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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1717

RIN 0572-AC40

Streamlining Electric Program Procedures

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or Agency) published a final rule in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2019, entitled “Streamlining Electric Program Procedures,” to make revisions to several regulations to streamline its procedures for Electric Program borrowers, including its loan application requirements, approval of work plans and load forecasts, use of approved contracts and system design procedures. The Agency found an error in this publication, after the published rule became effective. This document will correct the final regulation.

DATES: Effective on July 31, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

On July 9, 2019 (84 FR 32607), the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) issued a final rule entitled “Streamlining Electric Program Procedures,” to revise several regulations to streamline its procedures for Electric Program borrowers, including its loan application requirements, approval of work plans and load forecasts, use of approved contracts and system design procedures.

Inadvertently, revisions were made to the entire paragraph (c) of section

1717.856, which resulted in eliminating paragraphs (c)(1) through (4) instead of revising the introductory text only of paragraph (c). This document corrects the final regulation to add those portions that were removed by mistake.

List of Subject in 7 CFR Part 1717

Administrative practice and procedure, Electric power, Electric power rates, Electric Utilities, Intergovernmental relations, Investments, Loan program-energy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rural areas.

PART 1717—POST-LOAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMON TO INSURED AND GUARANTEED ELECTRIC LOANS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1717 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, 1921 *et seq.*, 6941 *et seq.*

Subpart R—Lien Accommodations and Subordinations for 100 Percent Private Financing

■ 2. Amend § 1717.856 by adding paragraph (c)(1) through (c)(4), to read as follows:

§ 1717.856 Application contents: Normal review—100 percent private financing.

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(c) * * *

(1) The borrower is current on all of its financial obligations and is in compliance with all requirements of its mortgage and loan agreement with RUS;

(2) In RUS’s judgment, granting a lien accommodation or subordination for the proposed loan will not adversely affect the repayment and security of outstanding debt of the borrower owed to or guaranteed by RUS;

(3) The borrower has achieved the TIER and DSC and any other coverage ratios required by its mortgage or loan contract in each of the two most recent calendar years; and

(4) The amount of the proposed loan does not exceed the lesser of \$10 million or 10 percent of the borrower’s current net utility plant;

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 13 and 406

Office of the Secretary

14 CFR Part 383

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

33 CFR Part 401

Maritime Administration

46 CFR Parts 221, 307, 340, and 356

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 107, 171, and 190

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Parts 209, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 270, and 272

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 386

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 578

RIN 2105-AE80

Revisions to Civil Penalty Amounts

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, this final rule provides the 2019 inflation adjustment to civil penalty amounts that may be imposed for violations of certain DOT regulations.

DATES: Effective July 31, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority for This Rulemaking**

This rule implements the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (FCPIAA), Public Law 101–410, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (2015 Act), Public Law 114–74, 129 Stat. 599, codified at 28 U.S.C. 2461 note. The FCPIAA and the 2015 Act require federal agencies to adjust minimum and maximum civil penalty amounts for inflation to preserve their deterrent impact. The 2015 Act amended the formula and frequency of inflation adjustments. It required an initial catch-up adjustment in the form of an interim final rule, followed by annual adjustments of civil penalty amounts using a statutorily mandated formula. Section 4(b)(2) of the 2015 Act specifically directs that the annual adjustment be accomplished through final rule without notice and comment. This rule is effective immediately.

The Department's authorities over the specific civil penalty regulations being amended by this rule are provided in the preamble discussion below.

I. Background

On November 2, 2015, the President signed into law the 2015 Act, which amended the FCPIAA, to improve the

effectiveness of civil monetary penalties and to maintain their deterrent effect. The 2015 Act requires federal agencies to: (1) Adjust the level of civil monetary penalties with an initial “catch-up” adjustment through an interim final rule (IFR); and (2) make subsequent annual adjustments for inflation.

The 2015 Act directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance on implementing the required annual inflation adjustment no later than December 15 of each year.¹ On December 14, 2018, OMB released this required guidance, in OMB Memorandum M–19–04, which provides instructions on how to calculate the 2019 annual adjustment. To derive the 2019 adjustment, the Department must multiply the maximum or minimum penalty amount by the percent change between the October 2018 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U) and the October 2017 CPI–U. In this case, as explained in OMB Memorandum M–19–04, the percent change between the October 2018 CPI–U and the October 2017 CPI–U is 1.02522.

II. Dispensing With Notice and Comment

This final rule is being published without notice and comment and with an immediate effective date.

The 2015 Act provides clear direction for how to adjust the civil penalties, and clearly states at section 4(b)(2) that this adjustment shall be made “notwithstanding section 553 of title 5, United States Code.” By operation of the 2015 Act, DOT must publish an annual adjustment by January 15 of every year, and the new levels take effect upon publication of the rule. Accordingly, DOT is publishing this final rule without prior notice and comment, and with an immediate effective date.

III. Discussion of the Final Rule

In 2016, OST and DOT's operating administrations with civil monetary penalties promulgated the “catch up” IFR required by the 2015 Act. All DOT operating administrations have already finalized their “catch up” IFRs and this rule makes the annual inflation adjustment required by the 2015 Act.

The Department emphasizes that this rule adjusts penalties prospectively, and therefore the penalty adjustments made by this rule will apply only to violations that take place after this rule becomes effective. This rule also does not change previously assessed or enforced penalties that DOT is actively collecting or has collected.

A. OST 2019 Adjustments

OST's 2019 civil penalty adjustments are summarized in the chart below.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
General civil penalty for violations of certain aviation economic regulations and statutes.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	\$33,333	\$34,174
General civil penalty for violations of certain aviation economic regulations and statutes involving an individual or small business concern.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	1,466	1,503
Civil penalties for individuals or small businesses for violations of most provisions of Chapter 401 of Title 49, including the anti-discrimination provisions of sections 40127 and 41705 and rules and orders issued pursuant to these provisions.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(A)	13,333	13,669
Civil penalties for individuals or small businesses for violations of 49 U.S.C. 41719 and rules and orders issued pursuant to that provision.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(C)	6,666	6,834
Civil penalties for individuals or small businesses for violations of 49 U.S.C. 41712 or consumer protection rules and orders issued pursuant to that provision.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(D)	3,334	3,418

B. FAA 2019 Adjustments

The FAA's 2019 adjustments are summarized in the chart below.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Violation of hazardous materials transportation law	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	\$79,976	\$81,993

¹ 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Violation of hazardous materials transportation law resulting in death, serious illness, severe injury, or substantial property destruction.	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(2)	186,610	191,316
Minimum penalty for violation of hazardous materials transportation law relating to training.	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(3)	481	493
Maximum penalty for violation of hazardous materials transportation law relating to training.	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(3)	79,976	81,993
Violation by a person other than an individual or small business concern under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)(A) or (B).	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	33,333	34,174
Violation by an airman serving as an airman under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)(A) or (B) (but not covered by 46301(a)(5)(A) or (B)).	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	1,466	1,501
Violation by an individual or small business concern under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)(A) or (B) (but not covered in 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)).	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	1,466	1,501
Violation by an individual or small business concern (except an airman serving as an airman) under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(A)(i) or (ii).	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(A)	13,333	13,669
Violation by an individual or small business concern related to the transportation of hazardous materials.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(i)	13,333	13,669
Violation by an individual or small business concern related to the registration or recordation under 49 U.S.C. chapter 441, of an aircraft not used to provide air transportation.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(ii)	13,333	13,669
Violation by an individual or small business concern of 49 U.S.C. 44718(d), relating to limitation on construction or establishment of landfills.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(iii)	13,333	13,669
Violation by an individual or small business concern of 49 U.S.C. 44725, relating to the safe disposal of life-limited aircraft parts.	49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(iv)	13,333	13,669
Tampering with a smoke alarm device	49 U.S.C. 46301(b)	4,280	4,388
Knowingly providing false information about alleged violation involving the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States.	49 U.S.C. 46302	23,246	23,832
Interference with cabin or flight crew	49 U.S.C. 46318	² 35,000	35,883
Permanent closure of an airport without providing sufficient notice.	49 U.S.C. 46319	13,333	13,669
Operating an unmanned aircraft and in so doing knowingly or recklessly interfering with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement, or emergency response effort.	49 U.S.C. 46320	20,408	20,923
Violation of 51 U.S.C. 50901–50923, a regulation issued under these statutes, or any term or condition of a license or permit issued or transferred under these statutes.	51 U.S.C. 50917(c)	234,247	240,155

In addition to the civil penalties listed in the above chart, FAA regulations also provide for maximum civil penalties for violation of 49 U.S.C. 47528–47530, relating to the prohibition of operating certain aircraft not complying with stage 3 noise levels. Those civil penalties are

identical to the civil penalties imposed under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1) and (a)(5), which are detailed in the above chart, and therefore, the noise-level civil penalties will be adjusted in the same

manner as the section 46301(a)(1) and (a)(5) civil penalties.

C. NHTSA 2019 Adjustments

NHTSA's 2019 civil penalty adjustments are summarized in the chart below.³

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Maximum penalty amount for each violation of the Safety Act	49 U.S.C. 30165(a)(1), 30165(a)(3).	\$21,780	\$22,329

² Congress amended § 46318 on October 5, 2018, to increase the statutory maximum from \$25,000 to \$35,000. FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115–254, section 339, 132 Stat. 3186, 3282. Accordingly, the inflation adjustment is being applied to this statutory maximum.

