

accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 29, 2017.  
**Donald Burger,**  
*Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.*

**SPECIAL PERMITS DATA**

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
11932-M .....	.....	THE BOEING COMPANY	172.301(c), 173.168(b), 173.168(d), 173.168(d)(1)(i), 173.168(f)(2)(ii).	To modify the permit to authorize an additional drawings and designs for modified aircraft sub-assemblies. (Mode 1).
14424-M .....	.....	CHART, INC .....	177.834(h) .....	To modify the special permit to authorize the use of a larger pressure vessel as part of a truck or trailer mounted refrigerated liquid gas (cryogenic) delivery unit. (Mode 1).
15647-M .....	.....	FIBA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	179.7, 180.505, 180.519(b)(6).	To modify the special permit to authorize visual inspection for certain tanks rather than hydrostatic testing. (Modes 1, 2).
20297-M .....	.....	CODYSALES, INC .....	172.203(a), 172.301(c), 173.302a(b), 180.205.	To modify the special permit to authorize the addition of Class 5.1 hazmat, to modify testing requirement for cylinders made of 6351 aluminum alloy, and to revise language in paragraph 7 for clarity. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
20356-M .....	.....	TESLA, INC .....	172.101(j) .....	To modify the special permit to authorize an increase in the number of cells which make up a battery module. (Mode 4).
14832-M .....	.....	TRINITY INDUSTRIES, INC.	172.203(a), 173.31(e)(2)(iii), 179.100-12(c).	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional toxic by inhalation material. (Mode 2).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, November 9, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Otis Simpson at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-3332.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee will

be held Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate must be made with Otis Simpson. For more information please contact Otis Simpson at 1-888-912-1227 or 202-317-3332, or write TAP Office, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224 or contact us at the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>. The agenda will include various IRS issues.

The agenda will include a discussion on various letters, and other issues related to written communications from the IRS.

Dated: October 4, 2017.

**Susan Jimerson,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8924**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 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. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning the excise tax on certain transfers of qualifying geothermal or mineral interests.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 11, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to L. Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Taquesha Cain, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Taquesha.R.Cain@irs.gov](mailto:Taquesha.R.Cain@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Excise Tax on Certain Transfers of Qualifying Geothermal or Mineral Interests.

*OMB Number:* 1545-2099.

*Form Number:* Forms 8924.

*Abstract:* Form 8924, Excise Tax on Certain Transfers of Qualifying Geothermal or Mineral Interests, is

required by Section 403 of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 which imposes an excise tax on certain transfers of qualifying mineral or geothermal interests.

*Current Actions:* There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 5 hours, 33 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 111.

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 4, 2017.

**L. Brimmer,**

*Senior Tax Analyst.*

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## UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

### Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In August 2017, the Commission indicated that one of its policy priorities would be the “[c]ontinuation of its multiyear study of offenses involving synthetic cathinones (such as methylone, MDPV, and mephedrone) and synthetic cannabinoids (such as JWH-018 and AM-2201), as well as tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), fentanyl, and fentanyl analogues, and consideration of appropriate guideline amendments, including simplifying the determination of the most closely related substance under Application Note 6 of the Commentary to § 2D1.1.” See 82 FR 39949 (Aug. 22, 2017). As part of its continuing work on this priority, the Commission is publishing this request for public comment on issues related to fentanyl and fentanyl analogues. The issues for comment are set forth in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** portion of this notice.

**DATES:** Public comment regarding the issues for comment set forth in this notice should be received by the Commission not later than November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comment should be sent to the Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address for public comment is *PublicComment@ussc.gov*. The regular mail address for public comment is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle, NE., Suite 2-500, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Leonard, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, (202) 502-4500, *pubaffairs@ussc.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

In August 2016, the Commission indicated that one of its priorities would be the “[s]tudy of offenses involving MDMA/ecstasy, synthetic cannabinoids (such as JWH-018 and AM-2201), and synthetic cathinones (such as Methylone, MDPV, and Mephedrone), and consideration of any amendments to the *Guidelines Manual* that may be appropriate in light of the information obtained from such study.” See U.S. Sentencing Comm’n, “Notice of Final Priorities,” 81 FR 58004 (Aug. 24, 2016). On August 17, 2017, the Commission revised the priority to study offenses involving synthetic cathinones (such as methylone, MDPV, and mephedrone) and synthetic cannabinoids (such as JWH-018 and AM-2201), as well as tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), fentanyl, and fentanyl analogues. See U.S. Sentencing Comm’n, “Notice of Final Priorities,” 82 FR 39949 (Aug. 22, 2017). The Commission also stated that, as part of the study, it would consider possible approaches to simplify the determination of the most closely related substance under Application Note 6 of the Commentary to § 2D1.1 (Unlawful Manufacturing, Importing, Exporting, or Trafficking (Including Possession with Intent to Commit These Offenses); Attempt or Conspiracy). The Commission expects to solicit comment several times during the study period from experts and other members of the public.

On December 19, 2016, the Commission published a notice inviting general comment on synthetic cathinones (MDPV, methylone, and mephedrone) and synthetic cannabinoids (JWH-018 and AM-2201), as well as about the application of the factors the Commission traditionally considers when determining the marijuana equivalencies for specific controlled substances to the substances under study. See U.S. Sentencing Comm’n, “Request for Public Comment,” 81 FR 92021 (Dec. 19, 2016).

On April 18, 2017, the Commission held a public hearing related to this priority. The Commission received testimony from experts on the synthetic drugs related to the study, including testimony about their chemical structure, pharmacological effects, trafficking patterns, and community impact.

On June 21, 2017, the Commission published a second notice requesting public comment on issues specifically related to MDMA/ecstasy and methylone, one of the synthetic cathinones included in the Commission’s study. See U.S. Sentencing Comm’n, “Request for