90	214.05
60	178.40	161.85	217.30	288.95	185.35	251.10	348.15	244.35	217.00
61	180.95	163.90	220.25	293.10	187.80	254.65	353.40	247.80	219.95
62	183.50	165.95	223.20	297.25	190.25	258.20	358.65	251.25	222.90
63	186.05	168.00	226.15	301.40	192.70	261.75	363.90	254.70	225.85
64	188.60	170.05	229.10	305.55	195.15	265.30	369.15	258.15	228.80
65	191.15	172.10	232.05	309.70	197.60	268.85	374.40	261.60	231.75
66	193.70	174.15	235.00	313.85	200.05	272.40	379.65	265.05	234.70
67	-	176.20	237.95	318.00	202.50	275.95	384.90	268.50	237.65
68	-	178.25	240.90	322.15	204.95	279.50	390.15	271.95	240.60
69	-	180.30	243.85	326.30	207.40	283.05	395.40	275.40	243.55
70	-	182.35	246.80	330.45	209.85	286.60	400.65	278.85	246.50

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Priority Mail International Parcels Retail Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
51	267.30	190.30	182.80	163.55	195.15	212.15	146.75	-
52	271.85	193.05	185.55	166.00	198.10	215.70	148.80	-
53	276.40	195.80	188.30	168.45	201.05	219.25	150.85	-
54	280.95	198.55	191.05	170.90	204.00	222.80	152.90	-
55	285.50	201.30	193.80	173.35	206.95	226.35	154.95	-
56	290.05	204.05	196.55	175.80	209.90	229.90	157.00	-
57	294.60	206.80	199.30	178.25	212.85	233.45	159.05	-
58	299.15	209.55	202.05	180.70	215.80	237.00	161.10	-
59	303.70	212.30	204.80	183.15	218.75	240.55	163.15	-
60	308.25	215.05	207.55	185.60	221.70	244.10	165.20	-
61	312.80	217.80	210.30	188.05	224.65	247.65	167.25	-
62	317.35	220.55	213.05	190.50	227.60	251.20	169.30	-
63	321.90	223.30	215.80	192.95	230.55	254.75	171.35	-
64	326.45	226.05	218.55	195.40	233.50	258.30	173.40	-
65	331.00	228.80	221.30	197.85	236.45	261.85	175.45	-
66	335.55	231.55	224.05	200.30	239.40	265.40	177.50	-
67	-	-	-	-	-	-	179.55	-
68	-	-	-	-	-	-	181.60	-
69	-	-	-	-	-	-	183.65	-
70	-	-	-	-	-	-	185.70	-

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Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Base Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	27.13	31.93	34.52	39.37	36.49	37.69	38.17	35.29	35.06
2	28.47	33.78	37.60	42.29	37.74	39.83	41.41	37.88	37.55
3	30.66	36.62	41.74	46.44	40.10	43.13	45.84	41.55	41.13
4	32.85	39.46	45.88	50.58	42.48	46.44	50.25	45.22	44.72
5	35.04	42.29	50.02	54.72	44.86	49.74	54.68	48.91	48.30
6	36.43	43.54	51.55	57.24	46.22	51.92	57.92	51.09	49.96
7	38.57	45.68	54.14	60.93	48.55	55.15	62.34	54.33	52.65
8	40.71	47.82	56.75	64.62	50.87	58.38	66.77	57.56	55.33
9	42.86	49.96	59.34	68.31	53.19	61.62	71.18	60.80	58.01
10	45.00	52.09	61.93	72.00	55.51	64.85	75.60	64.03	60.71
11	47.31	53.96	64.53	75.69	57.75	68.08	80.29	67.17	63.39
12	49.64	55.84	67.12	79.38	59.97	71.32	84.98	70.31	66.08
13	51.97	57.70	69.73	83.06	62.21	74.55	89.66	73.46	68.77
14	54.28	59.57	72.32	86.75	64.44	77.78	94.36	76.60	71.45
15	56.61	61.43	74.91	90.45	66.67	81.01	99.05	79.74	74.14
16	58.92	63.30	77.51	94.13	68.90	84.25	103.74	82.88	76.82
17	61.25	65.17	80.10	97.82	71.13	87.49	108.43	86.02	79.52
18	63.58	67.03	82.70	101.50	73.37	90.71	113.12	89.17	82.20
19	65.89	68.90	85.30	105.20	75.60	93.95	117.81	92.31	84.88
20	68.22	70.77	87.89	108.89	77.82	97.18	122.50	95.46	87.58
21	69.78	71.84	89.51	111.36	79.19	99.33	125.81	97.52	89.28
22	72.07	73.70	92.07	115.00	81.40	102.52	130.45	100.63	91.94
23	74.37	75.54	94.64	118.65	83.61	105.72	135.09	103.74	94.59
24	76.67	77.39	97.21	122.29	85.81	108.92	139.73	106.85	97.25
25	78.96	79.23	99.77	125.95	88.02	112.12	144.37	109.96	99.91

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
1	38.36	40.33	40.82	34.10	38.90	35.29	33.61	33.61
2	41.04	42.67	42.20	35.88	41.46	37.13	35.31	35.50
3	44.91	46.25	44.86	38.71	45.22	40.07	38.07	38.43
4	48.77	49.84	47.51	41.55	49.00	43.00	40.81	41.36
5	52.63	53.42	50.16	44.39	52.77	45.93	43.55	44.29
6	55.47	54.96	51.60	45.86	54.33	47.73	45.13	45.77
7	59.43	57.66	54.10	48.27	57.01	50.50	47.64	48.18
8	63.39	60.34	56.61	50.69	59.71	53.28	50.14	50.60
9	67.35	63.02	59.11	53.10	62.39	56.06	52.65	53.00
10	71.32	65.72	61.62	55.51	65.07	58.84	55.15	55.42
11	75.76	68.31	64.12	57.75	67.77	62.07	57.01	57.56
12	80.58	70.90	66.63	59.97	70.45	65.30	58.89	59.71
13	85.40	73.50	69.13	62.21	73.14	68.54	60.75	61.85
14	90.22	76.10	71.64	64.44	75.82	71.78	62.62	63.98
15	95.04	78.70	74.14	66.67	78.51	75.00	64.49	66.12
16	99.86	81.29	76.65	68.90	81.20	78.24	66.35	68.26
17	104.67	83.88	79.15	71.13	83.88	81.47	68.22	70.41
18	109.49	86.48	81.66	73.37	86.58	84.70	70.08	72.55
19	114.32	89.08	84.16	75.60	89.26	87.94	71.95	74.69
20	119.14	91.67	86.66	77.82	91.94	91.17	73.82	76.82
21	119.96	93.25	88.20	79.19	93.60	93.38	74.86	78.11
22	124.62	95.81	90.67	81.40	96.26	96.57	76.72	80.23
23	129.28	98.38	93.15	83.61	98.92	99.77	78.56	82.34
24	133.95	100.95	95.63	85.81	101.57	102.97	80.41	84.46
25	138.61	103.51	98.11	88.02	104.24	106.17	82.25	86.58

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
26	81.26	81.08	102.35	129.59	90.23	115.32	149.00	113.07	102.56
27	83.56	82.93	104.91	133.24	92.44	118.51	153.65	116.17	105.23
28	85.85	84.77	107.47	136.89	94.64	121.71	158.29	119.28	107.88
29	88.15	86.63	110.05	140.54	96.85	124.91	162.92	122.38	110.54
30	90.45	88.47	112.61	144.19	99.05	128.11	167.57	125.49	113.20
31	92.74	90.32	115.18	147.84	101.26	131.30	172.21	128.60	115.86
32	95.05	92.16	117.75	151.49	103.46	134.50	176.84	131.71	118.51
33	97.35	94.01	120.31	155.13	105.67	137.70	181.49	134.82	121.18
34	99.64	95.85	122.88	158.79	107.88	140.90	186.13	137.93	123.83
35	101.94	97.70	125.45	162.43	110.09	144.09	190.76	141.04	126.48
36	104.24	99.55	128.02	166.08	112.30	147.30	195.41	144.14	129.15
37	106.53	101.40	130.58	169.73	114.50	150.50	200.05	147.25	131.80
38	108.83	103.25	133.16	173.38	116.71	153.70	204.68	150.36	134.46
39	111.13	105.09	135.72	177.03	118.92	156.90	209.33	153.47	137.12
40	113.42	106.94	138.29	180.68	121.13	160.09	213.97	156.58	139.78
41	115.72	108.78	140.86	184.33	123.33	163.29	218.60	159.69	142.43
42	118.02	110.63	143.42	187.97	125.54	166.49	223.25	162.80	145.09
43	120.31	112.47	146.00	191.62	127.75	169.69	227.88	165.90	147.75
44	122.61	114.33	148.56	195.27	129.96	172.88	232.52	169.01	150.40
45	124.91	116.18	151.12	198.92	132.16	176.08	237.16	172.12	153.06
46	127.21	118.03	153.70	202.56	134.37	179.28	241.80	175.23	155.72
47	129.50	119.88	156.26	206.22	136.58	182.48	246.44	178.33	158.38
48	131.80	121.73	158.83	209.86	138.79	185.67	251.08	181.44	161.03
49	134.10	123.58	161.40	213.51	141.00	188.87	255.72	184.55	163.70
50	136.39	125.43	163.96	217.17	143.19	192.07	260.36	187.65	166.35