³ On December 28, 2016, NHTSA published a final rule regarding some aspects of its IFR

provisions regarding Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) penalties. 81 FR 95489 (Dec. 28, 2016). On July 12, 2017, NHTSA announced that it was reconsidering that final rule. 82 FR 32140 (July 12, 2017). Accordingly, the CAFE civil penalty provisions at 49 U.S.C. 32912(b)–(c) and 49 CFR 578.6(h)(2), which are the subject of the reconsideration, are not being adjusted in the final

rule promulgated herein. Instead, they will be addressed in a separate final rule for which an NPRM has been issued. 83 FR 13904 (Apr. 2, 2018). The provision in 49 CFR 578.6(h)(1), establishing the maximum civil penalty for each violation of 49 U.S.C. 32911(a), will also be addressed in that separate notice.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Maximum penalty amount for a related series of violations of the Safety Act.	49 U.S.C. 30165(a)(1), 30165(a)(3).	108,895,910	111,642,265
Maximum penalty per school bus related violation of the Safety Act	49 U.S.C. 30165(a)(2)(A)	12,383	12,695
Maximum penalty amount for a series of school bus related violations of the Safety Act.	49 U.S.C. 30165(a)(2)(B)	18,574,064	19,042,502
Maximum penalty per violation for filing false or misleading reports	49 U.S.C. 30165(a)(4)	5,332	5,466
Maximum penalty amount for a series of violations related to filing false or misleading reports.	49 U.S.C. 30165(a)(4)	1,066,340	1,093,233
Maximum penalty amount for each violation of the reporting requirements related to maintaining the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System.	49 U.S.C. 30505	1,739	1,783
Maximum penalty amount for each violation of a bumper standard under the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act (Pub. L. 92–513, 86 Stat. 953, (1972)).	49 U.S.C. 32507(a)	2,852	2,924
Maximum penalty amount for a series of violations of a bumper standard under the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act (Pub. L. 92–513, 86 Stat. 953, (1972)).	49 U.S.C. 32507(a)	3,176,131	3,256,233
Maximum penalty amount for each violation of 49 U.S.C. 32308(a) related to providing information on crashworthiness and damage susceptibility.	49 U.S.C. 32308(b)	2,852	2,924
Maximum penalty amount for a series of violations of 49 U.S.C. 32308(a) related to providing information on crashworthiness and damage susceptibility.	49 U.S.C. 32308(b)	1,555,656	1,594,890
Maximum penalty for each violation related to the tire fuel efficiency information program.	49 U.S.C. 32308(c)	59,029	60,518
Maximum civil penalty for willfully failing to affix, or failing to maintain, the label requirement in the American Automobile Labeling Act (Pub. L. 102–388, 106 Stat. 1556 (1992)).	49 U.S.C. 32309	1,739	1,783
Maximum penalty amount per violation related to odometer tampering and disclosure.	49 U.S.C. 32709	10,663	10,932
Maximum penalty amount for a related series of violations related to odometer tampering and disclosure.	49 U.S.C. 32709	1,066,340	1,093,233
Maximum penalty amount per violation related to odometer tampering and disclosure with intent to defraud.	49 U.S.C. 32710	10,663	10,932
Maximum penalty amount for each violation of the Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984 (Vehicle Theft Act), sec. 608, Public Law 98–547, 98 Stat. 2762 (1984).	49 U.S.C. 33115(a)	2,343	2,402
Maximum penalty amount for a related series of violations of the Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984 (Vehicle Theft Act), sec. 608, Public Law 98–547, 98 Stat. 2762 (1984).	49 U.S.C. 33115(a)	585,619	600,388
Maximum civil penalty for violations of the Anti-Car Theft Act (Pub. L. 102–519, 106 Stat. 3393 (1992)) related to operation of a chop shop.	49 U.S.C. 33115(b)	173,951	178,338
Maximum civil penalty for a violation under the medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fuel efficiency program.	49 U.S.C. 32902	40,852	41,882

D. FMCSA 2019 Adjustments

FMCSA's civil penalties affected by this rule are all located in Appendices

A and B to 49 CFR part 386. The 2019 adjustments to these civil penalties are summarized in the chart below.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Appendix A II Subpoena	49 U.S.C. 525	\$1,066	\$1,093
Appendix A II Subpoena	49 U.S.C. 525	10,663	10,932
Appendix A IV (a) Out-of-service order (operation of CMV by driver).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(7)	1,848	1,895
Appendix A IV (b) Out-of-service order (requiring or permitting operation of CMV by driver).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(7))	18,477	18,943
Appendix A IV (c) Out-of-service order (operation by driver of CMV or intermodal equipment that was placed out of service).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(7)	1,848	1,895
Appendix A IV (d) Out-of-service order (requiring or permitting operation of CMV or intermodal equipment that was placed out of service).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(7)	18,477	18,943
Appendix A IV (e) Out-of-service order (failure to return written certification of correction).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(B)	924	947

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Appendix A IV (g) Out-of-service order (failure to cease operations as ordered).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(F)	26,659	27,331
Appendix A IV (h) Out-of-service order (operating in violation of order).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(7)	23,426	24,017
Appendix A IV (i) Out-of-service order (conducting operations during suspension or revocation for failure to pay penalties).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(A) and (b)(7))	15,040	15,419
Appendix A IV (j) (conducting operations during suspension or revocation).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(7)	23,426	24,017
Appendix B (a)(1) Recordkeeping—maximum penalty per day.	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(B)(i)	1,239	1,270
Appendix B (a)(1) Recordkeeping—maximum total penalty.	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(B)(i)	12,383	12,695
Appendix B (a)(2) Knowing falsification of records	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(B)(ii)	12,383	12,695
Appendix B (a)(3) Non-recordkeeping violations	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(A)	15,040	15,419
Appendix B (a)(4) Non-recordkeeping violations by drivers.	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(A)	3,760	3,855
Appendix B (a)(5) Violation of 49 CFR 392.5 (first conviction).	49 U.S.C. 31310(i)(2)(A)	3,096	3,174
Appendix B (a)(5) Violation of 49 CFR 392.5 (second or subsequent conviction).	49 U.S.C. 31310(i)(2)(A)	6,192	6,348
Appendix B (b) Commercial driver's license (CDL) violations.	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(C)	5,591	5,732
Appendix B (b)(1): Special penalties pertaining to violation of out-of-service orders (first conviction).	49 U.S.C. 31310(i)(2)(A)	3,096	3,174
Appendix B (b)(1) Special penalties pertaining to violation of out-of-service orders (second or subsequent conviction).	49 U.S.C. 31310(i)(2)(A)	6,192	6,348
Appendix B (b)(2) Employer violations pertaining to knowingly allowing, authorizing employee violations of out-of-service order (minimum penalty).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(C)	5,591	5,732
Appendix B (b)(2) Employer violations pertaining to knowingly allowing, authorizing employee violations of out-of-service order (maximum penalty).	49 U.S.C. 31310(i)(2)(C)	30,956	31,737
Appendix B (b)(3) Special penalties pertaining to railroad-highway grade crossing violations.	49 U.S.C. 31310(j)(2)(B)	16,048	16,453
Appendix B (d) Financial responsibility violations	49 U.S.C. 31138(d)(1), 31139(g)(1)	16,499	16,915
Appendix B (e)(1) Violations of Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) and Safety Permitting Regulations (transportation or shipment of hazardous materials).	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	79,976	81,993
Appendix B (e)(2) Violations of Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) and Safety Permitting Regulations (training)—minimum penalty.	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(3)	481	493
Appendix B (e)(2): Violations of Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) and Safety Permitting Regulations (training)—maximum penalty.	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	79,976	81,993
Appendix B (e)(3) Violations of Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) and Safety Permitting Regulations (packaging or container).	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	79,976	81,993
Appendix B (e)(4): Violations of Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) and Safety Permitting Regulations (compliance with FMCSRs).	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	79,976	81,993
Appendix B (e)(5) Violations of Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) and Safety Permitting Regulations (death, serious illness, severe injury to persons; destruction of property).	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(2)	186,610	191,316
Appendix B (f)(1) Operating after being declared unfit by assignment of a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating (generally).	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(F)	26,659	27,331
Appendix B (f)(2) Operating after being declared unfit by assignment of a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating (hazardous materials)—maximum penalty.	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	79,976	81,993
Appendix B (f)(2): Operating after being declared unfit by assignment of a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating (hazardous materials)—maximum penalty if death, serious illness, severe injury to persons; destruction of property.	49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(2)	186,610	191,316
Appendix B (g)(1): Violations of the commercial regulations (CR) (property carriers).	49 U.S.C. 14901(a)	10,663	10,932
Appendix B (g)(2) Violations of the CRs (brokers)	49 U.S.C. 14916(c)	10,663	10,932
Appendix B (g)(3) Violations of the CRs (passenger carriers).	49 U.S.C. 14901(a)	26,659	27,331

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Appendix B (g)(4) Violations of the CRs (foreign motor carriers, foreign motor private carriers).	49 U.S.C. 14901(a)	10,663	10,932
Appendix B (g)(5) Violations of the CRs (foreign motor carriers, foreign motor private carriers before implementation of North American Free Trade Agreement land transportation provisions)—maximum penalty for intentional violation.	49 U.S.C. 14901 note	14,664	15,034
Appendix B (g)(5) Violations of the CRs (foreign motor carriers, foreign motor private carriers before implementation of North American Free Trade Agreement land transportation provisions)—maximum penalty for a pattern of intentional violations.	49 U.S.C. 14901 note	36,662	37,587
Appendix B (g)(6) Violations of the CRs (motor carrier or broker for transportation of hazardous wastes)—minimum penalty.	49 U.S.C. 14901(b)	21,327	21,865
Appendix B (g)(6) Violations of the CRs (motor carrier or broker for transportation of hazardous wastes)—maximum penalty.	49 U.S.C. 14901(b)	42,654	43,730
Appendix B (g)(7): Violations of the CRs (HHG carrier or freight forwarder, or their receiver or trustee).	49 U.S.C. 14901(d)(1)	1,604	1,644
Appendix B (g)(8) Violation of the CRs (weight of HHG shipment, charging for services)—minimum penalty for first violation.	49 U.S.C. 14901(e)	3,210	3,291
Appendix B (g)(8) Violation of the CRs (weight of HHG shipment, charging for services) subsequent violation.	49 U.S.C. 14901(e)	8,025	8,227
Appendix B (g)(10) Tariff violations	49 U.S.C. 13702, 14903	160,484	164,531
Appendix B (g)(11) Additional tariff violations (rebates or concessions)—first violation.	49 U.S.C. 14904(a)	320	328
Appendix B (g)(11) Additional tariff violations (rebates or concessions)—subsequent violations.	49 U.S.C. 14904(a)	401	411
Appendix B (g)(12): Tariff violations (freight forwarders)—maximum penalty for first violation.	49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(1)	803	823
Appendix B (g)(12): Tariff violations (freight forwarders)—maximum penalty for subsequent violations.	49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(1)	3,210	3,291
Appendix B (g)(13): Service from freight forwarder at less than rate in effect—maximum penalty for first violation.	49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(2)	803	823
Appendix B (g)(13): Service from freight forwarder at less than rate in effect—maximum penalty for subsequent violation(s).	49 U.S.C. 14904(b)(2)	3,210	3,291
Appendix B (g)(14): Violations related to loading and unloading motor vehicles.	49 U.S.C. 14905	16,048	16,453
Appendix B (g)(16): Reporting and recordkeeping under 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part B (except 13901 and 13902(c))—minimum penalty.	49 U.S.C. 14901	1,066	1,093
Appendix B (g)(16): Reporting and recordkeeping under 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part B—maximum penalty.	49 U.S.C. 14907	8,025	8,227
Appendix B (g)(17): Unauthorized disclosure of information.	49 U.S.C. 14908	3,210	3,291
Appendix B (g)(18): Violation of 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part B, or condition of registration.	49 U.S.C. 14910	803	823
Appendix B (g)(21)(i): Knowingly and willfully fails to deliver or unload HHG at destination.	49 U.S.C. 14905	16,048	16,453
Appendix B (g)(22): HHG broker estimate before entering into an agreement with a motor carrier.	49 U.S.C. 14901(d)(2)	12,383	12,695
Appendix B (g)(23): HHG transportation or broker services—registration requirement.	49 U.S.C. 14901 (d)(3)	30,956	31,737
Appendix B (h): Copying of records and access to equipment, lands, and buildings—maximum penalty per day.	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(E)	1,239	1,270
Appendix B (h): Copying of records and access to equipment, lands, and buildings—maximum total penalty.	49 U.S.C. 521(b)(2)(E)	12,383	12,695
Appendix B (i)(1): Evasion of regulations under 49 U.S.C. ch. 5, 51, subchapter III of 311 (except 31138 and 31139), 31302–31304, 31305(b), 31310(g)(1)(A), 31502—minimum penalty for first violation.	49 U.S.C. 524	2,133	2,187
Appendix B (i)(1): Evasion of regulations under 49 U.S.C. ch. 5, 51, subchapter III of 311 (except 31138 and 31139), 31302–31304, 31305(b), 31310(g)(1)(A), 31502—maximum penalty for first violation.	49 U.S.C. 524	5,332	5,466
Appendix B (i)(1): Evasion of regulations under 49 U.S.C. ch. 5, 51, subchapter III of 311 (except 31138 and 31139), 31302–31304, 31305(b), 31310(g)(1)(A), 31502—minimum penalty for subsequent violation(s).	49 U.S.C. 524	2,665	2,732

