DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING FAST ACT SECTION 61003—CRITICAL ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AND AMENDING CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION; AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION DATABASES TO THE COMMISSION; CORRECTION

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final rule (71 FR 29274) which published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, May 17, 2016 (81 FR 3462). The final rule amended the Commission’s regulations to implement provisions of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act that pertain to the designation, protection and sharing of Critical Electric Infrastructure Information.

DATES: Effective on June 16, 2016, and is applicable beginning December 21, 2016.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 17, 2016, the Commission issued a final rule in the above-captioned proceeding. This document corrects Footnote 6 in FR Doc 2016–28322, published in the Federal Register of December 21, 2016 (81 FR 93732), by adding the following citation on page 93733, in the first column: FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32.715.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

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Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis System

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system until March 21, 2022. The purpose of the SIMA system is to provide to the public statistical data on steel imports entering the United States roughly five weeks earlier than it would otherwise be available. Aggregate data collected from the steel import licenses are made available to the public on a weekly basis following review by the Department.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The SIMA system has operated under its current authority since March 21, 2005. Prior to that date, authority for steel import licensing and monitoring was derived from Proclamation 7529 of March 5, 2002 (67 FR 10553). Pursuant to sections 201 and 205 of the 1974 Trade Act, 19 U.S.C. 2251, 2253, Proclamation 7529 implemented safeguard measures with respect to certain imported steel products, placing temporary tariffs on these steel imports and providing the steel industry time to restructure. The monitoring system outlined in Proclamation 7529 required all importers of steel products to obtain a license from the Department prior to completing their customs entry summary documentation. This provided a monitoring tool to ensure that the effectiveness of the steel safeguard measures was not undermined by large quantities of imports originating from countries that were excluded from the tariffs.

In Proclamation 7741 of December 4, 2003 (68 FR 68483), the President terminated the steel safeguard measures, but directed the Secretary of Commerce to continue the monitoring system until the earlier of March 21, 2005, or such time as the Secretary of Commerce established a replacement program. On December 9, 2003, the Department published a notice stating that the system would continue in effect as described in Proclamation 7741 until March 21, 2005 (68 FR 68594). On August 25, 2004, the Department published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking soliciting comments from the public on whether to continue the monitoring system beyond March 21, 2005 (69 FR 52211). The Department changed the program’s name from the Steel Import Licensing and Surge Monitoring program to the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system. The name change was notified in the publication of the August 2004 advance notice (69 FR 52211). On March 11, 2005, the Department published an interim final rule responding to the comments received from the public and implementing a slightly expanded version of SIMA until March 21, 2009. That interim final rule was followed by the publication of the final rule on December 5, 2005 (70 FR 72373). On December 12, 2008, a proposed rule was published in the Federal Register (73 FR 75624) seeking an extension of the SIMA system through March 21, 2013 and asking for comments from the public. The Department received twelve comments from the public. The Commission issued a final rule on March 18, 2013 (78 FR 13756). Pursuant to section 205(d) of the Trade Act, the Department published a notice on March 19, 2013 (78 FR 13757) seeking additional comments from the public. The comment period expired on May 23, 2013.

On December 5, 2013, the Department published another interim final rule (78 FR 72439) extending the monitoring system until the earlier of March 21, 2015, or the effective date of any new program in accordance with Proclamation 7741. Pursuant to section 205(d) of the Trade Act, the Department published a notice on December 30, 2013 (78 Fr 80046) seeking additional comments from the public. The comment period expired on March 21, 2014.

On November 7, 2014, the Department published a final rule (79 FR 66228) extending the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis System until the earlier of March 21, 2017, or such time as the Department determines that the system is no longer necessary. Pursuant to section 205(d) of the Trade Act, the Department published a notice on November 14, 2014 (79 FR 68297) seeking additional comments from the public. The comment period expired on January 13, 2015.

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