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
26	143.27	106.08	100.58	90.23	106.89	109.37	84.10	88.69
27	147.94	108.65	103.06	92.44	109.55	112.56	85.94	90.81
28	152.60	111.22	105.54	94.64	112.21	115.77	87.79	92.93
29	157.26	113.78	108.02	96.85	114.87	118.97	89.64	95.05
30	161.92	116.35	110.49	99.05	117.52	122.17	91.49	97.16
31	166.60	118.92	112.97	101.26	120.18	125.36	93.34	99.28
32	171.26	121.48	115.45	103.46	122.84	128.56	95.18	101.40
33	175.92	124.06	117.93	105.67	125.49	131.76	97.03	103.51
34	180.59	126.62	120.40	107.88	128.16	134.96	98.87	105.63
35	185.25	129.19	122.88	110.09	130.81	138.15	100.72	107.75
36	189.91	131.76	125.36	112.30	133.47	141.35	102.56	109.86
37	194.57	134.32	127.84	114.50	136.13	144.55	104.42	111.98
38	199.24	136.89	130.31	116.71	138.79	147.75	106.26	114.10
39	203.90	139.46	132.79	118.92	141.44	150.95	108.11	116.22
40	208.56	142.03	135.27	121.13	144.09	154.14	109.96	118.33
41	213.23	144.50	137.75	123.33	146.76	157.34	111.80	120.45
42	217.90	146.99	140.22	125.54	149.41	160.54	113.65	122.57
43	222.56	149.46	142.70	127.75	152.07	163.74	115.49	124.68
44	227.22	151.94	145.18	129.96	154.73	166.93	117.34	126.80
45	231.71	154.41	147.66	132.16	157.39	170.13	119.19	-
46	236.12	156.90	150.13	134.37	160.04	173.33	121.04	-
47	240.52	159.37	152.61	136.58	162.71	176.53	122.88	-
48	244.93	162.03	155.09	138.79	165.36	179.73	124.73	-
49	249.33	164.82	157.57	141.00	168.02	182.93	126.58	-
50	253.74	167.60	160.04	143.19	170.68	186.13	128.42	-

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
51	138.69	127.28	166.53	220.81	145.40	195.27	265.00	190.76	169.01
52	141.00	129.14	169.10	224.46	147.61	198.47	269.64	193.87	171.67
53	143.29	130.99	171.67	228.11	149.82	201.66	274.28	196.98	174.33
54	145.59	132.84	174.23	231.76	152.02	204.86	278.92	200.09	176.98
55	147.89	134.69	176.80	235.40	154.23	208.06	283.56	203.20	179.64
56	150.18	136.54	179.37	239.06	156.44	211.27	288.20	206.31	182.30
57	152.48	138.39	181.93	242.70	158.65	214.46	292.84	209.41	185.10
58	154.78	140.24	184.51	246.35	160.86	217.66	297.48	212.52	187.94
59	157.07	142.09	187.07	250.00	163.06	220.86	302.12	215.63	190.78
60	159.37	143.95	189.64	253.65	165.27	224.06	306.76	218.74	193.61
61	161.67	145.80	192.21	257.30	167.48	227.25	311.39	221.85	196.46
62	163.96	147.65	194.77	260.94	169.69	230.45	316.04	224.96	199.30
63	166.26	149.50	197.35	264.60	171.89	233.65	320.67	228.07	202.14
64	168.56	151.35	199.91	268.24	174.10	236.85	325.31	231.17	204.97
65	170.85	153.20	202.47	271.89	176.31	240.05	329.96	234.28	207.81
66	173.15	155.05	205.05	275.54	178.52	243.24	334.59	237.39	210.65
67	-	156.91	207.61	279.19	180.72	246.44	339.23	240.49	213.48
68	-	158.76	210.18	282.83	182.93	249.64	343.88	243.60	216.32
69	-	160.61	212.75	286.49	185.14	252.84	348.51	246.71	219.17
70	-	162.46	215.32	290.14	187.34	256.03	353.15	249.82	222.00

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Base Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
51	258.14	170.38	162.52	145.40	173.33	189.33	130.27	-
52	262.55	173.16	165.00	147.61	175.99	192.53	132.12	-
53	266.95	175.94	167.48	149.82	178.65	195.72	133.97	-
54	271.36	178.72	169.95	152.02	181.31	198.92	135.81	-
55	275.76	181.51	172.43	154.23	183.96	202.12	137.66	-
56	280.17	184.28	174.91	156.44	186.62	205.32	139.50	-
57	284.58	187.06	177.39	158.65	189.28	208.51	141.35	-
58	288.98	189.84	179.86	160.86	191.94	211.71	143.19	-
59	293.39	192.62	182.34	163.06	194.59	214.91	145.04	-
60	297.79	195.41	184.82	165.27	197.25	218.11	146.90	-
61	302.20	198.19	187.30	167.48	199.91	221.30	148.74	-
62	306.60	200.97	189.77	169.69	202.56	224.50	150.59	-
63	311.01	203.75	192.25	171.89	205.23	227.70	152.43	-
64	315.41	206.53	194.73	174.10	207.88	230.90	154.28	-
65	319.82	209.32	197.21	176.31	210.54	234.10	156.12	-
66	324.23	212.10	199.68	178.52	213.20	237.29	157.97	-
67	-	-	-	-	-	-	159.82	-
68	-	-	-	-	-	-	161.67	-
69	-	-	-	-	-	-	163.52	-
70	-	-	-	-	-	-	165.36	-

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Plus Prices

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	25.47	29.98	32.41	36.97	34.26	35.39	35.84	33.13	32.91
2	26.39	31.30	34.84	39.20	34.97	36.91	38.38	35.10	34.80
3	28.42	33.94	38.68	43.03	37.17	39.97	42.47	38.50	38.12
4	30.44	36.56	42.51	46.87	39.37	43.03	46.57	41.91	41.43
5	32.47	39.20	46.35	50.71	41.57	46.10	50.67	45.32	44.76
6	33.71	40.29	47.71	52.97	42.78	48.04	53.61	47.29	46.23
7	35.69	42.27	50.11	56.38	44.92	51.03	57.69	50.27	48.72
8	37.67	44.25	52.51	59.80	47.07	54.03	61.78	53.26	51.21
9	39.65	46.23	54.91	63.21	49.22	57.02	65.87	56.26	53.68
10	41.63	48.21	57.31	66.62	51.37	60.01	69.95	59.25	56.17
11	43.79	49.94	59.71	70.04	53.43	63.00	74.29	62.16	58.66
12	45.93	51.67	62.11	73.45	55.50	65.99	78.64	65.06	61.14
13	48.08	53.39	64.51	76.86	57.57	68.98	82.98	67.97	63.63
14	50.23	55.12	66.91	80.28	59.63	71.97	87.32	70.88	66.12
15	52.38	56.85	69.33	83.69	61.69	74.97	91.66	73.78	68.60
16	54.53	58.57	71.73	87.10	63.76	77.96	95.99	76.69	71.09
17	56.68	60.30	74.13	90.51	65.83	80.95	100.33	79.61	73.58
18	58.83	62.03	76.53	93.93	67.88	83.95	104.67	82.51	76.07
19	60.98	63.76	78.93	97.34	69.95	86.94	109.02	85.42	78.55
20	63.12	65.48	81.33	100.75	72.02	89.92	113.36	88.33	81.04
21	65.28	67.22	83.73	104.17	74.08	92.92	117.70	91.24	83.53
22	67.42	68.94	86.13	107.58	76.15	95.91	122.04	94.14	86.00
23	69.57	70.67	88.53	110.99	78.21	98.90	126.38	97.05	88.49
24	71.73	72.39	90.93	114.41	80.28	101.89	130.72	99.96	90.98
25	73.87	74.13	93.35	117.83	82.34	104.89	135.06	102.86	93.46

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
1	36.02	37.87	38.32	32.01	36.51	33.13	31.56	31.56
2	38.03	39.54	39.11	33.24	38.42	34.41	32.73	32.90
3	41.61	42.87	41.57	35.88	41.91	37.12	35.27	35.61
4	45.19	46.18	44.02	38.50	45.40	39.85	37.82	38.34
5	48.76	49.50	46.48	41.14	48.90	42.56	40.36	41.05
6	51.32	50.86	47.75	42.43	50.27	44.16	41.76	42.36
7	55.00	53.35	50.06	44.67	52.76	46.74	44.08	44.58
8	58.66	55.84	52.38	46.90	55.24	49.30	46.39	46.81
9	62.33	58.32	54.69	49.14	57.73	51.87	48.72	49.05
10	66.83	60.81	57.02	51.37	60.22	54.45	51.03	51.28
11	71.36	63.21	59.33	53.43	62.70	57.44	52.76	53.26
12	75.91	65.61	61.65	55.50	65.19	60.43	54.49	55.24
13	80.45	68.01	63.96	57.57	67.68	63.43	56.21	57.22
14	84.99	70.41	66.29	59.63	70.17	66.41	57.95	59.21
15	89.52	72.81	68.60	61.69	72.65	69.40	59.67	61.19
16	94.06	75.22	70.92	63.76	75.14	72.39	61.40	63.17
17	98.61	77.63	73.24	65.83	77.63	75.39	63.12	65.15
18	103.15	80.03	75.56	67.88	80.11	78.38	64.86	67.13
19	107.68	82.43	77.87	69.95	82.59	81.37	66.58	69.11
20	112.22	84.83	80.19	72.02	85.08	84.37	68.31	71.09
21	113.80	87.23	82.51	74.08	87.56	87.36	70.04	73.07
22	118.22	89.63	84.83	76.15	90.05	90.35	71.77	75.05
23	122.65	92.03	87.14	78.21	92.54	93.35	73.49	77.03
24	127.07	94.43	89.46	80.28	95.03	96.33	75.22	79.01
25	131.50	96.83	91.78	82.34	97.51	99.32	76.95	81.00