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Appendix B (i)(1): Evasion of regulations under 49 U.S.C. ch. 5, 51, subchapter III of 311 (except 31138 and 31139), 31302–31304, 31305(b), 31310(g)(1)(A), 31502—maximum penalty for subsequent violation(s).	49 U.S.C. 524	7,997	8,199
Appendix B (i)(2): Evasion of regulations under 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part B—minimum penalty for first violation.	49 U.S.C. 14906	2,133	2,187
Appendix B (i)(2): Evasion of regulations under 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part B—minimum penalty for subsequent violation(s).	49 U.S.C. 14906	5,332	5,466

E. FRA 2019 Adjustments

FRA's 2019 civil penalty adjustments are summarized in the chart below.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Minimum rail safety penalty	49 U.S.C. ch. 213	\$870	\$892
Ordinary maximum rail safety penalty	49 U.S.C. ch. 213	28,474	29,192
Maximum penalty for an aggravated rail safety violation ..	49 U.S.C. ch. 213	113,894	116,766
Minimum penalty for hazardous materials training violations.	49 U.S.C. 5123	481	493
Maximum penalty for ordinary hazardous materials violations.	49 U.S.C. 5123	79,976	81,993
Maximum penalty for aggravated hazardous materials violations.	49 U.S.C. 5123	186,610	191,316

F. PHMSA 2019 Adjustments

PHMSA's 2019 civil penalty adjustments are summarized in the chart below.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Maximum penalty for hazardous materials violation	49 U.S.C. 5123	\$79,976	\$81,993
Maximum penalty for hazardous materials violation that results in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person or substantial destruction of property.	49 U.S.C. 5123	186,610	191,316
Minimum penalty for hazardous materials training violations.	49 U.S.C. 5123	481	493
Maximum penalty for each pipeline safety violation	49 U.S.C. 60122(a)(1)	213,268	218,647
Maximum penalty for a related series of pipeline safety violations.	49 U.S.C. 60122(a)(1)	2,132,679	2,186,465
Maximum penalty for liquefied natural gas pipeline safety violation.	49 U.S.C. 60122(a)(2)	77,910	79,875
Maximum penalty for discrimination against employees providing pipeline safety information.	49 U.S.C. 60122(a)(3)	1,239	1,270

G. MARAD 2019 Adjustments

MARAD's 2019 civil penalty adjustments are summarized in the chart below.

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Maximum civil penalty for a single violation of any provision under 46 U.S.C. Chapter 313 and all of Subtitle III related MARAD regulations, except for violations of 46 U.S.C. 31329.	46 U.S.C. 31309	\$20,521	\$21,038

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Maximum civil penalty for a single violation of 46 U.S.C. 31329 as it relates to the court sales of documented vessels.	46 U.S.C. 31330	51,302	52,596
Maximum civil penalty for a single violation of 46 U.S.C. 56101 as it relates to approvals required to transfer a vessel to a noncitizen.	46 U.S.C. 56101(e)	19,639	21,134
Maximum civil penalty for failure to file an AMVER report	46 U.S.C. 50113(b)	130	133
Maximum civil penalty for violating procedures for the use and allocation of shipping services, port facilities and services for national security and national defense operations.	50 U.S.C. 4513	25,928	26,582
Maximum civil penalty for violations in applying for or renewing a vessel's fishery endorsement.	46 U.S.C. 12151	150,404	154,197

H. SLSDC 2019 Adjustments

SLSDC's 2019 civil penalty adjustment is as follows:

Description	Citation	Existing penalty	New penalty (existing penalty × 1.02522)
Maximum civil penalty for each violation of the Seaway Rules and Regulations at 33 CFR part 401.	33 U.S.C. 1232	\$91,901	\$94,219

Regulatory Analysis and Notices

A. Executive Order 12866 and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

This final rule has been evaluated in accordance with existing policies and procedures and is considered not significant under Executive Orders 12866 or DOT's Regulatory Policies and Procedures; therefore, the rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Department has determined the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) does not apply to this rulemaking. The RFA applies, in pertinent part, only when "an agency is required . . . to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." 5 U.S.C. 604(a).⁴ The Small Business Administration's *A Guide for Government Agencies: How to Comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act* (2012), explains that:

If, under the APA or any rule of general applicability governing federal grants to state and local governments, the agency is required to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), the RFA must be considered [citing 5 U.S.C. 604(a)]. . . . If

an NPRM is not required, the RFA does not apply.

As stated above, DOT has determined that good cause exists to publish this final rule without notice and comment procedures under the APA. Therefore, the RFA does not apply.

C. Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

This final rule has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 ("Federalism"). This regulation has no substantial direct effects on the States, the relationship between the national government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. It does not contain any provision that imposes substantial direct compliance costs on State and local governments. It does not contain any new provision that preempts state law, because states are already preempted from regulating in this area under the Airline Deregulation Act, 49 U.S.C. 41713. Therefore, the consultation and funding requirements of Executive Order 13132 do not apply.

D. Executive Order 13175

This final rule has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments. Because none of the measures in the rule have tribal implications or impose substantial direct compliance costs on

Indian tribal governments, the funding and consultation requirements of Executive Order 13175 do not apply.

E. Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing notice of and a 60-day comment period on, and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. This final rule imposes no new information reporting or record keeping necessitating clearance by OMB.

F. National Environmental Policy Act

The Department has analyzed the environmental impacts of this final rule pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) and has determined that it is categorically excluded pursuant to DOT Order 5610.1C, Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts (44 FR 56420, Oct. 1, 1979 as amended July 13, 1982 and July 30, 1985). Categorical exclusions are actions identified in an agency's NEPA implementing procedures that do not normally have a significant impact on the environment and therefore do not require either an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). See 40 CFR 1508.4. In analyzing the applicability of a categorical exclusion, the agency must also consider whether

⁴ Under 5 U.S.C. 603(a), the Regulatory Flexibility Act also applies when an agency "publishes a notice of proposed rulemaking for an interpretative rule involving the internal revenue laws of the United States." However, this rule does not involve the internal revenue laws of the United States.

extraordinary circumstances are present that would warrant the preparation of an EA or EIS. *Id.* Paragraph 4(c)(5) of DOT Order 5610.1C incorporates by reference the categorical exclusions for all DOT Operating Administrations. This action qualifies for a categorical exclusion in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, (80 FR 44208, July 24, 2015), paragraph 5–6.6.f, which covers regulations not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts. The Department does not anticipate any environmental impacts, and there are no extraordinary circumstances present in connection with this final rule.

G. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Department analyzed the final rule under the factors in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. The Department considered whether the rule includes a federal mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100,000,000 or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. The Department has determined that this final rule will not result in such expenditures. Accordingly, this final rule is not subject to the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

H. Executive Order 13771

Executive Order 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs,” does not apply to this action because it is nonsignificant; therefore, it is not subject to the “2 for 1” and budgeting requirements.

List of Subjects

14 CFR Part 13

Administrative practice and procedure, Air transportation, Hazardous materials transportation, Investigations, Law enforcement, Penalties.

14 CFR Part 383

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties.

14 CFR Part 406

Administrative procedure and review, Commercial space transportation, Enforcement, Investigations, Penalties, Rules of adjudication.

33 CFR Part 401

Hazardous materials transportation, Navigation (water), Penalties, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels, Waterways.

46 CFR Part 221

Administrative practice and procedure, Maritime carriers, Mortgages, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Trusts and trustees.

46 CFR Part 307

Marine safety, Maritime carriers, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 340

Harbors, Maritime carriers, National defense, Packaging and containers.

46 CFR Part 356

Citizenship and naturalization, Fishing vessels, Mortgages, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

49 CFR Part 107

Administrative practices and procedure, Hazardous materials transportation, Packaging and containers, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 171

Definitions, General information, Regulations

49 CFR Part 190

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Pipeline safety.

49 CFR Part 209

Administrative practice and procedure, Hazardous materials transportation, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 213

Bridges, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 214

Bridges, Occupational safety and health, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 215

Freight, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 216

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 217

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 218

Occupational safety and health, Penalties, Railroad employees, Railroad

safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 219

Alcohol abuse, Drug abuse, Drug testing, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Safety, Transportation.

49 CFR Part 220

Penalties, Radio, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 221

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 222

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 223

Glazing standards, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 224

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 225

Investigations, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 227

Noise control, Occupational safety and health, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 228

Penalties, Railroad employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 229

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 230

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 231

Penalties, Railroad safety.

49 CFR Part 232

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 233

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 234

Highway safety, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping

requirements, State and local governments.

