

provision (WEP) of the Act. The Eighth Circuit rejected our interpretation of 42 U.S.C. 415(a)(7)(A)(III) that monthly payments based on noncovered civilian employment, including the CSRS payments to dual-status National Guard technicians, are subject to the WEP.

On January 13, 2022, in *Babcock v. Kijakazi*, 142 S. Ct. 641 (2022), the Supreme Court upheld our interpretation of 42 U.S.C. 415(a)(7)(A)(III) that the CSRS payments to dual-status National Guard technicians do not qualify for the uniformed services exception to the WEP because they are not based wholly on the technicians' service as a members of a uniformed service. The Supreme Court explained that even though dual-status technicians must maintain National Guard membership and wear military uniforms, their technician work is not performed "as"—in the role, capacity, or function of—a member of the National Guard. "[T]he role, capacity, or function in which a technician serves is that of a civilian, not a member of the National Guard." 142 S. Ct. at 645. In addition, the Court explained, Congress explicitly classified the dual-status technicians as civilian employees of the Federal government. *Id.* at 646.

Because, in *Babcock*, the Supreme Court rejected the holding in *Petersen* by upholding our policy of applying the WEP to the CSRS payments of dual-status National Guard technicians, we are rescinding AR 12–1(8) in accordance with 20 CFR 404.985(e)(1).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.002, Social Security—Retirement Insurance; and 96.004, Social Security—Survivors Insurance)

The Acting Commissioner of Social Security, Kilolo Kijakazi, Ph.D., M.S.W., having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to William P. Gibson, Federal Register Liaison for SSA, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**William P. Gibson,**

*Federal Register Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Social Security Administration.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Fiscal Year 2023 Tariff-Rate Quota Allocations for Refined and Specialty Sugar

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative is providing notice of allocations of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023) in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for imports of certain sugars, syrups and molasses (also known as refined sugar), including specialty sugar.

**DATES:** The changes made by this notice are applicable as of September 19, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Nicholson, Office of Agricultural Affairs, at 202–395–9419, or [Erin.H.Nicholson@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Erin.H.Nicholson@ustr.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), the United States maintains TRQs for imports of raw cane sugar and refined sugar. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the HTSUS, the United States maintains a TRQ for imports of sugar-containing products. Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a TRQ for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the U.S. Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamations 6763 (60 FR 1007) and 7235 (64 FR 55611).

On September 15, 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the establishment of the in-quota quantity of the FY2023 refined sugar TRQ at 222,000 metric tons raw value (MTRV) for which the sucrose content, by weight in the dry state, must have a polarimeter reading of 99.5 degrees or more. This amount includes the minimum level to which the United States is committed under the WTO Agreement (22,000 MTRV of which 1,656 MTRV is reserved for specialty sugar) and an additional 200,000 MTRV for specialty sugar. The U.S. Trade Representative is allocating the refined sugar TRQ as follows: 10,300 MTRV of refined sugar to Canada, 2,954 MTRV to Mexico, and 7,090 MTRV to be administered on a first-come, first-served basis. Imports of all specialty sugar will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis in five tranches.

USDA has announced that the total in-quota quantity of specialty sugar will be the 1,656 MTRV included in the WTO minimum plus an additional 200,000 MTRV. The first tranche of 1,656 MTRV will open October 3, 2022. All types of specialty sugar are eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche of 60,000 MTRV will open on October 10, 2022. The third tranche of 60,000 MTRV will open on January 20, 2023. The fourth tranche of 40,000 MTRV will open on April 14, 2023. The fifth tranche of 40,000 MTRV will open on July 14, 2023. The second, third, fourth, and fifth tranches will be reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugar not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

Refined and specialty sugar for the FY2023 TRQ may enter the United States as of October 3, 2022.

**Greta Peisch,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2022–0222]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Survey of Airman Satisfaction With Aeromedical Certification Services

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves soliciting feedback from airmen on service quality of Aeromedical Certification Services. The information to be collected will be used to inform improvements in Aeromedical Certification Services.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by October 19, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular

information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kylie N. Key by email at: [kylie.n.key@faa.gov](mailto:kylie.n.key@faa.gov); phone: (405) 954-6839.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0707.

*Title:* Survey of Airman Satisfaction with Aeromedical Certification Services. *Form Numbers:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 14, 2022 (87 FR 49). No comments were received. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), through the Office of Aerospace Medicine (OAM), is responsible for the medical certification of pilots and certain other personnel under 14 CFR 67 to ensure they are medically qualified to operate aircraft and perform their duties safely. In the accomplishment of this responsibility, OAM provides a number of services to pilots, and has established goals for the performance of those services. This is a biennial survey designed to meet the requirement to survey stakeholder satisfaction under Executive Order No. 12862, “Setting Customer Service Standards,” and the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA).

The survey of Airman Satisfaction with Aeromedical Certification Services assesses airman opinion of key dimensions of service quality. These dimensions, identified by the OMB Statistical Policy Office in the 1993 “Resource Manual for Customer Surveys,” are courtesy, competence, reliability, and communication. The survey also provides airmen with the opportunity to provide feedback on the services and a medical certificate application tool they use. This information is used to inform improvements in Aeromedical Certification Services.

The survey was initially deployed in 2004, and deployed again in 2006, 2008,

2012, 2014, 2016, 2019, and 2021 (OMB Control No. 2120-0707). Across collections, minor revisions have been made to the survey items and response options to reflect changes in operational services and survey technology. To reduce the burden on the individual respondent and potentially improve the response rate, this information collection will be electronic.

*Respondents:* Approximately 4,300 Airmen.

*Frequency:* Biannually.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 15 minutes per respondent, 950 total burden hours.

Issued in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on September 14, 2022.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0076]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Model Years 2030 and Beyond New Medium- and Heavy-Duty Fuel Efficiency Improvement Program Standards

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement; request for scoping comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NHTSA intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of new fuel efficiency (FE) standards for model years (MYs) 2030 and beyond medium- and heavy-duty on-highway vehicles and some work trucks (“HD vehicles” that NHTSA will be proposing pursuant to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). This notice initiates the process for determining the scope of considerations to be addressed in the EIS and for identifying any significant environmental issues related to the proposed action. NHTSA invites comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, stakeholders,

and the public in this scoping process to help identify and focus any matters of environmental significance and reasonable alternatives to be examined in the EIS.

**DATES:** The scoping process will culminate in the preparation and issuance of a Draft EIS (DEIS), which will be made available for public comment concurrently with the issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). To ensure that NHTSA has an opportunity to fully consider scoping comments, scoping comments should be received on or before October 19, 2022. NHTSA will consider comments received after that date to the extent the rulemaking schedule allows.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments electronically to the docket identified in the heading of this document by visiting the following website:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Alternatively, you can file comments using the following methods:

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

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9826 before coming.

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

Regardless of how you submit your comments, you should mention the docket number identified in the heading of this document.

*Instructions:* For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Supplementary Information section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through [www.transportation.gov/privacy](http://www.transportation.gov/privacy). In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to