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
26	76.02	75.85	95.75	121.24	84.41	107.88	139.40	105.77	95.95
27	78.17	77.58	98.15	124.65	86.48	110.87	143.74	108.68	98.44
28	80.32	79.31	100.55	128.07	88.53	113.87	148.08	111.58	100.93
29	82.47	81.04	102.95	131.48	90.60	116.86	152.42	114.49	103.41
30	84.61	82.76	105.35	134.89	92.67	119.84	156.76	117.40	105.90
31	86.77	84.50	107.75	138.31	94.73	122.84	161.10	120.31	108.39
32	88.92	86.22	110.15	141.72	96.79	125.83	165.44	123.22	110.87
33	91.06	87.95	112.55	145.13	98.86	128.82	169.79	126.13	113.36
34	93.22	89.67	114.95	148.55	100.93	131.81	174.13	129.04	115.85
35	95.36	91.40	117.36	151.96	102.99	134.81	178.47	131.94	118.33
36	97.51	93.13	119.77	155.37	105.06	137.80	182.80	134.85	120.81
37	99.67	94.85	122.17	158.78	107.12	140.79	187.14	137.76	123.30
38	101.81	96.59	124.57	162.20	109.18	143.79	191.48	140.66	125.79
39	103.96	98.31	126.97	165.61	111.25	146.77	195.82	143.57	128.27
40	106.10	100.04	129.37	169.02	113.32	149.76	200.17	146.48	130.76
41	108.26	101.77	131.77	172.44	115.38	152.76	204.51	149.39	133.25
42	110.41	103.50	134.17	175.85	117.44	155.75	208.85	152.29	135.73
43	112.55	105.22	136.57	179.26	119.51	158.74	213.19	155.20	138.22
44	114.71	106.95	138.97	182.68	121.58	161.73	217.53	158.11	140.71
45	116.86	108.67	141.38	186.09	123.64	164.73	221.87	161.01	143.29
46	119.00	110.40	143.79	189.50	125.70	167.72	226.20	163.92	145.98
47	121.16	112.12	146.19	192.91	127.77	170.71	230.55	166.84	148.68
48	123.30	113.85	148.59	196.33	129.83	173.70	234.89	169.74	151.36
49	125.45	115.57	150.99	199.74	131.90	176.69	239.23	172.65	154.06
50	127.60	117.30	153.39	203.15	133.97	179.68	243.57	175.56	156.75

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
26	135.92	99.24	94.10	84.41	100.00	102.31	78.67	82.98
27	140.35	101.65	96.41	86.48	102.49	105.31	80.40	84.96
28	144.77	104.05	98.74	88.53	104.97	108.30	82.13	86.94
29	149.19	106.45	101.05	90.60	107.46	111.29	83.86	88.92
30	153.62	108.85	103.37	92.67	109.95	114.29	85.58	90.90
31	158.03	111.25	105.68	94.73	112.43	117.28	87.32	92.87
32	162.46	113.65	108.01	96.79	114.91	120.27	89.04	94.85
33	166.88	116.05	110.32	98.86	117.40	123.26	90.77	96.83
34	171.31	118.45	112.64	100.93	119.89	126.25	92.50	98.82
35	175.73	120.85	114.95	102.99	122.37	129.24	94.23	100.80
36	180.16	123.26	117.28	105.06	124.86	132.23	95.95	102.78
37	184.58	125.67	119.59	107.12	127.35	135.23	97.68	104.76
38	189.01	128.07	121.91	109.18	129.83	138.22	99.41	106.74
39	193.43	130.47	124.22	111.25	132.32	141.21	101.14	108.72
40	197.86	132.87	126.55	113.32	134.81	144.21	102.86	110.70
41	202.28	135.24	128.86	115.38	137.29	147.20	104.60	112.68
42	206.70	137.88	131.18	117.44	139.78	150.19	106.32	114.66
43	211.13	140.52	133.50	119.51	142.27	153.18	108.05	116.64
44	215.55	143.16	135.82	121.58	144.76	156.17	109.78	118.63
45	219.98	145.79	138.13	123.64	147.24	159.16	111.50	-
46	224.40	148.43	140.45	125.70	149.72	162.15	113.23	-
47	228.83	151.08	142.77	127.77	152.21	165.15	114.95	-
48	233.25	153.71	145.09	129.83	154.69	168.14	116.69	-
49	237.68	156.35	147.40	131.90	157.18	171.13	118.41	-
50	242.10	158.99	149.72	133.97	159.67	174.13	120.14	-

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
51	129.75	119.02	155.79	206.57	136.02	182.68	247.91	178.47	159.45
52	131.90	120.75	158.19	209.98	138.09	185.67	252.25	181.37	162.14
53	134.04	122.47	160.59	213.40	140.16	188.66	256.59	184.28	164.83
54	136.20	124.20	162.99	216.82	142.23	191.65	260.93	187.19	167.52
55	138.35	125.92	165.40	220.23	144.29	194.65	265.28	190.09	170.22
56	140.49	127.65	167.81	223.64	146.35	197.64	269.61	193.00	172.91
57	142.65	129.37	170.21	227.05	148.42	200.63	273.95	195.91	175.60
58	144.79	131.09	172.61	230.47	150.48	203.62	278.29	198.81	178.29
59	146.94	132.82	175.01	233.88	152.55	206.61	282.63	201.72	180.99
60	149.09	134.54	177.41	237.29	154.61	209.60	286.97	204.63	183.68
61	151.24	136.27	179.81	240.71	156.67	212.60	291.31	207.54	186.37
62	153.39	137.99	182.21	244.12	158.74	215.59	295.66	210.45	189.06
63	155.54	139.72	184.61	247.53	160.81	218.58	300.00	213.36	191.76
64	157.69	141.44	187.01	250.95	162.88	221.57	304.34	216.27	194.45
65	159.84	143.17	189.42	254.36	164.93	224.57	308.68	219.17	197.14
66	161.98	144.89	191.83	257.77	167.00	227.56	313.01	222.08	199.83
67	-	146.62	194.23	261.18	169.07	230.55	317.35	224.99	202.53
68	-	148.34	196.63	264.60	171.13	233.54	321.69	227.89	205.22
69	-	150.07	199.03	268.11	173.20	236.53	326.04	230.80	207.91
70	-	151.79	201.43	271.63	175.26	239.52	330.38	233.71	210.60

*International Products
Outbound Priority Mail International*

Priority Mail International Parcels Commercial Plus Prices (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Country Price Group							
	10 (\$)	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)
51	246.53	161.63	152.04	136.02	162.15	177.12	121.87	-
52	250.95	164.27	154.36	138.09	164.64	180.10	123.60	-
53	255.38	166.90	156.67	140.16	167.13	183.10	125.32	-
54	259.80	169.54	159.00	142.23	169.62	186.09	127.06	-
55	264.23	172.19	161.31	144.29	172.10	189.08	128.78	-
56	268.65	174.82	163.63	146.35	174.59	192.07	130.51	-
57	273.07	177.46	165.94	148.42	177.08	195.07	132.23	-
58	277.50	180.09	168.27	150.48	179.56	198.06	133.97	-
59	281.92	182.74	170.58	152.55	182.04	201.05	135.69	-
60	286.35	185.38	172.90	154.61	184.53	204.05	137.42	-
61	290.77	188.01	175.21	156.67	187.01	207.03	139.15	-
62	295.20	190.65	177.54	158.74	189.50	210.02	140.88	-
63	299.62	193.30	179.85	160.81	191.99	213.02	142.60	-
64	304.05	195.93	182.17	162.88	194.48	216.01	144.33	-
65	308.46	198.57	184.48	164.93	196.96	219.00	146.06	-
66	312.89	201.20	186.81	167.00	199.45	221.99	147.78	-
67	-	-	-	-	-	-	149.51	-
68	-	-	-	-	-	-	151.24	-
69	-	-	-	-	-	-	152.97	-
70	-	-	-	-	-	-	154.69	-

Pickup On Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)***2320 International Priority Airmail (IPA)**

2320.1 Description

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- ~~e. International Priority Airmail is not a shipping option for Priority Mail International items, whether ordinary or insured.~~
- ~~dc. International Priority Airmail (except M-Bags) items are sealed against inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law.~~
- ~~ed. Mailpieces are prepared for mailing in Direct Country sacks containers (5 or more pounds of mail addressed to an individual country), Mixed Country Package sacks containers (5 or more pounds of mail addressed to individual countries in the same Price Group), or Worldwide Nonpresort sacks containers (mail that cannot be made up into Direct Country or Mixed Country sacks containers), as specified in the International Mail Manual. (See the International Mail Manual for additional mail preparation requirements for Canada and for authorization to present mail in trays.) International Direct Sacks—M-Bags (meeting the requirements of 2330) also may be mailed in conjunction with an International Priority Airmail mailing.~~
- e. For certain price groups, rates are determined by mail shape (letters and postcards, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets and rolls)) as defined in 2320.2