49 CFR Part 235

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Railroad safety, Railroad signals, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 236

Penalties, Positive Train Control, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 237

Bridges, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 238

Incorporation by reference, Passenger Equipment, Fire prevention, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 239

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 240

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Railroad employees, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 241

Communications, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 242

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Railroad employees, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 243

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Railroad employees, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 244

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

49 CFR Part 270

Penalties, Railroad safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, System safety.

49 CFR Part 272

Penalties, Railroad employees, Railroad safety, Railroads, Safety, Transportation.

49 CFR Part 386

Administrative procedures, Commercial motor vehicle safety, Highways and roads, Motor carriers, Penalties.

49 CFR Part 578

Imports, Motor vehicle safety, Motor vehicles, Rubber and Rubber Products, Tires, Penalties.

Accordingly, the Department of Transportation amends 14 CFR chapters

II and III, 33 CFR part 401, 46 CFR chapter II, and 49 CFR chapters I, II, III, and V as follows:

Title 14—Aeronautics and Space

PART 13—INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 13 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 18 U.S.C. 6002, 28 U.S.C. 2461 (note); 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 5121–5124, 40113–40114, 44103–44106, 44701–44703, 44709–44710, 44713, 44725, 46101–46111, 46301, 46302 (for a violation of 49 U.S.C. 46504), 46304–46316, 46318, 46501–46502, 46504–46507, 47106, 47107, 47111, 47122, 47306, 47531–47532; 49 CFR 1.83.

■ 2. Revise § 13.301 to read as follows:

§ 13.301 Inflation adjustments of civil monetary penalties.

(a) This subpart provides the maximum civil monetary penalties or range of minimum and maximum civil monetary penalties for each statutory civil penalty subject to FAA jurisdiction, as adjusted for inflation.

(b) Each adjustment to a maximum civil monetary penalty or to minimum and maximum civil monetary penalties that establish a civil monetary penalty range applies to actions initiated under this part for violations occurring on or after July 31, 2019, notwithstanding references to specific civil penalty amounts elsewhere in this part.

(c) Minimum and maximum civil monetary penalties are as follows:

TABLE 1 TO § 13.301: MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY AMOUNTS FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS

United States Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2018 minimum penalty amount	New minimum penalty amount for violations occurring on or after 07/31/2019, adjusted for inflation	2018 maximum penalty amount	New maximum penalty amount for violations occurring on or after 07/31/2019, adjusted for inflation
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	Violation of hazardous materials transportation law.	N/A	N/A	\$79,976	\$81,993.
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(2)	Violation of hazardous materials transportation law resulting in death, serious illness, severe injury, or substantial property destruction.	N/A	N/A	\$186,610	\$191,316.
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(3)	Violation of hazardous materials transportation law relating to training.	\$481	\$493	\$79,976	\$81,993.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	Violation by a person other than an individual or small business concern under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)(A) or (B).	N/A	N/A	\$33,333	\$34,174.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	Violation by an airman serving as an airman under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)(A) or (B) (but not covered by 46301(a)(5)(A) or (B)).	N/A	N/A	\$1,466	\$1,501.

TABLE 1 TO § 13.301: MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY AMOUNTS FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS—
Continued

United States Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2018 minimum penalty amount	New minimum penalty amount for violations occurring on or after 07/31/2019, adjusted for inflation	2018 maximum penalty amount	New maximum penalty amount for violations occurring on or after 07/31/2019, adjusted for inflation
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)	Violation by an individual or small business concern under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1)(A) or (B) (but not covered in 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)).	N/A	N/A	\$1,466	\$1,501.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(3)	Violation of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) (or any assurance made under such section) or 49 U.S.C. 47133.	N/A	N/A	Increase above otherwise applicable maximum amount not to exceed 3 times the amount of revenues that are used in violation of such section.	No change.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(A)	Violation by an individual or small business concern (except an airman serving as an airman) under 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(A)(i) or (ii).	N/A	N/A	\$13,333	\$13,669.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(i)	Violation by an individual or small business concern related to the transportation of hazardous materials.	N/A	N/A	\$13,333	\$13,669.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(ii)	Violation by an individual or small business concern related to the registration or recordation under 49 U.S.C. chapter 441, of an aircraft not used to provide air transportation.	N/A	N/A	\$13,333	\$13,669.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(iii)	Violation by an individual or small business concern of 49 U.S.C. 44718(d), relating to limitation on construction or establishment of landfills.	N/A	N/A	\$13,333	\$13,669.
49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(B)(iv)	Violation by an individual or small business concern of 49 U.S.C. 44725, relating to the safe disposal of life-limited aircraft parts.	N/A	N/A	\$13,333	\$13,669.
49 U.S.C. 46301(b)	Tampering with a smoke alarm device.	N/A	N/A	\$4,280	\$4,388.
49 U.S.C. 46302	Knowingly providing false information about alleged violation involving the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States.	N/A	N/A	\$23,246	\$23,832.
49 U.S.C. 46318	Interference with cabin or flight crew.	N/A	N/A	\$35,440	\$35,883.
49 U.S.C. 46319	Permanent closure of an airport without providing sufficient notice.	N/A	N/A	\$13,333	\$13,669.
49 U.S.C. 46320	Operating an unmanned aircraft and in so doing knowingly or recklessly interfering with a wildfire suppression, law enforcement, or emergency response effort.	N/A	N/A	\$20,408	\$20,923.
49 U.S.C. 47531	Violation of 49 U.S.C. 47528–47530, relating to the prohibition of operating certain aircraft not complying with stage 3 noise levels.	N/A	N/A	See 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1) and (a)(5), above.	See 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1) and (a)(5), above.

■ 3. Part 383 is revised to read as follows:

PART 383—CIVIL PENALTIES

Sec.

- 383.1 Purpose and periodic adjustment.
383.2 Amount of penalty.

Authority: Sec. 701, Pub. L. 114–74, 129 Stat. 584; Sec. 503, Pub. L. 108–176, 117 Stat. 2490; Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890; Sec. 31001, Pub. L. 104–134.

§ 383.1 Purpose and periodic adjustment.

(a) *Purpose.* This part adjusts the civil penalty liability amounts prescribed in 49 U.S.C. 46301(a) for inflation in accordance with the Act cited in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Periodic adjustment.* DOT will periodically adjust the maximum civil penalties set forth in 49 U.S.C. 46301 and this part as required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

§ 383.2 Amount of penalty.

Civil penalties payable to the U.S. Government for violations of Title 49, Chapters 401 through 421, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 46301(a), are as follows:

(a) A general civil penalty of not more than \$34,174 (or \$1,503 for individuals or small businesses) applies to violations of statutory provisions and rules or orders issued under those provisions, other than those listed in paragraph (b) of this section, (*see* 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(1));

(b) With respect to small businesses and individuals, notwithstanding the general \$1,466 civil penalty, the following civil penalty limits apply:

(1) A maximum civil penalty of \$13,669 applies for violations of most provisions of Chapter 401, including the anti-discrimination provisions of sections 40127 (general provision), and 41705 (discrimination against the disabled) and rules and orders issued pursuant to those provisions (*see* 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(A));

(2) A maximum civil penalty of \$6,834 applies for violations of section 41719 and rules and orders issued pursuant to that provision (*see* 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(C)); and

(3) A maximum civil penalty of \$3,418 applies for violations of section 41712 or consumer protection rules or orders (*see* 49 U.S.C. 46301(a)(5)(D)).

PART 406—INVESTIGATIONS, ENFORCEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

■ 4. The authority citation for part 406 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 51 U.S.C. 50901–50923.

■ 5. Amend § 406.9 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 406.9 Civil penalties.

(a) *Civil penalty liability.* Under 51 U.S.C. 50917(c), a person found by the FAA to have violated a requirement of the Act, or any term or condition of a license or permit issued or transferred under the Act, is liable to the United States for a civil penalty of not more than \$240,155 for each violation. A separate violation occurs for each day the violation continues.

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Title 33—Navigation and Navigable Waters

PART 401—SEAWAY REGULATIONS AND RULES

Subpart A—Regulations

■ 6. The authority citation for subpart A of part 401 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 981–990, 1231 and 1232, 49 CFR 1.52, unless otherwise noted.

■ 7. Amend § 401.102 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 401.101 Criminal penalty.

(a) A person, as described in § 401.101(b) who violates a regulation is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$94,219.

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Title 46—Shipping

PART 221—REGULATED TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING DOCUMENTED VESSELS AND OTHER MARITIME INTERESTS

■ 8. The authority citation for part 221 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. chs. 301, 313, and 561; Pub. L. 114–74; 49 CFR 1.93.

■ 9. Section 221.61 is revised to read as follows:

§ 221.61 Compliance.

(a) This subpart describes procedures for the administration of civil penalties that the Maritime Administration may assess under 46 U.S.C. 31309, 31330, and 56101, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 336.

(b) Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 31309, a general penalty of not more than \$21,038 may be assessed for each violation of chapter 313 or 46 U.S.C. subtitle III administered by the Maritime Administration, and the regulations in this part that are promulgated thereunder, except that a person violating 46 U.S.C. 31329 and the

regulations promulgated thereunder is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$52,596 for each violation. A person that charters, sells, transfers or mortgages a vessel, or an interest therein, in violation of 46 U.S.C. 56101(e) is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$21,134 for each violation.

PART 307—ESTABLISHMENT OF MANDATORY POSITION REPORTING SYSTEM FOR VESSELS

■ 10. The authority citation for part 307 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 109–304; 46 U.S.C. 50113; Pub. L. 114–74; 49 CFR 1.93.

■ 11. Section 307.19 is revised to read as follows:

§ 307.19 Penalties.

The owner or operator of a vessel in the waterborne foreign commerce of the United States is subject to a penalty of \$133.00 for each day of failure to file an AMVER report required by this part. Such penalty shall constitute a lien upon the vessel, and such vessel may be libeled in the district court of the United States in which the vessel may be found.

PART 340—PRIORITY USE AND ALLOCATION OF SHIPPING SERVICES, CONTAINERS AND CHASSIS, AND PORT FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE RELATED OPERATIONS

■ 12. The authority citation for part 340 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. 4501 *et seq.* (“The Defense Production Act”); Executive Order 13603 (77 FR 16651); Executive Order 12656 (53 FR 47491); Pub. L. 114–74; 49 CFR 1.45; 49 CFR 1.93(l).

■ 13. Section 340.9 is revised to read as follows:

§ 340.9 Compliance.

