

and 19 CFR 151.13, that AmSpec LLC, 4117 Montgomery St., Savannah, GA 31405, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13.

AmSpec LLC (Savannah, GA) is approved for the following gauging

procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
3 .....	Tank Gauging.
7 .....	Temperature Determination.
8 .....	Sampling.
11 .....	Physical Properties Data.
12 .....	Calculations.
17 .....	Maritime Measurement.

AmSpec LLC (Savannah, GA) is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-01 .....	D287	Standard Test Method for API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products (Hydrometer Method).
27-02 .....	D1298	Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method.
27-03 .....	D4006	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oil by Distillation.
27-04 .....	D95	Standard Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation.
27-05 .....	D4928	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration.
27-06 .....	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method.
27-08 .....	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure.
27-11 .....	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity).
27-13 .....	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27-48 .....	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
27-50 .....	D93	Standard Test Methods for Flash-Point by Pensky-Martens Closed Cup Tester.
27-53 .....	D2709	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Middle Distillate Fuels by Centrifuge.
27-54 .....	D1796	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method.
27-58 .....	D5191	Standard Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method).

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov). Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories: <http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>.

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**Patricia Hawes Coleman,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**Approval of Freeboard International (Linden, NJ), as a Commercial Gauger**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of Freeboard International (Linden, NJ), as a commercial gauger.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Freeboard International (Linden, NJ), has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of August 7, 2018.

**DATES:** Freeboard International (Linden, NJ) was approved, as a commercial gauger as of August 7, 2018. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for August 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Justin Shey, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202-344-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, that Freeboard International, 2500 Brunswick Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 has

been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. Freeboard International (Linden, NJ) is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
1 .....	Vocabulary.
3 .....	Tank Gauging.
7 .....	Temperature Determination.
8 .....	Sampling.
12 .....	Calculations.
17 .....	Marine Measurement.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov). Please reference the website listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories: <http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-6166-N-01]

**Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under Section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2019, is 3 1/8 percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2019, is 3 3/8 percent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Olazabal, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 5146, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 402-4608 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or

initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of Section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning January 1, 2019, is 3 3/8 percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 3 3/8 percent for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2019. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the first 6 months of 2019.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	on or after	prior to
9 1/2	Jan. 1, 1980	July 1, 1980.
9 7/8	July 1, 1980	Jan. 1, 1981.
11 3/4	Jan. 1, 1981	July 1, 1981.
12 7/8	July 1, 1981	Jan. 1, 1982.
12 3/4	Jan. 1, 1982	Jan. 1, 1983.
10 1/4	Jan. 1, 1983	July 1, 1983.
10 3/8	July 1, 1983	Jan. 1, 1984.
11 1/2	Jan. 1, 1984	July 1, 1984.
13 3/8	July 1, 1984	Jan. 1, 1985.
11 5/8	Jan. 1, 1985	July 1, 1985.
11 1/8	July 1, 1985	Jan. 1, 1986.
10 1/4	Jan. 1, 1986	July 1, 1986.
8 1/4	July 1, 1986	Jan. 1 1987.
8	Jan. 1, 1987	July 1, 1987.
9	July 1, 1987	Jan. 1, 1988.
9 1/8	Jan. 1, 1988	July 1, 1988.
9 3/8	July 1, 1988	Jan. 1, 1989.
9 1/4	Jan. 1, 1989	July 1, 1989.
9	July 1, 1989	Jan. 1, 1990.
8 1/8	Jan. 1, 1990	July 1, 1990.
9	July 1, 1990	Jan. 1, 1991.
8 3/4	Jan. 1, 1991	July 1, 1991.
8 1/2	July 1, 1991	Jan. 1, 1992.
8	Jan. 1, 1992	July 1, 1992.
8	July 1, 1992	Jan. 1, 1993.

Effective interest rate	on or after	prior to
7 3/4	Jan. 1, 1993	July 1, 1993.
7	July 1, 1993	Jan. 1, 1994.
6 5/8	Jan. 1, 1994	July 1, 1994.
7 3/4	July 1, 1994	Jan. 1, 1995.
8 3/8	Jan. 1, 1995	July 1, 1995.
7 1/4	July 1, 1995	Jan. 1, 1996.
6 1/2	Jan. 1, 1996	July 1, 1996.
7 1/4	July 1, 1996	Jan. 1, 1997.
6 3/4	Jan. 1, 1997	July 1, 1997.
7 1/8	July 1, 1997	Jan. 1, 1998.
6 3/8	Jan. 1, 1998	July 1, 1998.
6 1/8	July 1, 1998	Jan. 1, 1999.
5 1/2	Jan. 1, 1999	July 1, 1999.
6 1/8	July 1, 1999	Jan. 1, 2000.
6 1/2	Jan. 1, 2000	July 1, 2000.
6 1/2	July 1, 2000	Jan. 1, 2001.
6	Jan. 1, 2001	July 1, 2001.
5 7/8	July 1, 2001	Jan. 1, 2002.
5 1/4	Jan. 1, 2002	July 1, 2002.
5 3/4	July 1, 2002	Jan. 1, 2003.
5	Jan. 1, 2003	July 1, 2003.
4 1/2	July 1, 2003	Jan. 1, 2004.
5 1/8	Jan. 1, 2004	July 1, 2004.
5 1/2	July 1, 2004	Jan. 1, 2005.
4 7/8	Jan. 1, 2005	July 1, 2005.
4 1/2	July 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2006.
4 7/8	Jan. 1, 2006	July 1, 2006.
5 3/8	July 1, 2006	Jan. 1, 2007.
4 3/4	Jan. 1, 2007	July 1, 2007.
5	July 1, 2007	Jan. 1, 2008.
4 1/2	Jan. 1, 2008	July 1, 2008.
4 5/8	July 1, 2008	Jan. 1, 2009.
4 1/8	Jan. 1, 2009	July 1, 2009.
4 1/8	July 1, 2009	Jan. 1, 2010.
4 1/4	Jan. 1, 2010	July 1, 2010.
4 1/8	July 1, 2010	Jan. 1, 2011.
3 7/8	Jan. 1, 2011	July 1, 2011.
4 1/8	July 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012.
2 7/8	Jan. 1, 2012	July 1, 2012.
2 3/4	July 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013.
2 1/2	Jan. 1, 2013	July 1, 2013.
2 7/8	July 1, 2013	Jan. 1, 2014.
3 5/8	Jan. 1, 2014	July 1, 2014.
3 1/4	July 1, 2014	Jan. 1, 2015.
3	Jan. 1, 2015	July 1, 2015.
2 7/8	July 1, 2015	Jan. 1, 2016.
2 7/8	Jan. 1, 2016	July 1, 2016.
2 1/2	July 1, 2016	Jan. 1, 2017.
2 3/4	Jan. 1, 2017	July 1, 2017.
2 7/8	July 1, 2017	Jan. 1, 2018.
2 3/4	Jan. 1, 2018	July 1, 2018.
3 1/8	July 1, 2018	Jan. 1, 2019.
3 3/8	Jan. 1, 2019	July 1, 2019.

Section 215 of Division G, Title II of Public Law 108-199, enacted January 23, 2004 (HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act) amended Section 224 of the Act, to change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash. Therefore, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under Section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found