2320.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Mailpiece Requirements (mailpieces contained within M-Bags are subject to the separate International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bag (2330) requirements)

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c. Large Envelopes (Flats)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
and at least one dimension exceeds	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inches	4 pounds <u>17.6 ounces</u>

d. Packages (Small Packets)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	24 inches			4.4 pounds
	Length plus height plus thickness of 36 inches			

e. Rolls

	Length	Length plus twice the diameter	Weight
Minimum	4 inches	6.75 inches	none
Maximum	36 inches	42 inches	4.4 pounds

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2320.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

International Priority Airmail Letters and Postcards

- Presort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Price Groups 1-159
- Worldwide Nonpresort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Worldwide
 - Price Groups 1-15

International Priority Airmail Large Envelopes (Flats)

- Presort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Price Groups 1-19
- Worldwide Nonpresort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Worldwide

International Priority Airmail Packages (Small Packets and Rolls)

- Presort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Price Groups 1-19
- Worldwide Nonpresort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Worldwide

International Priority Airmail M-Bag (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

- Price Groups 1-159

*International Products
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2320.6 Prices

International Priority Airmail Letters and Postcards

The price ~~is determined by adding to be paid~~ is the applicable per-piece price ~~to plus~~ the applicable per-pound price. The per-piece price applies to each mailpiece regardless of weight. The per-pound price applies to the net weight (gross weight of the ~~sack~~container minus the tare weight of the ~~sack~~container) of the mail for the specific Country Price Group.

a. Presort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks Con- tainers	0.52	0.16	0.52	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.55	0.48	0.43	0.19
Mixed Country Sacks Con- tainers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.52	0.21

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks Con- tainers	0.18	0.47	0.43	0.16	0.48	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.14
Mixed Country Sacks Con- tainers	0.19	0.49	0.47	0.17	0.52	0.21	0.21	0.19	0.16

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ii. Per Pound

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (Full Service)	6.61	7.94	8.16	8.52	8.31	8.96	8.52	8.65	9.08	10.03
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	4.48	4.97	6.06	6.42	6.22	6.71	6.36	6.25	6.79	6.62
Mixed Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.13	6.95

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	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (Full Service)	8.87	8.61	8.73	9.32	8.65	8.97	10.03	8.87	9.84
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	6.75	6.32	6.36	7.22	6.25	6.69	6.62	6.75	7.75
Mixed Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	7.03	6.65	6.73	7.55	6.71	6.74	6.95	7.03	8.14

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

b. Worldwide Nonpresort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Sacks Containers	0.57

ii. Per Pound

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Sacks Containers (Full Service)	11.49
Worldwide Nonpresorted Sacks Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	9.05

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

International Priority Airmail Large Envelopes (Flats)

The price to be paid is the applicable per-piece price plus the applicable per-pound price. The per-piece price applies to each mailpiece regardless of weight. The per-pound price applies to the net weight (gross weight of the container minus the tare weight of the container) of the mail for the specific Country Price Group.

a. Presort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Con- tainers	0.52	0.16	0.52	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.55	0.48	0.43	0.19
Mixed Country Con- tainers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.52	0.21

	Price Group									
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)	
Direct Country Con- tainers	0.18	0.47	0.43	0.16	0.48	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.14	
Mixed Country Con- tainers	0.19	0.49	0.47	0.17	0.52	0.21	0.21	0.19	0.16	

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International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

ii. Per Pound

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	5.62	6.75	6.95	7.26	7.08	7.64	7.25	7.36	7.73	8.53
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	3.82	4.23	5.17	5.47	5.30	5.71	5.42	5.31	5.78	5.64
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.06	5.92

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	7.55	7.32	7.43	7.94	8.65	8.97	10.03	8.87	9.84
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.75	5.39	5.42	6.14	6.25	6.69	6.62	6.75	7.75
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.99	5.66	5.73	6.43	6.71	6.74	6.95	7.03	8.14

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

b. Worldwide Nonpresort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers	0.57

ii. Per Pound

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (Full Service)	11.49
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	9.05

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

International Priority Airmail Packages (Small Packets and Rolls)

The price to be paid is the applicable per-piece price plus the applicable per-pound price. The per-piece price applies to each mailpiece regardless of weight. The per-pound price applies to the net weight (gross weight of the container minus the tare weight of the container) of the mail for the specific Country Price Group.

a. Presort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Containers	0.52	0.16	0.52	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.55	0.48	0.43	0.19
Mixed Country Containers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.52	0.21

	Price Group									
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)	
Direct Country Containers	0.18	0.47	0.43	0.16	0.48	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.14	
Mixed Country Containers	0.19	0.49	0.47	0.17	0.52	0.21	0.21	0.19	0.16	

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

ii. Per Pound

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	5.34	6.42	6.60	6.88	6.71	7.25	6.88	6.99	7.34	8.10
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	3.62	4.03	4.90	5.19	5.03	5.43	5.14	5.05	5.48	5.35
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.77	5.61

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	7.17	6.96	7.05	7.53	8.65	8.97	10.03	8.87	9.84
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.45	5.12	5.14	5.83	6.25	6.69	6.62	6.75	7.75
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.69	5.36	5.44	6.10	6.71	6.74	6.95	7.03	8.14

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*b. Worldwide Nonpresort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)i. Per Piece

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers	0.57

ii. Per Pound

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (Full Service)	11.49
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	9.05

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

International Priority Airmail M-Bag

The price to be paid is based on the applicable per-pound price. The per-pound price applies to the net weight (gross total weight of the sack minus the tare weight of the sack) of the mail (M-Bag) for the specific Country Price Group.

a. International Priority Airmail M-Bag (Full Service)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
11	53.68	60.72	71.17	71.17	71.17	89.32	71.17	71.17	85.14	78.10
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	4.88	5.52	6.47	6.47	6.47	8.12	6.47	6.47	7.74	7.10

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
11	86.90	73.70	71.17	86.68	71.17	80.52	78.10	86.90	85.69
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	7.90	6.70	6.47	7.88	6.47	7.32	7.10	7.90	7.79

*International Products
International Priority Airmail (IPA)*

b. International Priority Airmail M-Bag (ISC Drop Shipment)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
5	21.04	26.03	32.68	32.68	32.68	47.62	32.68	32.68	43.59	41.29
6	21.42	26.77	33.76	33.76	33.76	49.40	33.76	33.76	45.18	42.09
7	21.80	27.51	34.84	34.84	34.84	51.18	34.84	34.84	46.77	42.89
8	22.18	28.25	35.92	35.92	35.92	52.96	35.92	35.92	48.36	43.69
9	22.56	28.99	37.00	37.00	37.00	54.74	37.00	37.00	49.95	44.49
10	22.94	29.73	38.08	38.08	38.08	56.52	38.08	38.08	51.54	45.29
11	23.32	30.47	39.16	39.16	39.16	58.30	39.16	39.16	53.13	46.09
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	2.12	2.77	3.56	3.56	3.56	5.30	3.56	3.56	4.83	4.19

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
5	47.33	35.40	32.68	47.54	32.68	41.38	41.29	47.33	45.82
6	48.59	36.43	33.76	48.71	33.76	42.55	42.09	48.59	47.13
7	49.85	37.46	34.84	49.88	34.84	43.72	42.89	49.85	48.44
8	51.11	38.49	35.92	51.05	35.92	44.89	43.69	51.11	49.75
9	52.37	39.52	37.00	52.22	37.00	46.06	44.49	52.37	51.06
10	53.63	40.55	38.08	53.39	38.08	47.23	45.29	53.63	52.37
11	54.89	41.58	39.16	54.56	39.16	48.40	46.09	54.89	53.68
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	4.99	3.78	3.56	4.96	3.56	4.40	4.19	4.99	4.88

2325 International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)

2325.1 Description

- a. International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) service is an international bulk mailing service for mailing First-Class Mail International and Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service items. ISAL shipments are ~~flown~~ dispatched to the foreign destinations and entered into that country's surface or nonpriority mail system for delivery.

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- d. Mailpieces are prepared for mailing in Direct Country sacks/containers (5² or more pounds of mail addressed to an individual country), Mixed Country Package sacks/containers (5 or more pounds of mail addressed to individual countries in the same Price Group), or Worldwide Nonpresort sacks/containers (mail that cannot be made up into Direct Country or Mixed Country sacks/containers), as specified in the International Mail Manual. (See the International Mail Manual for additional mail preparation requirements.) International Direct Sacks—M-Bags (meeting the requirements of 2330) also may be mailed in conjunction with an International Surface Air Lift mailing.
- e. For certain price groups, rates are determined by mail shape (letters and postcards, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets and rolls)) as defined in 2325.2.