Pursuant 50 U.S.C. 4513 any person who willfully performs any act prohibited, or willfully fails to perform any act required, by the provisions of this regulation shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$26,582 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

PART 356—REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS OF 100 FEET OR GREATER IN REGISTERED LENGTH TO OBTAIN A FISHERY ENDORSEMENT TO THE VESSEL’S DOCUMENTATION

■ 14. The authority citation for part 356 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 12102; 46 U.S.C. 12151; 46 U.S.C. 31322; Pub. L. 105–277, division C, title II, subtitle I, section 203 (46 U.S.C. 12102 note), section 210(e), and section 213(g), 112 Stat. 2681; Pub. L. 107–20, section 2202, 115 Stat. 168–170; Pub. L. 114–74; 49 CFR 1.93.

■ 15. Amend § 356.49 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 356.49 Penalties.

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(b) A fine of up to \$154,197 may be assessed against the vessel owner for each day in which such vessel has engaged in fishing (as such term is defined in section 3 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802) within the exclusive economic zone of the United States; and

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Title 49—Transportation

PART 107—HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAM PROCEDURES

■ 16. The authority citation for part 107 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5101–5128, 44701; Pub. L. 101–410 section 4; Pub. L. 104–121, sections 212–213; Pub. L. 104–134, section 31001; Pub. L. 114–74 section 4 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); 49 CFR 1.81 and 1.97; 33 U.S.C. 1321(b).

■ 17. Section 107.329 is revised to read as follows:

§ 107.329 Maximum penalties.

(a) A person who knowingly violates a requirement of the Federal hazardous material transportation law, an order issued thereunder, this subchapter, subchapter C of the chapter, or a special permit or approval issued under this subchapter applicable to the transportation of hazardous materials or the causing of them to be transported or shipped is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$81,993 for each violation, except the maximum civil penalty is \$191,316 if the violation results in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person or substantial destruction of property. There is no minimum civil penalty, except for a minimum civil penalty of \$493 for violations relating to training. When the violation is a continuing one, each day of the violation constitutes a separate offense.

(b) A person who knowingly violates a requirement of the Federal hazardous material transportation law, an order issued thereunder, this subchapter, subchapter C of the chapter, or a special permit or approval issued under this subchapter applicable to the design, manufacture, fabrication, inspection,

marking, maintenance, reconditioning, repair or testing of a package, container, or packaging component which is represented, marked, certified, or sold by that person as qualified for use in the transportation of hazardous materials in commerce is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$81,993 for each violation, except the maximum civil penalty is \$191,316 if the violation results in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person or substantial destruction of property. There is no minimum civil penalty, except for a minimum civil penalty of \$493 for violations relating to training.

■ 18. In appendix A to subpart D of part 107, section II, following the table, under “B. Penalty Increases for Multiple Counts”, the first sentence of the second paragraph is revised to read as follows:

Appendix A to Subpart D of Part 107—Guidelines for Civil Penalties

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II. * * *

B. * * *

Under the Federal hazmat law, 49 U.S.C. 5123(a), each violation of the HMR and each day of a continuing violation (except for violations relating to packaging manufacture or qualification) is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$81,993 or \$191,316 for a violation occurring on or after July 31, 2019. * * *

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PART 171—GENERAL INFORMATION, REGULATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

■ 19. The authority citation for part 171 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5101–5128, 44701; Pub. L. 101–410 section 4; Pub. L. 104–134, section 31001; Pub. L. 114–74 section 4 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); 49 CFR 1.81 and 1.97.

■ 20. Amend § 171.1 by revising paragraph (g) to read as follows:

§ 171.1 Applicability of Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to persons and functions.

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(g) *Penalties for noncompliance.* Each person who knowingly violates a requirement of the Federal hazardous material transportation law, an order issued under Federal hazardous material transportation law, subchapter A of this chapter, or a special permit or approval issued under subchapter A or C of this chapter is liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$81,993 for each violation, except the maximum civil penalty is \$191,316 if the violation results in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person or substantial destruction of property. There is no minimum civil penalty, except for a minimum civil penalty of \$493 for a violation relating to training.

PART 190—PIPELINE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY PROCEDURES

■ 21a. The authority citation for part 190 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(b); 49 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.*

■ 21b. Amend § 190.223 by revising paragraphs (a) through (d) to read as follows:

§ 190.223 Maximum penalties.

(a) Any person found to have violated a provision of 49 U.S.C. 60101, *et seq.*, or any regulation or order issued thereunder, is subject to an administrative civil penalty not to exceed \$218,647 for each violation for each day the violation continues, with a maximum administrative civil penalty not to exceed \$2,186,465 for any related series of violations.

(b) Any person found to have violated a provision of 33 U.S.C. 1321(j), or any regulation or order issued thereunder, is subject to an administrative civil penalty under 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6), as adjusted by 40 CFR 19.4.

(c) Any person found to have violated any standard or order under 49 U.S.C. 60103 is subject to an administrative civil penalty not to exceed \$79,875, which may be in addition to other penalties to which such person may be subject under paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) Any person who is determined to have violated any standard or order under 49 U.S.C. 60129 is subject to an administrative civil penalty not to exceed \$1,270, which may be in addition to other penalties to which such person may be subject under paragraph (a) of this section.

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PART 209—RAILROAD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

■ 22. The authority citation for part 209 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 5123, 5124, 20103, 20107, 20111, 20112, 20114; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

■ 23. Amend § 209.103 by revising paragraphs (a) and (c) to read as follows:

§ 209.103 Minimum and maximum penalties.

(a) A person who knowingly violates a requirement of the Federal hazardous materials transportation laws, an order issued thereunder, subchapter A or C of chapter I, subtitle B, of this title, or a special permit or approval issued under subchapter A or C of chapter I, subtitle B, of this title is liable for a civil penalty

of not more than \$81,993 for each violation, except that—

(1) The maximum civil penalty for a violation is \$191,316 if the violation results in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person, or substantial destruction of property and

(2) A minimum \$493 civil penalty applies to a violation related to training.

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(c) The maximum and minimum civil penalties described in paragraph (a) of this section apply to violations occurring on or after July 31, 2019.

■ 24. Amend § 209.105 by revising the last sentence of paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 209.105 Notice of probable violation.

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(c) * * * In an amended notice, FRA may change the civil penalty amount proposed to be assessed up to and including the maximum penalty amount of \$81,993 for each violation, except that if the violation results in death, serious illness or severe injury to any person, or substantial destruction of property, FRA may change the penalty amount proposed to be assessed up to and including the maximum penalty amount of \$191,316.

§ 209.409 [Amended]

■ 25. Amend § 209.409 as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

■ 26. In appendix A to part 209, amend the section “Penalty Schedules; Assessment of Maximum Penalties” by:

■ a. Adding a sentence to the end of the sixth paragraph;

■ b. Revising the fourth sentence of the seventh paragraph; and

■ c. Revising the first sentence of the tenth paragraph.

The addition and revisions read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 209—Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Enforcement of the Federal Railroad Safety Laws

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Penalty Schedules; Assessment of Maximum Penalties

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* * * Effective July 31, 2019, the minimum civil monetary penalty was raised from \$870 to \$892, the ordinary maximum civil monetary penalty was raised from \$28,474 to \$29,192, and the aggravated maximum civil monetary penalty was raised from \$113,894 to \$116,766.

* * * For each regulation or order, the schedule shows two amounts within the \$892 to \$29,192 range in separate columns, the first for ordinary violations, the second for willful violations (whether committed by railroads or individuals). * * *

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Accordingly, under each of the schedules (ordinarily in a footnote), and regardless of the fact that a lesser amount might be shown in both columns of the schedule, FRA reserves the right to assess the statutory maximum penalty of up to \$116,766 per violation where a pattern of repeated violations or a grossly negligent violation has created an imminent hazard of death or injury or has caused death or injury. * * *

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■ 27. Amend appendix B to part 209 in the introductory text by revising the second sentence of the first paragraph, the last sentence of the second paragraph, and the fifth sentence of the third paragraph to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 209—Federal Railroad Administration Guidelines for Initial Hazardous Materials Assessments

* * * The guideline penalty amounts reflect the best judgment of the FRA Office of Railroad Safety (RRS) and of the Safety Law Division of the Office of Chief Counsel (RCC) on the relative severity of the various violations routinely encountered by FRA inspectors on a scale of amounts up to the maximum \$81,993 penalty, except the maximum civil penalty is \$191,316 if the violation results in death, serious illness or severe injury to any person, or substantial destruction of property, and a minimum \$493 penalty applies to a violation related to training. * * *

* * * When a violation of the Federal hazardous material transportation law, an order issued thereunder, the Hazardous Materials Regulations or a special permit, approval, or order issued under those regulations results in death, serious illness or severe injury to any person, or substantial destruction of property, a maximum penalty of at least \$81,993 and up to and including \$191,316 shall always be assessed initially.

* * * In fact, FRA reserves the express authority to amend the NOPV to seek a penalty of up to \$81,993 for each violation, and up to \$191,316 for any violation resulting in death, serious illness or severe injury to any person, or substantial destruction of property, at any time prior to issuance of an order. * * *

PART 213—TRACK SAFETY STANDARDS

■ 28. The authority citation for part 213 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20114 and 20142; Sec. 403, Div. A, Public Law 110–432, 122 Stat. 4885; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 213.15 [Amended]

■ 29. In § 213.15, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 214—RAILROAD WORKPLACE SAFETY

■ 30. The authority citation for part 214 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 21301, 21304, 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 214.5 [Amended]

■ 31. Amend § 214.5 as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 215—RAILROAD FREIGHT CAR SAFETY STANDARDS

■ 32. The authority citation for part 215 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107; 28 U.S.C. 241, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 215.7 [Amended]

■ 33. Amend § 215.7 as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 216—SPECIAL NOTICE AND EMERGENCY ORDER PROCEDURES: RAILROAD TRACK, LOCOMOTIVE AND EQUIPMENT

■ 34. The authority citation for part 216 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20104, 20107, 20111, 20133, 20701–20702, 21301–21302, 21304; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 216.7 [Amended]

■ 35. Amend § 216.7 as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 217—RAILROAD OPERATING RULES

- 36. The authority citation for part 217 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 217.5 [Amended]

- 37. Amend § 217.5 as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 218—RAILROAD OPERATING PRACTICES

- 38. The authority citation for part 218 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 218.9 [Amended]

- 39. Amend § 218.9 as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 219—CONTROL OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

- 40. The authority citation for part 219 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20140, 21301, 21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; Sec. 412, Div. A, Pub. L. 110-432, 122 Stat. 4889 (49 U.S.C. 20140, note); and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 219.10 [Amended]