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

2325.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Mailpiece Requirements (mailpieces contained within M-Bags are subject to the separate International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bag (2330) requirements)

a. Letters

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5.5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
Maximum	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	3.5 ounces

Notes

1. ~~Packages of letter-size pieces of mail should be no thicker than approximately a handful of mail (4" to 6"). A package or packet is defined as 10 or more pieces of mail to the same country separation or 1 pound or more regardless of the number of pieces.~~

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c. Large Envelopes (Flats)⁴

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	5 inches	3.5 inches	0.007 inch	none
and at least one dimension exceeds	11.5 inches	6.125 inches	0.25 inch	
Maximum	15 inches	12 inches	0.75 inches	4 pounds <u>17.6 ounces</u>

Notes

1. ~~Packages of flat-size mail may be thicker than 6", but weigh no more than 11 pounds. A package or packet is defined as 10 or more pieces of mail to the same country separation or 1 pound or more regardless of the number of pieces.~~

d. Packages (Small Packets)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	24 inches			4.4 pounds
	Length plus height plus thickness of 36 inches			

e. Rolls

	Length	Length plus twice the diameter	Weight
Minimum	4 inches	6.75 inches	none
Maximum	36 inches	42 inches	4.4 pounds

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*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

2325.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

International Surface Air Lift Letters and Postcards

- Presort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Price Groups 1-159
- Worldwide Nonpresort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Worldwide

International Surface Air Lift Large Envelopes (Flats)

- Presort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Price Groups 1-19
- Worldwide Nonpresort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Worldwide

International Surface Air Lift Packages (Small Packets and Rolls)

- Presort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Price Groups 1-19
- Worldwide Nonpresort Mail – Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment
 - Worldwide

International Surface Air Lift M-Bags (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

- Price Groups 1-159

2325.6 Prices

International Surface Air Lift Letters and Postcards (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

The price is determined by adding to be paid is the applicable per-piece price plus the applicable per-pound price. The per-piece price applies to each mailpiece regardless of weight. The per-pound price applies to the net weight (gross weight of the sackcontainer minus the tare weight of the sackcontainer) of the mail for the specific price group.

a. Presort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks Con- tainers	0.47	0.14	0.45	0.48	0.48	0.45	0.49	0.43	0.38	0.18
Mixed Country Sacks Con- tainers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.47	0.19

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks Con- tainers	0.16	0.39	0.43	0.14	0.43	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.13
Mixed Country Sacks Con- tainers	0.17	0.40	0.47	0.16	0.47	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.14

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

ii. Per Pound

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (Full Service)	6.00	7.44	7.18	7.73	7.60	8.13	7.73	7.61	8.03	9.10
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	4.08	4.66	5.34	5.82	5.68	6.09	5.77	5.49	6.00	6.01
Mixed Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.10	6.31

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (Full Service)	7.84	7.68	7.61	8.43	7.61	8.16	9.10	7.84	8.94
Direct Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.97	5.62	5.49	6.55	5.49	6.08	6.01	5.97	7.04
Mixed Country Sacks <u>Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	6.18	5.91	6.10	6.71	6.10	6.12	6.31	6.18	7.16

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

b. Worldwide Nonpresort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted <u>Sacks Con- tainers</u>	0.52

ii. Per Pound

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted <u>Sacks Con- tainers</u> (Full Service)	10.36
Worldwide Nonpresorted <u>Sacks Con- tainers</u> (ISC Drop Shipment)	8.16

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

International Surface Air Lift Large Envelopes (Flats)

The price to be paid is the applicable per-piece price plus the applicable per-pound price. The per-piece price applies to each mailpiece regardless of weight. The per-pound price applies to the net weight (gross weight of the container minus the tare weight of the container) of the mail for the specific price group.

a. Presort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Con- tainers	0.47	0.14	0.45	0.48	0.48	0.45	0.49	0.43	0.38	0.18
Mixed Country Con- tainers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.47	0.19

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Con- tainers	0.16	0.39	0.43	0.14	0.43	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.13
Mixed Country Con- tainers	0.17	0.40	0.47	0.16	0.47	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.14

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

ii. Per Pound

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	5.10	6.34	6.12	6.58	6.47	6.92	6.58	6.48	6.83	7.75
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	3.47	3.97	4.55	4.96	4.83	5.19	4.91	4.68	5.10	5.12
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.19	5.38

	Price Group									
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)	
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	6.68	6.53	6.48	7.18	7.61	8.16	9.10	7.84	8.94	
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.09	4.79	4.68	5.57	5.49	6.08	6.01	5.97	7.04	
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.27	5.03	5.19	5.71	6.10	6.12	6.31	6.18	7.16	

b. Worldwide Nonpresort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)i. Per Piece

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers	0.52

ii. Per Pound

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (Full Service)	10.36
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	8.16

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

International Surface Air Lift Packages (Small Packets and Rolls)

The price to be paid is the applicable per-piece price plus the applicable per-pound price. The per-piece price applies to each mailpiece regardless of weight. The per-pound price applies to the net weight (gross weight of the container minus the tare weight of the container) of the mail for the specific price group.

a. Presort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)

i. Per Piece

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Containers	0.47	0.14	0.45	0.48	0.48	0.45	0.49	0.43	0.38	0.18
Mixed Country Containers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.47	0.19

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Con- tainers	0.16	0.39	0.43	0.14	0.43	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.13
Mixed Country Con- tainers	0.17	0.40	0.47	0.16	0.47	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.14

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

ii. Per Pound

	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	4.84	6.01	5.81	6.25	6.13	6.57	6.25	6.14	6.48	7.36
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	3.29	3.77	4.31	4.70	4.58	4.92	4.66	4.44	4.84	4.86
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.92	5.10

	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
Direct Country Containers (Full Service)	6.34	6.21	6.14	6.82	7.61	8.16	9.10	7.84	8.94
Direct Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	4.83	4.55	4.44	5.30	5.49	6.08	6.01	5.97	7.04
Mixed Country Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	5.00	4.78	4.92	5.43	6.10	6.12	6.31	6.18	7.16

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*b. Worldwide Nonpresort Mail (Full Service and ISC Drop Shipment)i. Per Piece

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers	0.52

ii. Per Pound

	(\$)
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (Full Service)	10.36
Worldwide Nonpresorted Containers (ISC Drop Shipment)	8.16

*International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)*

International Surface Air Lift M-Bags

The price is based on to be paid is the applicable per-pound price. The per-pound price applies to the net total weight (gross weight of the sack minus the tare weight of the sack (M-Bag)) of the mail for the specific price group.

a. International Surface Air Lift M-Bags (Full Service)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
11	18.70	19.91	23.32	23.32	23.32	32.56	23.32	23.76	30.47	27.39
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	1.70	1.81	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.96	2.12	2.16	2.77	2.49

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group									
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)	
11	30.47	24.53	23.76	32.01	23.76	27.39	27.39	30.47	37.95	
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	2.77	2.23	2.16	2.91	2.16	2.49	2.49	2.77	3.45	

International Products
International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)

b. International Surface Air Lift M-Bag ISC (ISC Drop Shipment)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group									
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)	10 (\$)
5	16.88	15.52	12.12	12.12	12.12	17.16	12.12	12.32	16.63	15.66
6	17.00	16.05	13.51	13.51	13.51	19.47	13.51	13.75	18.46	17.12
7	17.12	16.58	14.90	14.90	14.90	21.78	14.90	15.18	20.29	18.58
8	17.24	17.11	16.29	16.29	16.29	24.09	16.29	16.61	22.12	20.04
9	17.36	17.64	17.68	17.68	17.68	26.40	17.68	18.04	23.95	21.50
10	17.48	18.17	19.07	19.07	19.07	28.71	19.07	19.47	25.78	22.96
11	17.60	18.70	20.46	20.46	20.46	31.02	20.46	20.90	27.61	24.42
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	1.60	1.70	1.86	1.86	1.86	2.82	1.86	1.90	2.51	2.22

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group								
	11 (\$)	12 (\$)	13 (\$)	14 (\$)	15 (\$)	16 (\$)	17 (\$)	18 (\$)	19 (\$)
5	13.17	12.97	12.32	13.80	12.32	14.16	15.66	13.17	17.76
6	15.54	14.42	13.75	16.34	13.75	15.87	17.12	15.54	20.63
7	17.91	15.87	15.18	18.88	15.18	17.58	18.58	17.91	23.50
8	20.28	17.32	16.61	21.42	16.61	19.29	20.04	20.28	26.37
9	22.65	18.77	18.04	23.96	18.04	21.00	21.50	22.65	29.24
10	25.02	20.22	19.47	26.50	19.47	22.71	22.96	25.02	32.11
11	27.39	21.67	20.90	29.04	20.90	24.42	24.42	27.39	34.98
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	2.49	1.97	1.90	2.64	1.90	2.22	2.22	2.49	3.18

2330 International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bags

2330.1 Description

- a. International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-bags are direct sacks containing printed matter to a single addressee. Printed matter is defined as paper on which words, letters, characters, figures, images, or any combination thereof, not having the character of a bill or statement of account, or of actual or personal correspondence, have been reproduced by any process other than handwriting or typewriting.
- b. Airmail M-Bags are available for both outbound and inbound international mail.
 - Outbound International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-bags are direct sacks of printed matter of domestic origin mailed to a single foreign addressee.
 - Inbound air and surface International Direct Sacks—M-bags are direct sacks of printed matter of foreign origin mailed to a single domestic addressee.
- c. Airmail M-bags may include articles of merchandise exclusively related to the enclosed printed matter as specified in the International Mail Manual (outbound) or the Universal Postal Union Convention (inbound).
- d. Airmail M-Bags are not sealed against inspection. Mailing of matter by such service constitutes consent by the mailer to postal inspection of the contents, regardless of the physical closure.