- 41. In § 219.10, amend as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 220—RAILROAD COMMUNICATIONS

- 42. The authority citation for part 220 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20103, 20103, note, 20107, 21301–21302, 20701–20703,

21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 220.7 [Amended]

- 43. Amend § 220.7 as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 221—REAR END MARKING DEVICE—PASSENGER, COMMUTER AND FREIGHT TRAINS

- 44. The authority citation for part 221 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 221.7 [Amended]

- 45. Amend § 221.7 as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 222—USE OF LOCOMOTIVE HORNS AT PUBLIC HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS

- 46. The authority citation for part 222 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20153, 21301, 21304; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 222.11 [Amended]

- 47. Amend § 222.11 as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 223—SAFETY GLAZING STANDARDS—LOCOMOTIVES, PASSENGER CARS AND CABOOSSES

- 48. The authority citation for part 223 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20103, 20133, 20701–20702, 21301–21302, 21304; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 223.7 [Amended]

- 49. Amend § 223.7 as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 224—REFLECTORIZATION OF RAIL FREIGHT ROLLING STOCK

- 50. The authority citation for part 224 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20148 and 21301; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 224.11 [Amended]

- 51. In § 224.11, amend paragraph (a) as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 225—RAILROAD ACCIDENTS/ INCIDENTS: REPORTS CLASSIFICATION, AND INVESTIGATIONS

- 52. The authority citation for part 225 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 103, 322(a), 20103, 20107, 20901–20902, 21301, 21302, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 225.29 [Amended]

- 53. Amend § 225.29 as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 227—OCCUPATIONAL NOISE EXPOSURE

- 54. The authority citation for part 227 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20103, note, 20701–20702; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 227.9 [Amended]

- 55. In § 227.9, amend paragraph (a) as follows:
 - a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
 - b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
 - c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 228—PASSENGER TRAIN EMPLOYEE HOURS OF SERVICE; RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING; SLEEPING QUARTERS

■ 56. The authority citation for part 228 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 103, 20103, 20107, 21101–21109; Sec. 108, Div. A, Public Law 110–432, 122 Stat. 4860–4866, 4893–4894; 49 U.S.C. 21301, 21303, 21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 228.6 [Amended]

■ 57. In § 228.6, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

■ 58. In appendix A to part 228, below the heading “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” amend the “Penalty” paragraph by adding a sentence at the end of the paragraph to read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 228—Requirements of the Hours of Service Act: Statement of Agency Policy and Interpretation

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General Provisions

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Penalty. * * * Effective July 31, 2019, the minimum civil monetary penalty was raised from \$870 to \$892, the ordinary maximum civil monetary penalty was raised from \$28,474 to \$29,192, and the aggravated maximum civil monetary penalty was raised from \$113,894 to \$116,766.

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PART 229—RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE SAFETY STANDARDS

■ 59. The authority citation for part 229 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 103, 322(a), 20103, 20107, 20901–02, 21301, 21301, 21302, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 229.7 [Amended]

■ 60. In § 229.7, amend paragraph (b) as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 230—STEAM LOCOMOTIVE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

■ 61. The authority citation for part 230 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20702; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 230.4 [Amended]

■ 62. In § 230.4, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 231—RAILROAD SAFETY APPLIANCE STANDARDS

■ 63. The authority citation for part 231 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20103, 20107, 20131, 20301–20303, 21301–21302, 21304; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 231.0 [Amended]

■ 64. In § 231.0, amend paragraph (f) as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 232—BRAKE SYSTEM SAFETY STANDARDS FOR FREIGHT AND OTHER NON-PASSENGER TRAINS AND EQUIPMENT; END-OF-TRAIN DEVICES

■ 65. The authority citation for part 232 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20103, 20107, 20133, 20141, 20301–20303, 20306, 21301–21302, 21304; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 232.11 [Amended]

■ 66. In § 232.11, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 233—SIGNAL SYSTEMS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

■ 67. The authority citation for part 233 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 504, 522, 20103, 20107, 20501–20505, 21301, 21302, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 233.11 [Amended]

■ 68. Amend § 233.11 as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 234—GRADE CROSSING SAFETY

■ 69. The authority citation for part 234 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20152, 20160, 21301, 21304, 21311, 22501 note; Pub. L. 110–432, Div. A., Sec. 202, 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 234.6 [Amended]

■ 70. In § 234.6, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 235—INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF A DISCONTINUANCE OR MATERIAL MODIFICATION OF A SIGNAL SYSTEM OR RELIEF FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 236

■ 71. The authority citation for part 235 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 235.9 [Amended]

■ 72. Amend § 235.9 as follows:

■ a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;

■ b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and

■ c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 236—RULES, STANDARDS, AND INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING THE INSTALLATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF SIGNAL AND TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEMS, DEVICES, AND APPLIANCES

■ 73. The authority citation for part 236 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20103, 20107, 20133, 20141, 20157, 20301–20303, 20306, 20501–20505, 20701–20703, 21301–21302, 21304; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 236.0 [Amended]

■ 74. In § 236.0, amend paragraph (f) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 237—BRIDGE SAFETY STANDARDS

■ 75. The authority citation for part 237 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20114; Public Law 110–432, Div. A, Sec. 417; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 237.7 [Amended]

■ 76. In § 237.7, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 238—PASSENGER EQUIPMENT SAFETY STANDARDS

■ 77. The authority citation for part 238 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20133, 20141, 20302–20303, 20306, 20701–20702, 21301–21302, 21304; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 238.11 [Amended]

■ 78. In § 238.11, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 239—PASSENGER TRAIN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

■ 79. The authority citation for part 239 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20103, 20105–20114, 20133, 21301, 21304, and 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 239.11 [Amended]

■ 80. Amend § 239.11 as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 240—QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

■ 81. The authority citation for part 240 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20135, 21301, 21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 240.11 [Amended]

■ 82. In § 240.11, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 241—UNITED STATES LOCATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR DISPATCHING OF UNITED STATES RAIL OPERATIONS

■ 83. The authority citation for part 241 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 21301, 21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 241.15 [Amended]

■ 84. In § 241.15, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 242—QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF CONDUCTORS

■ 85. The authority citation for part 242 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20135, 20138, 20162, 20163, 21301, 21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 242.11 [Amended]

■ 86. In § 242.11, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 243—TRAINING, QUALIFICATION, AND OVERSIGHT FOR SAFETY-RELATED RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

■ 87. The authority citation for part 243 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20131–20155, 20162, 20301–20306, 20701–20702, 21301–21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 243.7 [Amended]

■ 88. In § 243.7, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 244—REGULATIONS ON SAFETY INTEGRATION PLANS GOVERNING RAILROAD CONSOLIDATIONS, MERGERS, AND ACQUISITIONS OF CONTROL

■ 89. The authority citation for part 244 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 21301; 5 U.S.C. 553 and 559; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 244.5 [Amended]

■ 90. In § 244.5, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”; and
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 270—SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM

■ 91. The authority citation for part 270 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20106–20107, 20118–20119, 20156, 21301, 21304, 21311; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.89.

§ 270.7 [Amended]

■ 92. In § 270.7, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”;
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 272—CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS PLANS

■ 93. The authority citation for part 272 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 20103, 20107, 20109, note; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; 49 CFR 1.89; and sec. 410, Div. A, Pub. L. 110–432, 122 Stat. 4888.

§ 272.11 [Amended]

■ 94. In § 272.11, amend paragraph (a) as follows:

- a. Remove the dollar amount “\$870” and add in its place “\$892”;
- b. Remove the dollar amount “\$28,474” and add in its place “\$29,192”;
- c. Remove the dollar amount “\$113,894” and add in its place “\$116,766”.

PART 386—RULES OF PRACTICE FOR FMCSA PROCEEDINGS

■ 95. The authority citation for part 386 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 113; chapters 5, 51, 131–141, 145–149, 311, 313, and 315; Sec. 204, Pub. L. 104–88, 109 Stat. 803, 941 (49 U.S.C. 701 note); Sec. 217, Pub. L. 105–159, 113 Stat. 1748, 1767; Sec. 206, Pub. L. 106–159, 113 Stat. 1763; subtitle B, title IV of Pub. L. 109–59; Sec. 701 of Pub. L. 114–74, 129 Stat. 599 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); 49 CFR 1.81 and 1.87.

■ 96. Amend Appendix A to part 386 by revising the introductory text and sections II, IV.a. through e., and IV.g. through j. to read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 386—Penalty Schedule: Violations of Notices and Orders

The Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 [Pub. L. 114–74, sec. 701, 129 Stat. 599] amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 to require agencies to adjust civil penalties for inflation. Pursuant to that authority, the inflation adjusted civil penalties identified in this appendix supersede the corresponding civil penalty amounts identified in title 49, United States Code.

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II. Subpoena

Violation—Failure to respond to Agency subpoena to appear and testify or produce records.

Penalty—minimum of \$1,093 but not more than \$10,932 per violation.

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IV. Out-of-Service Order

a. Violation—Operation of a commercial vehicle by a driver during the period the driver was placed out of service.

Penalty—Up to \$1,895 per violation.

(For purposes of this violation, the term “driver” means an operator of a commercial motor vehicle, including an independent contractor who, while in the course of operating a commercial motor vehicle, is employed or used by another person.)

b. Violation—Requiring or permitting a driver to operate a commercial vehicle during the period the driver was placed out of service.

Penalty—Up to \$18,943 per violation.

(This violation applies to motor carriers including an independent contractor who is not a “driver,” as defined under paragraph IV(a) above.)

c. Violation—Operation of a commercial motor vehicle or intermodal equipment by a driver after the vehicle or intermodal equipment was placed out-of-service and before the required repairs are made.

Penalty—\$1,895 each time the vehicle or intermodal equipment is so operated.

(This violation applies to drivers as defined in IV(a) above.)

d. Violation—Requiring or permitting the operation of a commercial motor vehicle or intermodal equipment placed out-of-service before the required repairs are made.

Penalty—Up to \$18,943 each time the vehicle or intermodal equipment is so operated after notice of the defect is received.

(This violation applies to intermodal equipment providers and motor carriers, including an independent owner operator who is not a “driver,” as defined in IV(a) above.)

e. Violation—Failure to return written certification of correction as required by the out-of-service order.

Penalty—Up to \$947 per violation.

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g. Violation—Operating in violation of an order issued under § 386.72(b) to cease all or part of the employer's commercial motor vehicle operations or to cease part of an intermodal equipment provider's operations, i.e., failure to cease operations as ordered.

Penalty—Up to \$27,331 per day the operation continues after the effective date and time of the order to cease.

h. Violation—Operating in violation of an order issued under § 386.73.

Penalty—Up to \$24,017 per day the operation continues after the effective date and time of the out-of-service order.

i. Violation—Conducting operations during a period of suspension under § 386.83 or § 386.84 for failure to pay penalties.

Penalty—Up to \$15,419 for each day that operations are conducted during the suspension or revocation period.

j. Violation—Conducting operations during a period of suspension or revocation under

§ 385.911, § 385.913, § 385.1009 or § 385.1011.

Penalty—Up to \$24,017 for each day that operations are conducted during the suspension or revocation period.

■ 97. Amend Appendix B to part 386 by revising the introductory text and paragraphs (a)(1) through (5), (b), (d) through (f), (g) introductory text, (g)(1) through (8), (g)(10) through (14), (g)(16) through (18), (g)(21)(i), (g)(22) and (23), (h), and (i) to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 386—Penalty Schedule: Violations and Monetary Penalties

The Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 [Pub. L. 114–74, sec. 701, 129 Stat. 599] amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 to require agencies to adjust civil penalties for inflation. Pursuant to that authority, the inflation adjusted civil penalties identified in this appendix supersede the corresponding civil penalty amounts identified in title 49, United States Code.

What are the types of violations and maximum monetary penalties?

(a) * * *

(1) *Recordkeeping.* A person or entity that fails to prepare or maintain a record required by parts 40, 382, 385, and 390–99 of this subchapter, or prepares or maintains a required record that is incomplete, inaccurate, or false, is subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$1,270 for each day the violation continues, up to \$12,695.

(2) *Knowing falsification of records.* A person or entity that knowingly falsifies, destroys, mutilates, or changes a report or record required by parts 382, 385, and 390–99 of this subchapter, knowingly makes or causes to be made a false or incomplete record about an operation or business fact or transaction, or knowingly makes, prepares, or preserves a record in violation of a regulation order of the Secretary is subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$12,695 if such action misrepresents a fact that constitutes a violation other than a reporting or recordkeeping violation.

(3) *Non-recordkeeping violations.* A person or entity that violates parts 382, 385, or 390–99 of this subchapter, except a recordkeeping requirement, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$15,419 for each violation.

(4) *Non-recordkeeping violations by drivers.* A driver who violates parts 382, 385, and 390–99 of this subchapter, except a recordkeeping violation, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$3,855.

(5) *Violation of 49 CFR 392.5.* A driver placed out of service for 24 hours for violating the alcohol prohibitions of 49 CFR 392.5(a) or (b) who drives during that period is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$3,174 for a first conviction and not less than \$6,348 for a second or subsequent conviction.

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(b) *Commercial driver's license (CDL) violations.* Any person who violates 49 CFR part 383, subparts B, C, E, F, G, or H, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,732; except:

(1) A CDL-holder who is convicted of violating an out-of-service order shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$3,174 for a first conviction and not less than \$6,348 for a second or subsequent conviction;

(2) An employer of a CDL-holder who knowingly allows, requires, permits, or authorizes an employee to operate a CMV during any period in which the CDL-holder is subject to an out-of-service order, is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$5,732 or more than \$31,737; and

(3) An employer of a CDL-holder who knowingly allows, requires, permits, or authorizes that CDL-holder to operate a CMV in violation of a Federal, State, or local law or regulation pertaining to railroad-highway grade crossings is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$16,453.

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(d) *Financial responsibility violations.* A motor carrier that fails to maintain the levels of financial responsibility prescribed by Part 387 of this subchapter or any person (except an employee who acts without knowledge) who knowingly violates the rules of Part 387 subparts A and B is subject to a maximum penalty of \$16,915. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate offense.

(e) *Violations of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs) and Safety Permitting Regulations found in Subpart E of Part 385.* This paragraph applies to violations by motor carriers, drivers, shippers and other persons who transport hazardous materials on the highway in commercial motor vehicles or cause hazardous materials to be so transported.

(1) All knowing violations of 49 U.S.C. chapter 51 or orders or regulations issued under the authority of that chapter applicable to the transportation or shipment of hazardous materials by commercial motor vehicle on the highways are subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$81,993 for each violation. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate offense.

(2) All knowing violations of 49 U.S.C. chapter 51 or orders or regulations issued under the authority of that chapter applicable to training related to the transportation or shipment of hazardous materials by commercial motor vehicle on the highways are subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$493 and not more than \$81,993 for each violation.

(3) All knowing violations of 49 U.S.C. chapter 51 or orders, regulations or exemptions under the authority of that chapter applicable to the manufacture, fabrication, marking, maintenance, reconditioning, repair, or testing of a packaging or container that is represented, marked, certified, or sold as being qualified for use in the transportation or shipment of hazardous materials by commercial motor vehicle on the highways are subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$81,993 for each violation.

(4) Whenever regulations issued under the authority of 49 U.S.C. chapter 51 require compliance with the FMCSRs while transporting hazardous materials, any violations of the FMCSRs will be considered a violation of the HMRs and subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$81,993.

(5) If any violation subject to the civil penalties set out in paragraphs (e)(1) through (4) of this appendix results in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person or in substantial destruction of property, the civil penalty may be increased to not more than \$191,316 for each offense.

(f) *Operating after being declared unfit by assignment of a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating.* (1) A motor carrier operating a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce (except owners or operators of commercial motor vehicles designed or used to transport hazardous materials for which placarding of a motor vehicle is required under regulations prescribed under 49 U.S.C. chapter 51) is subject, after being placed out of service because of receiving a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating, to a civil penalty of not more than \$27,331 (49 CFR 385.13). Each day the transportation continues in violation of a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating constitutes a separate offense.

(2) A motor carrier operating a commercial motor vehicle designed or used to transport hazardous materials for which placarding of a motor vehicle is required under regulations prescribed under 49 U.S.C. chapter 51 is subject, after being placed out of service because of receiving a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating, to a civil penalty of not more than \$81,993 for each offense. If the violation results in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person or in substantial destruction of property, the civil penalty may be increased to not more than \$191,316 for each offense. Each day the transportation continues in violation of a final "unsatisfactory" safety rating constitutes a separate offense.

(g) *Violations of the commercial regulations (CRs).* Penalties for violations of the CRs are specified in 49 U.S.C. chapter 149. These penalties relate to transportation subject to the Secretary's jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. chapter 135. Unless otherwise noted, a separate violation occurs for each day the violation continues.

(1) A person who operates as a motor carrier for the transportation of property in violation of the registration requirements of 49 U.S.C. 13901 is liable for a minimum penalty of \$10,931 per violation.

(2) A person who knowingly operates as a broker in violation of registration requirements of 49 U.S.C. 13904 or financial security requirements of 49 U.S.C. 13906 is liable for a penalty not to exceed \$10,931 for each violation.

(3) A person who operates as a motor carrier of passengers in violation of the registration requirements of 49 U.S.C. 13901 is liable for a minimum penalty of \$27,331 per violation.

(4) A person who operates as a foreign motor carrier or foreign motor private carrier of property in violation of the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902(c) is liable for a minimum penalty of \$10,932 per violation.

(5) A person who operates as a foreign motor carrier or foreign motor private carrier without authority, before the implementation of the land transportation provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement, outside the boundaries of a commercial zone

along the United States-Mexico border, is liable for a maximum penalty of \$15,034 for an intentional violation and a maximum penalty of \$37,587 for a pattern of intentional violations.

(6) A person who operates as a motor carrier or broker for the transportation of hazardous wastes in violation of the registration provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13901 is liable for a minimum penalty of \$21,865 and a maximum penalty of \$43,730 per violation.

(7) A motor carrier or freight forwarder of household goods, or their receiver or trustee, that does not comply with any regulation relating to the protection of individual shippers, is liable for a minimum penalty of \$1,644 per violation.

(8) A person—

(i) Who falsifies, or authorizes an agent or other person to falsify, documents used in the transportation of household goods by motor carrier or freight forwarder to evidence the weight of a shipment or

(ii) Who charges for services which are not performed or are not reasonably necessary in the safe and adequate movement of the shipment is liable for a minimum penalty of \$3,291 for the first violation and \$8,227 for each subsequent violation.

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(10) A person who offers, gives, solicits, or receives transportation of property by a carrier at a different rate than the rate in effect under 49 U.S.C. 13702 is liable for a maximum penalty of \$164,531 per violation. When acting in the scope of his/her employment, the acts or omissions of a person acting for or employed by a carrier or shipper are considered to be the acts or omissions of that carrier or shipper, as well as that person.

(11) Any person who offers, gives, solicits, or receives a rebate or concession related to motor carrier transportation subject to jurisdiction under subchapter I of 49 U.S.C. chapter 135, or who assists or permits another person to get that transportation at less than the rate in effect under 49 U.S.C. 13702, commits a violation for which the penalty is \$328 for the first violation and \$411 for each subsequent violation.

(12) A freight forwarder, its officer, agent, or employee, that assists or willingly permits a person to get service under 49 U.S.C. 13531 at less than the rate in effect under 49 U.S.C. 13702 commits a violation for which the penalty is up to \$823 for the first violation and up to \$3,291 for each subsequent violation.

(13) A person who gets or attempts to get service from a freight forwarder under 49 U.S.C. 13531 at less than the rate in effect under 49 U.S.C. 13702 commits a violation for which the penalty is up to \$823 for the first violation and up to \$3,291 for each subsequent violation.

(14) A person who knowingly authorizes, consents to, or permits a violation of 49 U.S.C. 14103 relating to loading and unloading motor vehicles or who knowingly violates subsection (a) of 49 U.S.C. 14103 is liable for a penalty of not more than \$16,453 per violation.

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(16) A person required to make a report to the Secretary, answer a question, or make,

prepare, or preserve a record under part B of subtitle IV, title 49, U.S.C., or an officer, agent, or employee of that person, is liable for a minimum penalty of \$1,093 and for a maximum penalty of \$8,227 per violation if it does not make the report, does not completely and truthfully answer the question within 30 days from the date the Secretary requires the answer, does not make or preserve the record in the form and manner prescribed, falsifies, destroys, or changes the report or record, files a false report or record, makes a false or incomplete entry in the record about a business-related fact, or prepares or preserves a record in violation of a regulation or order of the Secretary.