International Products
International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bags

2330.2 Size and Weight Limitations

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum				none
Maximum Outbound	No defined size limits as long as articles being sent can be enclosed in the mailbag as specified in the International Mail Manual.			66 pounds ¹
Maximum Inbound	No defined size limits as long as articles being sent can be enclosed in the mailbag as specified in the <u>UPU Universal Postal Convention</u> .			66 pounds ¹

Notes

1. Includes the tare weight of the sack.

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2330.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

Outbound International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bags Price Categories

- M-Bags
 - Price Groups 1-9

Inbound International Direct Sacks—M-Bags Price Categories

As established by the originating foreign country conforming to Universal Postal ~~Union~~ Convention requirements.

2330.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

Optional Features for Outbound International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bags

- International Ancillary Services (2615)
 - International Certificate of Mailing (2615.1)

Optional Features for Inbound International Direct Sacks—M-Bags

- None

2330.6 Prices

Outbound International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bags

The price is based on the applicable per-pound price. The per-pound price applies to the net total weight (~~gross weight of the sack minus the tare weight of the sack~~) of the mail sack (M-Bag) for the specific price group.

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Price Group ¹								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
11	37.95	35.20	68.20	55.55	44.55	65.45	56.10	53.90	52.80
For each additional pound or fraction thereof	3.45	3.20	6.20	5.05	4.05	5.95	5.10	4.90	4.80

Notes

1. Same as Price Groups 1-9 for Single-Piece First-Class Mail International (SPFCMI).

Inbound International Direct Sacks—M-Bags

Payment is made in accordance with Part III of the Universal Postal Union Convention and associated UPU Letter Post Regulations. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int.

*International Products
Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service*

2335 Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service

2335.1 Description

- a. Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service consists of outbound international letter post packages and rolls (destined for delivery outside of the United States) that are subject to the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention of the Universal Postal Union and that are not entered as Priority Mail International.

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2335.2 Size and Weight Limitations

Packages (Small Packets)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	Large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	24 inches			4 pounds
	Length plus height plus thickness of 36 inches			

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2335.4 Price Categories

The following price categories are available for the product specified in this section:

- ~~Packages: Small Packets, including Rolls~~ Retail
 - Price Groups 1-9
- Commercial Base – For selected destination countries, available for customers who prepare and pay for Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service shipments via ~~permit imprint when used in conjunction with Postal Service-supplied or other approved software~~ USPS-approved payment methods that electronically transmits customs-related functions, ~~online at usps.com, or by using an authorized PC Postage vendor~~. The discount applies only to the postage portion of Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service prices.
 - Price Groups 1-9

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2335.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- International Ancillary Services (2615)
 - International Certificate of Mailing (2615.1)
 - International Registered Mail (2615.2)
 - International Return Receipt (2615.3)
- Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International
Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International, which is optionally provided at no charge for certain price tiers, offers scan events for customers using select software or online tools. It is available for Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service mailpieces meeting certain physical characteristics to select destinations.

International Products
Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service

2335.6 Prices

Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service
Packages (Small Packets, including Rolls) Retail Prices

Maximum Weight (ounces)	Country Price Group								
	1 (\$)	2 (\$)	3 (\$)	4 (\$)	5 (\$)	6 (\$)	7 (\$)	8 (\$)	9 (\$)
1	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55
2	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.55
3	7.65	8.85	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.15	9.15	9.15	9.15
4	7.65	8.85	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.15	9.15	9.15	9.15
5	8.80	11.55	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15
6	8.80	11.55	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15
7	8.80	11.55	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15
8	8.80	11.55	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15
12	9.55	13.50	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.30
16	10.95	15.05	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25
20	12.35	16.60	18.60	18.60	18.60	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.20
24	13.75	18.15	20.45	20.45	20.45	20.15	20.15	20.15	20.15
28	15.15	19.70	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10
32	16.55	21.25	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.05	24.05	24.05	24.05
36	17.95	22.80	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
40	19.35	24.35	27.85	27.85	27.85	27.95	27.95	27.95	27.95
44	20.75	25.90	29.70	29.70	29.70	29.90	29.90	29.90	29.90
48	22.15	27.45	31.55	31.55	31.55	31.85	31.85	31.85	31.85
52	23.55	29.00	33.40	33.40	33.40	33.80	33.80	33.80	33.80
56	24.95	30.55	35.25	35.25	35.25	35.75	35.75	35.75	35.75
60	26.35	32.10	37.10	37.10	37.10	37.70	37.70	37.70	37.70
64	27.75	33.65	38.95	38.95	38.95	39.65	39.65	39.65	39.65

*International Products
Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service*

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Pickup on Demand Service

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup on Demand stop.

Special Services
Address Enhancement Services

2600 Special Services

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2605 Address Enhancement Services

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2605.2 Prices

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AEC	
Per record processed	0.021
Minimum charge per list	21.00
AMS API Address Matching System Application Program Interface (per year, per platform) ¹	
Developer's Kit, one platform	4,700.00
Each Additional, per platform	1,700.00
Resell License, one platform	20,650.00
Each Additional, per platform	10,400.00
Additional Database License	
<u>Number of Additional Licenses</u>	
1-100	2,550.00
101-200	5,100.00
201-300	7,600.00
301-400	10,200.00
401-500	12,700.00
501-600	15,300.00
601-700	17,800.00
701-800	20,300.00
801-900	23,000.00
901-1,000	25,400.00
1,001-10,000	33,000.00
10,001-20,000	40,600.00
20,001-30,000	48,500.00
30,001-40,000	56,000.00

	(\$)
RDI API Developer's Kit ¹	
Each, per platform	375.00
Resell License, one platform	1,450.00
Each Additional, per platform	775.00
Additional Database	
AMS API: DPV, LACSLink and/or eLOT	12.50
IBIP version of above	12.50
Additional database, e.g., City-State, ZIP+4, Five-Digit	12.50
Additional Copies of Database	
AMS-API: DPV and LACSLink API	28.00
eLOT	9.50
Additional database, e.g., City-State, ZIP+4, Five Digit	9.50
TIGER/ZIP+4 (per year)*	
Per State	70.00
All States	900.00

Notes

- * See AMS Price Table for Single Issues of Additional Copies appearing at the end of section 1515.2. TIGER/ZIP+4 is not a subscription service. Single issue pricing does not apply.
- 1. Above API License Fees prorated during the first year based on the date of the license agreement.

*Special Services
International Certificate of Mailing*

2615 International Ancillary Services**2615.1 International Certificate of Mailing**

2615.1.1 Description

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- b. International Certificate of Mailing is available for unregistered Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service, unregistered Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes, unregistered Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Boxes, Priority Mail International parcels purchased without insurance, International Priority Airlift, and International Direct Sacks—Airmail M-Bags.

2615.1.2 Prices

Individual Pieces Prices

	(\$)
Original certificate of mailing for listed pieces of ordinary Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service or Priority Mail International parcels	1.30
Three or more pieces individually listed in a firm mailing book or an approved customer provided manifest (per piece)	0.47
Each additional copy of original certificate of mailing or firm mailing bills (each copy)	1.30

Multiple Pieces Prices

	(\$)
Up to 1,000 identical-weight pieces (one certificate for total number)	7.80
Each additional 1,000 identical-weight pieces or fraction thereof	0.95
Duplicate copy	1.30

2615.2 Outbound Competitive International Registered Mail

2615.2.1 Description

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- d. Regardless of the declared value of a registered item, the maximum amount of indemnity payable for loss, damage, or missing contents is limited to the amount set by UPU Letter Post Regulations Article RL 155.4. This information is available in the Letter Post Manual at www.upu.int and the International Mail Manual.

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2615.2.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per Piece	13.65

2615.3 International Return Receipt

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2615.3.2 Prices

Outbound International Return Receipt

	(\$)
Per Piece	3.75

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[2615.5 International Insurance renumbered as 2615.4]

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Inbound International Insurance

Payment is made in accordance with Part III of the Universal Postal Union Convention, associated UPU Parcel Post Regulations. This information is available in the Parcel Post Manual at www.upu.int. Other charges may be set under negotiated agreements.

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*Special Services
Custom Clearance and Delivery Fee*

2615.65 Custom Clearance and Delivery Fee

2615.65.1 Description

The Postal Service collects a fee on each inbound package on which Customs duty or Internal Revenue tax is collected.

2615.65.2 Prices

	(\$)
Per Dutiable Item	6.00

2620 International Money Transfer Service—Outbound

2620.3 Prices

Vendor Assisted Electronic Money Transfer

	Transfer Amount		Per Transfer (\$)
	Minimum Amount (\$)	Maximum Amount (\$)	
Electronic Money Transfer	0.00 <u>1</u>	750.00	11.00
	750.01	1,500.00	16.50
	1,500.04	2,000.00	22.00
Refund	0.00 <u>1</u>	2,000.00	26.00
		<u>1,500.00</u>	
Change of Recipient	0.00 <u>1</u>	2,000.00	12.00
		<u>1,500.00</u>	

2630 Premium Forwarding Service

2630.1 Description

- a. Premium Forwarding Service Residential: provides residential delivery customers, and certain Post Office Box customers, the option to receive substantially all mail addressed to a primary address instead at a temporary address by means of a weekly Priority Mail shipment. Parcels that are too large for the weekly shipment, mail pieces that require a scan upon delivery or arrive postage due at the office serving the customer's primary address, and certain Priority Mail pieces may be rerouted as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual. Rerouted Priority Mail Express, First-Class Mail, and Priority Mail pieces incur no additional reshipping charges. Rerouted Standard Mail and Package Service pieces may be rerouted postage due. Mail sent to a primary address for which an addressee has activated Premium Forwarding Service Residential is not treated as undeliverable-as-addressed. Premium Forwarding Service Residential is available for a period of at least two weeks and not more than twelve months, may not be used simultaneously with temporary or permanent forwarding orders, and is not available to customers whose primary address consists of a size three, four, or five Post Office Box, subject to exceptions allowed by the Postal Service, or a centralized delivery point.
- b. Premium Forwarding Service Commercial: provides commercial customers the option to have mail addressed to business Post Office Boxes or business street addresses within the same servicing postal facility reshipped as Priority Mail Express or Priority Mail to a new address, for a period of time specified by the customer. Mail pieces that are accountable, require a scan, or arrive postage due at the customer's primary address will be rerouted separately as specified in the Domestic Mail Manual. Containers are used based on volumes and are charged the appropriate Priority Mail Express or Priority Mail postage.
- b. ~~Mail sent to a primary address for which an addressee has activated Premium Forwarding Service is not treated as undeliverable-as-addressed.~~
- c. ~~Premium Forwarding Service is available for a period of at least two weeks and not more than twelve months. Customers may not use Premium Forwarding Service simultaneously with temporary or permanent forwarding orders. Premium Forwarding Service is not available to customers whose primary address consists of a size three, four or five Post Office Box, subject to exceptions allowed by the Postal Service, or a centralized delivery point.~~

2630.2 Prices

	(\$)
<u>Online Enrollment (Commercial and Residential)</u>	<u>16.00</u>
<u>Retail Counter Enrollment (Residential Only)</u>	<u>17.00</u>
<u>Weekly Reshipment (Residential Only)</u>	<u>17.00</u>

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Special Services
Competitive Ancillary Services

2645 Competitive Ancillary Services**2645.1 Adult Signature**

2645.1.1 Description

- a. Adult Signature service provides electronic confirmation of the delivery or attempted delivery of the mailpiece, and, upon request, the recipient's signature, with two options:
- Adult Signature Required, which requires the signature of anyone 21 years of age or older at the recipient address; and
 - Adult Signature Restricted Delivery, which requires the signature of the addressee only, who must be 21 years of age or older.
- b. Photo identification of the mail recipient showing date of birth is required prior to delivery.
- c. The Postal Service maintains a record of delivery (which includes the recipient's signature) for a specified period of time.
- d. Adult Signature service is available with Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, and Parcel Select.

2645.1.2 Prices

	(\$)
Adult Signature Required	5.20
Adult Signature Restricted Delivery	5.45

2645.2 Package Intercept Service

2645.2.1 Description

- a. Package Intercept service allows a customer to request that the Postal Service intercept the customer's mail at the destination delivery unit based on the initial delivery address.
- b. Intercepted packages can be: (1) returned to sender; (2) held for pick up; or (3) redirected to an alternate domestic address. Intercepted packages will be shipped using Priority Mail.
- c. Package Intercept service is available with First-Class Mail, Package Services, Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, and Parcel Select.

2645.2.2 Prices

	(\$)
Package Intercept Service	11.50

PART C

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Pickup On Demand Service

A service which allows customers to schedule pickup of Priority Mail Express, Global Express Guaranteed, Priority Mail, Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service, and Standard Post (including Priority Mail and Standard Post sent with USPS Tracking or Signature Confirmation) mail from a home or business. Pickups may be regularly scheduled by agreement or provided on-call through the internet or a toll-free number. The price is per trip, regardless of the number of items scheduled for pickup.

PART D

COUNTRY PRICE LISTS FOR INTERNATIONAL MAIL

4000 COUNTRY PRICE LISTS FOR INTERNATIONAL MAIL

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive					IPA & ISAL ⁶
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages PMI ⁵		
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴			
A							
Afghanistan	6	6	6	-	6	<u>1519</u>	
Albania	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Algeria	8	8	4	8	8	<u>1519</u>	
Andorra	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1115</u>	
Angola	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Anguilla	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Antigua & Barbuda	9	9	7	-	9	<u>1317</u>	
Argentina	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1310</u>	
Armenia	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1519</u>	
Aruba	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Ascension	7	7	-	-	7	<u>1216</u>	
Australia	3	3	6	10	10	9	
Austria	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1112</u>	
Azerbaijan	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1519</u>	
B							
Bahamas	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Bahrain	8	8	6	8	8	<u>1519</u>	
Bangladesh	6	6	6	6	6	<u>1519</u>	
Barbados	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Belarus	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Belgium	5	5	3	5	5	<u>1112</u>	
Belize	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Benin	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Bermuda	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Bhutan	6	6	6	6	6	<u>1519</u>	
Bolivia	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Botswana	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Brazil	9	9	8	15	15	<u>1310</u>	
British Virgin Islands	9	9	7	-	9	<u>1317</u>	
Brunei Darussalam	6	6	4	6	6	<u>1418</u>	
Bulgaria	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Burkina Faso	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Burma (Myanmar)	6	6	-	-	6	<u>1519</u>	
Burundi	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive					IPA & ISAL ⁶
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages		
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴	PMI ⁵		
C							
Cambodia	6	6	8	6	6	1418	
Cameroon	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Canada	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Cape Verde	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Cayman Islands	9	9	7	9	9	1317	
Central African Republic	7	7	-	7	7	1519	
Chad	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Chile	9	9	8	9	9	1317	
China	3	3	6	14	14	14	
Colombia	9	9	8	9	9	1317	
Comoros	7	7	-	-	7	1519	
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Congo, Republic of the	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Costa Rica	9	9	8	9	9	1317	
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Croatia	4	4	4	4	4	1216	
Cuba	9	9	-	-	9	1317	
Curacao	9	9	7	9	9	17	
Cyprus	4	4	6	4	4	1519	
Czech Republic	4	4	4	4	4	1216	
D							
Denmark	5	5	5	5	5	1112	
Djibouti	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Dominica	9	9	7	9	9	1317	
Dominican Republic	9	9	7	9	9	1317	
E							
Ecuador	9	9	8	9	9	1317	
Egypt	8	8	6	8	8	1519	
El Salvador	9	9	8	9	9	1317	
Equatorial Guinea	7	7	-	7	7	1519	
Eritrea	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Estonia	4	4	4	4	4	1216	
Ethiopia	8	8	4	8	8	1519	

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive					IPA & ISAL ⁶
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages PMI ⁵		
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴			
F							
Falkland Islands	9	9	-	-	9	<u>1317</u>	
Faroe Islands	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1216</u>	
Fiji	6	6	8	6	6	<u>1418</u>	
Finland	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1112</u>	
France	5	5	3	13	13	5	
French Guiana	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
French Polynesia	6	6	4	6	6	<u>1418</u>	
G							
Gabon	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Gambia	7	7	4	-	7	<u>1519</u>	
Georgia, Republic of	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1519</u>	
Germany	5	5	3	16	16	4	
Ghana	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Gibraltar	5	5	4	-	5	<u>1115</u>	
Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5	5	3	11	11	3	
Greece	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1113</u>	
Greenland	5	5	5	-	5	<u>1115</u>	
Grenada	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Guadeloupe	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Guatemala	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Guinea	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Guinea-Bissau	7	7	-	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Guyana	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
H							
Haiti	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Honduras	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Hong Kong	3	3	3	3	3	<u>1411</u>	
Hungary	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
I							
Iceland	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1115</u>	
India	6	6	6	6	6	<u>1514</u>	
Indonesia	6	6	6	6	6	<u>1418</u>	
Iran	8	8	-	-	8	<u>1519</u>	
Iraq	8	8	6	8	8	<u>1519</u>	
Ireland (Eire)	5	5	3	5	5	<u>1113</u>	
Israel	5	5	6	8	8	<u>1113</u>	
Italy	5	5	3	5	5	7	

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive					IPA & ISAL ⁶
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages		
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴	PMI ⁵		
J							
Jamaica	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Japan	3	3	3	12	12	<u>106</u>	
Jordan	8	8	6	8	8	<u>1519</u>	
K							
Kazakhstan	6	6	4	6	6	<u>1519</u>	
Kenya	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Kiribati	6	6	-	-	6	<u>1418</u>	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North)	6	6	-	-	6	<u>1418</u>	
Korea, Republic of (South)	3	3	6	3	3	<u>1411</u>	
Kosovo	5	5	4	-	5	<u>1216</u>	
Kuwait	8	8	6	8	8	<u>1519</u>	
Kyrgyzstan	6	6	4	6	6	<u>1216</u>	
L							
Laos	6	6	8	6	6	<u>1418</u>	
Latvia	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Lebanon	8	8	6	-	8	<u>1519</u>	
Lesotho	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Liberia	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	
Libya	8	8	4	-	8	<u>1519</u>	
Liechtenstein	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1115</u>	
Lithuania	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Luxembourg	5	5	3	5	5	<u>1115</u>	