(17) A motor carrier, water carrier, freight forwarder, or broker, or their officer, receiver, trustee, lessee, employee, or other person authorized to receive information from them, who discloses information identified in 49 U.S.C. 14908 without the permission of the shipper or consignee is liable for a maximum penalty of \$3,291.

(18) A person who violates a provision of part B, subtitle IV, title 49, U.S.C., or a regulation or order under part B, or who violates a condition of registration related to transportation that is subject to jurisdiction under subchapter I or III of chapter 135, or who violates a condition of registration of a foreign motor carrier or foreign motor private carrier under section 13902, is liable for a penalty of \$823 for each violation if another penalty is not provided in 49 U.S.C. chapter 149.

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(i) Who knowingly and willfully fails, in violation of a contract, to deliver to, or unload at, the destination of a shipment of household goods in interstate commerce for which charges have been estimated by the motor carrier transporting such goods, and for which the shipper has tendered a payment in accordance with part 375, subpart G of this chapter, is liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$16,453 for each violation. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate offense.

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(22) A broker for transportation of household goods who makes an estimate of the cost of transporting any such goods before entering into an agreement with a motor carrier to provide transportation of household goods subject to FMCSA jurisdiction is liable to the United States for a civil penalty of not less than \$12,695 for each violation.

(23) A person who provides transportation of household goods subject to jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. chapter 135, subchapter I, or provides broker services for such transportation, without being registered under 49 U.S.C. chapter 139 to provide such transportation or services as a motor carrier or broker, as the case may be, is liable to the United States for a civil penalty of not less than \$31,737 for each violation.

(h) *Copying of records and access to equipment, lands, and buildings.* A person subject to 49 U.S.C. chapter 51 or a motor carrier, broker, freight forwarder, or owner or operator of a commercial motor vehicle

subject to part B of subtitle VI of title 49 U.S.C. who fails to allow promptly, upon demand in person or in writing, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, an employee designated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, or an employee of a MCSAP grant recipient to inspect and copy any record or inspect and examine equipment, lands, buildings, and other property, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 504(c), 5121(c), and 14122(b), is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$1,270 for each offense. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate offense, except that the total of all civil penalties against any violator for all offenses related to a single violation shall not exceed \$12,695.

(i) *Evasion.* A person, or an officer, employee, or agent of that person:

(1) Who by any means tries to evade regulation of motor carriers under title 49, United States Code, chapter 5, chapter 51, subchapter III of chapter 311 (except sections 31138 and 31139) or sections 31302, 31303, 31304, 31305(b), 31310(g)(1)(A), or 31502, or a regulation issued under any of those provisions, shall be fined at least \$2,187 but not more than \$5,466 for the first violation and at least \$2,732 but not more than \$8,199 for a subsequent violation.

(2) Who tries to evade regulation under part B of subtitle IV, title 49, U.S.C., for carriers or brokers is liable for a penalty of at least \$2,187 for the first violation or at least \$5,466 for a subsequent violation.

PART 578—CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES

■ 98. The authority citation for 49 CFR Part 578 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 92–513, Pub. L. 94–163, Pub. L. 98–547, Pub. L. 101–410, Pub. L. 102–388, Pub. L. 102–519, Pub. L. 104–134, Pub. L. 109–59, Pub. L. 110–140, Pub. L. 112–141, Pub. L. 114–74, Pub. L. 114–94, 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30170, 30505, 32308, 32309, 32507, 32709, 32710, 32902, 32912, 33114 and 33115; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.81, 1.95.

■ 99. In § 578.5, paragraphs (a) through (g) and (i) are revised to read as follows:

§ 578.6 Civil penalties for violations of specified provisions of Title 49 of the United States Code.

(a) *Motor vehicle safety*—(1) *In general.* A person who violates any of sections 30112, 30115, 30117 through 30122, 30123(a), 30125(c), 30127, or 30141 through 30147 of Title 49 of the United States Code or a regulation prescribed under any of those sections is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$22,329 for each violation. A separate violation occurs for each motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment and for each failure or refusal to allow or perform an act required by any of those sections. The maximum civil penalty under this paragraph for a related series of violations is \$111,642,265.

(2) *School buses.* (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(1) of this section, a person who:

(A) Violates section 30112(a)(1) of Title 49 United States Code by the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce, or importation of a school bus or school bus equipment (as those terms are defined in 49 U.S.C. 30125(a)); or

(B) Violates section 30112(a)(2) of Title 49 United States Code, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$12,695 for each violation. A separate violation occurs for each motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment and for each failure or refusal to allow or perform an act required by this section. The maximum penalty under this paragraph for a related series of violations is \$19,042,502.

(3) *Section 30166.* A person who violates Section 30166 of Title 49 of the United States Code or a regulation prescribed under that section is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty for failing or refusing to allow or perform an act required under that section or regulation. The maximum penalty under this paragraph is \$22,329 per violation per day. The maximum penalty under this paragraph for a related series of daily violations is \$111,642,265.

(4) *False and misleading reports.* A person who knowingly and willfully submits materially false or misleading information to the Secretary, after certifying the same information as accurate under the certification process established pursuant to Section 30166(o), shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,466 per day. The maximum penalty under this paragraph for a related series of daily violations is \$1,093,233.

(b) *National Automobile Title Information System.* An individual or entity violating 49 U.S.C. Chapter 305 is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,783 for each violation.

(c) *Bumper standards.* (1) A person that violates 49 U.S.C. 32506(a) is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$2,924 for each violation. A separate violation occurs for each passenger motor vehicle or item of passenger motor vehicle equipment involved in a violation of 49 U.S.C. 32506(a)(1) or (4)—

(i) That does not comply with a standard prescribed under 49 U.S.C. 32502, or

(ii) For which a certificate is not provided, or for which a false or

misleading certificate is provided, under 49 U.S.C. 32504.

(2) The maximum civil penalty under this paragraph (c) for a related series of violations is \$3,256,233.

(d) *Consumer information*—(1) *Crashworthiness and damage susceptibility*. A person who violates 49 U.S.C. 32308(a), regarding crashworthiness and damage susceptibility, is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$2,924 for each violation. Each failure to provide information or comply with a regulation in violation of 49 U.S.C. 32308(a) is a separate violation. The maximum penalty under this paragraph for a related series of violations is \$1,594,890.

(2) *Consumer tire information*. Any person who fails to comply with the national tire fuel efficiency program under 49 U.S.C. 32304A is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$60,518 for each violation.

(e) *Country of origin content labeling*. A manufacturer of a passenger motor vehicle distributed in commerce for sale in the United States that willfully fails to attach the label required under 49 U.S.C. 32304 to a new passenger motor vehicle that the manufacturer manufactures or imports, or a dealer that fails to maintain that label as required under 49 U.S.C. 32304, is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,783 for each violation. Each failure to attach or maintain that label for each vehicle is a separate violation.

(f) *Odometer tampering and disclosure*. (1) A person that violates 49 U.S.C. Chapter 327 or a regulation prescribed or order issued thereunder is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$10,932 for each violation. A separate violation occurs for each motor vehicle or device involved in the violation. The maximum civil penalty under this paragraph for a related series of violations is \$1,093,233.

(2) A person that violates 49 U.S.C. Chapter 327 or a regulation prescribed or order issued thereunder, with intent to defraud, is liable for three times the actual damages or \$10,932, whichever is greater.

(g) *Vehicle theft protection*. (1) A person that violates 49 U.S.C. 33114(a)(1)–(4) is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$2,402 for each violation. The failure of more than one part of a single motor vehicle to conform to an applicable standard under 49 U.S.C. 33102 or 33103 is only a single violation. The maximum penalty under

this paragraph for a related series of violations is \$600,388.

(2) A person that violates 49 U.S.C. 33114(a)(5) is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$178,338 a day for each violation.

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(i) *Medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fuel efficiency*. The maximum civil penalty for a violation of the fuel consumption standards of 49 CFR part 535 is not more than \$41,882 per vehicle or engine. The maximum civil penalty for a related series of violations shall be determined by multiplying \$41,882 times the vehicle or engine production volume for the model year in question within the regulatory averaging set.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

22 CFR Part 203

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Streamlining the Registration Process for Private Voluntary Organizations

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: USAID is issuing a final rule to rescind the Agency's rules to streamline the registration process for Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs). Foreign assistance has evolved since the establishment of the requirement that PVOs register with USAID, and a careful review of the Agency's business practices has concluded that there is no longer a need for the current, time-consuming and costly Agency-wide process. The remaining USAID programs required by statute to register PVOs as a condition of eligibility have incorporated a simplified registration process into each of their applications for funding. USAID published the proposed rule and has determined to adopt a final rule to support streamlining the PVO registration process.

DATES: This rule is effective August 30, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 12, 2019 (84 FR 3351), USAID issued a proposed rule to rescind part 203 of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (22 CFR part 203) to streamline the registration process for PVOs. Effective upon the publication of this final rule, PVOs would no longer be required to register with USAID to compete for funding, with the exception of organizations that apply for the Limited Excess-Property Program (LEPP), the Ocean-Freight Reimbursement Program (OFR), or to other Federal Departments and Agencies under Section 607(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA). Applicants to the LEPP, the OFR, and for assistance under Section 607(a) of the FAA must complete and submit to USAID a self-certification form to indicate they qualify as a PVO. The self-certification form, which an authorized representative of the applicant organization must sign, requires that a PVO confirm whether it is registered as a U.S.-based organization or an international PVO. Rescission of 22 CFR part 203 is expected to reduce the burden on the public significantly; produce a total estimated annual cost savings of \$779,406 to USAID; and offer significant savings for the PVO community, projected to range from approximately \$2 million to \$11 million per year.

A. Discussion of Comments

USAID received one set of comments from an individual in response to the proposed rule. A discussion of these comments follows:

The commenter sought clarification on the rule and the rulemaking process, in addition to the laws associated with the registration of PVOs. The three USAID programs that require registration because of statute are the LEPP, the OFR, and applications to other U.S. Government Departments and Agencies that seek to provide foreign assistance in accordance with Section 607(a) of the FAA. The statute is silent on the methodology for registration. While 22 CFR part 203 details a specific process, USAID has determined it is duplicative of pre-award assessments and due-diligence requirements the Agency already undertakes with all prospective awardees. Maintaining both sets of requirements imposes a significant cost burden on PVOs (and PVOs only) to obtain and maintain registration, a process largely duplicated if a PVO is considered for an award. Replacing 22 CFR part 203 with a legally compliant, simplified self-certification would streamline the process significantly. USAID is updating