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive					IPA & ISAL ⁶
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages PMI ⁵		
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴			
M							
Macao	6	6	3	6	6	1216	
Macedonia, Republic of	4	4	4	4	4	1216	
Madagascar	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Malawi	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Malaysia	6	6	6	6	6	1418	
Maldives	6	6	6	6	6	1519	
Mali	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Malta	5	5	5	5	5	1519	
Martinique	9	9	7	9	9	1317	
Mauritania	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Mauritius	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Mexico	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Moldova	4	4	4	4	4	1519	
Mongolia	6	6	4	6	6	1418	
Montenegro	5	5	4	-	5	1317	
Montserrat	9	9	7	-	9	1317	
Morocco	8	8	4	8	8	1519	
Mozambique	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
N							
Namibia	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Nauru	6	6	-	6	6	1418	
Nepal	6	6	6	6	6	1418	
Netherlands	5	5	3	17	17	812	
Netherlands Antilles	9	9	7	9	9	13	
New Caledonia	6	6	8	6	6	1418	
New Zealand	6	6	6	10	10	119	
Nicaragua	9	9	8	9	9	1317	
Niger	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Nigeria	7	7	4	7	7	1519	
Norway	5	5	5	5	5	1112	
O							
Oman	8	8	6	8	8	1519	

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive					IPA & ISAL ⁶
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages PMI ⁵		
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴			
P							
Pakistan	6	6	6	6	6	<u>1519</u>	
Panama	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Papua New Guinea	6	6	8	6	6	<u>1418</u>	
Paraguay	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Peru	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>	
Philippines	6	6	6	6	6	14	
Pitcairn Island	6	6	-	-	6	<u>1418</u>	
Poland	4	4	4	4	4	12	
Portugal	5	5	5	5	5	<u>1113</u>	
Q							
Qatar	8	8	6	8	8	<u>1519</u>	
R							
Reunion	9	9	4	-	9	<u>1519</u>	
Romania	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Russia	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1216</u>	
Rwanda	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>	

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive					IPA & ISAL ⁶
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages PMI ⁵		
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴			
S							
St. Christopher (St. Kitts) & Nevis	9	9	7	9	9	<u>4317</u>	
Saint Helena	7	7	-	-	7	<u>4519</u>	
Saint Lucia	9	9	7	9	9	<u>4317</u>	
Saint Pierre & Miquelon	4	4	-	-	4	<u>4317</u>	
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	9	9	7	9	9	<u>4317</u>	
San Marino	5	5	3	5	5	<u>4412</u>	
Sao Tome & Principe	7	7	-	-	7	<u>4216</u>	
Saudi Arabia	8	8	4	8	8	<u>4519</u>	
Senegal	7	7	4	7	7	<u>4519</u>	
Serbia, Republic of	5	5	4	5	5	<u>4216</u>	
Seychelles	7	7	4	7	7	<u>4519</u>	
Sierra Leone	7	7	-	7	7	<u>4519</u>	
Singapore	6	6	3	6	6	<u>1411</u>	
<u>Sint Maarten</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	
Slovak Republic (Slovakia)	5	5	4	5	5	<u>4216</u>	
Slovenia	5	5	4	5	5	<u>4213</u>	
Solomon Islands	6	6	-	6	6	<u>4418</u>	
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-	<u>4519</u>	
South Africa	7	7	4	7	7	<u>4514</u>	
Spain	5	5	5	5	5	<u>448</u>	
Sri Lanka	6	6	6	6	6	<u>4519</u>	
Sudan	7	7	-	7	7	<u>4519</u>	
Suriname	9	9	8	-	9	<u>4317</u>	
Swaziland	7	7	4	7	7	<u>4519</u>	
Sweden	5	5	5	5	5	<u>4412</u>	
Switzerland	5	5	5	5	5	<u>612</u>	
Syrian Arab Republic (Syria)	8	8	-	8	8	<u>4519</u>	

Country	Market Dominant SPFCMI ¹	Competitive				
		FCPIS ²	International Expedited Services		International Packages PMI ⁵	IPA & ISAL ⁶
			GXG ³	PMEI ⁴		
T						
Taiwan	6	6	3	6	6	14
Tajikistan	6	6	-	6	6	<u>1519</u>
Tanzania	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>
Thailand	6	6	6	6	6	14
Timor—Leste, Democratic Republic of	6	6	6	-	6	<u>1418</u>
Togo	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>
Tonga	6	6	4	6	6	<u>1418</u>
Trinidad & Tobago	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>
Tristan da Cunha	7	7	-	-	7	<u>1519</u>
Tunisia	8	8	4	8	8	<u>1519</u>
Turkey	4	4	6	4	4	<u>1216</u>
Turkmenistan	6	6	-	6	6	<u>1216</u>
Turks & Caicos Islands	9	9	7	9	9	<u>1317</u>
Tuvalu	6	6	-	-	6	<u>1418</u>
U						
Uganda	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>
Ukraine	4	4	4	4	4	<u>1519</u>
United Arab Emirates	8	8	6	8	8	<u>1519</u>
Uruguay	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>
Uzbekistan	6	6	4	6	6	<u>1519</u>
V						
Vanuatu	6	6	8	6	6	<u>1418</u>
Vatican City	5	5	3	5	5	<u>1115</u>
Venezuela	9	9	8	9	9	<u>1317</u>
Vietnam	6	6	6	6	6	<u>1418</u>
W						
Wallis & Futuna Islands	6	6	4	-	6	<u>1418</u>
Western Samoa	6	6	-	6	6	<u>1418</u>
Y						
Yemen	8	8	6	8	8	<u>1519</u>
Z						
Zambia	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>
Zimbabwe	7	7	4	7	7	<u>1519</u>

Notes

1. SPFCMI = Single-Piece First-Class Mail International. The same Country Price Groups also apply to International Direct Sacks—M-Bags.
2. FCPIS = Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service.
3. GXG = Global Express Guaranteed
4. PMEI = Priority Mail Express International
5. PMI = Priority Mail International. Availability to certain destinations may be limited to flat rate envelopes and/or small flat rate boxes.
6. IPA = International Priority Airmail.
ISAL = International Surface Air Lift.
IPA and ISAL service is not available to all countries. See Individual Country Listings in the International Mail Manual for availability.



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Part III

The President

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Executive Order 13654—Establishing an Emergency Board To Investigate
Disputes Between the Long Island Rail Road Company and Certain of Its
Employees Represented by Certain Labor Organizations

Presidential Documents

Title 3—

Proclamation 9060 of November 21, 2013

The President

Day of Remembrance for President John F. Kennedy

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

A half century ago, America mourned the loss of an extraordinary public servant. With broad vision and soaring but sober idealism, President John F. Kennedy had called a generation to service and summoned a Nation to greatness. Today, we honor his memory and celebrate his enduring imprint on American history.

In his 3 years as President of the United States, John F. Kennedy weathered some of the most perilous tests of the Cold War and led America to the cusp of a bright new age. His leadership through the Cuban Missile Crisis remains the standard for American diplomacy at its finest. In a divided Berlin, he delivered a stirring defense of freedom that would echo through the ages, yet he also knew that we must advance human rights here at home. During his final year in office, he proposed a civil rights bill that called for an end to segregation in America. And recognizing women's basic right to earn a living equal to their efforts, he signed the Equal Pay Act into law.

While President Kennedy's life was tragically cut short, his vision lives on in the generations he inspired—volunteers who serve as ambassadors for peace in distant corners of the globe, scientists and engineers who reach for new heights in the face of impossible odds, innovators who set their sights on the new frontiers of our time. Today and in the decades to come, let us carry his legacy forward. Let us face today's tests by beckoning the spirit he embodied—that fearless, resilient, uniquely American character that has always driven our Nation to defy the odds, write our own destiny, and make the world anew.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, 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 November 22, 2013, as a Day of Remembrance for President John F. Kennedy. I call upon all Americans to honor his life and legacy with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. I also call upon Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, officials of the other territories subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on the Day of Remembrance for President John F. Kennedy. I further encourage all Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Barack Obama', written in a cursive style.

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Executive Order 13654 of November 21, 2013

Establishing an Emergency Board To Investigate Disputes Between the Long Island Rail Road Company and Certain of Its Employees Represented by Certain Labor Organizations

Disputes exist between the Long Island Rail Road Company (LIRR) and certain of its employees represented by certain labor organizations. The labor organizations involved in these disputes are designated on the attached list, which is made part of this order.

The disputes heretofore have not been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, 45 U.S.C. 151–188 (RLA).

A party empowered by the RLA has requested that the President establish an emergency board pursuant to section 9A of the RLA (45 U.S.C. 159a).

Section 9A(c) of the RLA provides that the President, upon such request, shall appoint an emergency board to investigate and report on the disputes.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 9A of the RLA, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Establishment of Emergency Board (Board).* There is established, effective 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on November 22, 2013, a Board of three members to be appointed by the President to investigate and report on these disputes. No member shall be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any organization of railroad employees or any carrier. The Board shall perform its functions subject to the availability of funds.

Sec. 2. *Report.* The Board shall report to the President with respect to the disputes within 30 days of its creation.

Sec. 3. *Maintaining Conditions.* As provided by section 9A(c) of the RLA, for 120 days from the date of the creation of the Board, no change in the conditions out of which the disputes arose shall be made by the parties to the controversy, except by agreement of the parties.

Sec. 4. *Records Maintenance.* The records and files of the Board are records of the Office of the President and upon the Board's termination shall be maintained in the physical custody of the National Mediation Board.

Sec. 5. *Expiration.* The Board shall terminate upon the submission of the report provided for in section 2 of this order.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
November 21, 2013.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
Independent Railway Supervisors Association International
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
National Conference of Firemen & Oilers/Service Employees
International Union
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Transportation Communications International Union
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and
Transportation Workers

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