

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 78, Engine exhaust.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports that the pivot door pressure seals on the thrust reverser fixed structure were found disbonded or missing on several airplanes. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the pivot door pressure seals on the thrust reverser fixed structure. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in engine thrust loss due to flow path overboard leakage during forward thrust operation and reduce airplane performance during one-engine inoperative conditions in climb margin and ceiling altitude.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Inspection and Functional Test

(1) Within 750 flight hours or 18 months, whichever comes first from the effective date of this AD, perform a general visual inspection for discrepancies (missing, damaged, or disbonding) of the 4 pivot door pressure seals on the thrust reverser door of each engine, and perform a bonding check as applicable, and repair or replace each discrepant seal as applicable, in accordance with Part 2.B of the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Service Bulletin 700-78-7501, Revision 01, dated July 13, 2023. Applicable corrective actions must be done before further flight.

(2) Before further flight after accomplishing the actions specified in paragraph (g)(1) of this AD: Perform a functional test of the thrust reverser in accordance with Part 2.C of the Accomplishment Instructions of Bombardier Service Bulletin 700-78-7501, Revision 01, dated July 13, 2023.

(h) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for actions required by paragraph (g) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Bombardier Service Bulletin 700-78-7501, dated April 12, 2023.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the service information referenced in Bombardier Service Bulletin 700-78-7501, Revision 01, dated July 13, 2023, specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

(j) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, mail it to the address identified in paragraph (k) of this AD. Information may be

emailed to: 9-AVS-NYACO-COS@faa.gov.

Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or Bombardier, Inc.'s Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Joseph Catanzaro, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516-228-7300; email joseph.catanzaro@faa.gov.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Bombardier Service Bulletin 700-78-7501, Revision 01, dated July 13, 2023.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Bombardier, Inc., material identified in this AD, contact Bombardier Business Aircraft Customer Response Center, 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone 514-855-2999; email ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com; website bombardier.com.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

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Victor Wicklund,

Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****19 CFR Part 351**

[Docket No. 241210-0321]

RIN 0625-AB26

Modernizing the Annexes of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Trade Remedy Regulations

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is modernizing the annexes of the trade remedy regulations to enhance the administration of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) laws.

DATES: Effective December 19, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Commerce initially promulgated its AD and CVD regulations in 1997 and 1998, respectively.¹ Since the inception of these regulations, Commerce has periodically modified certain sections or paragraphs or adopted new provisions. For example, in 2021 Commerce modified existing regulations covering scope inquiries at 19 CFR 351.225, and adopted new provisions to codify its practice regarding circumvention inquiries and covered merchandise referrals at 19 CFR 351.226 and 351.227.² Commerce modified those regulations as well as promulgating new ones on March 25, 2024, to further improve and strengthen the administration and enforcement of the AD and CVD laws.³ Most recently, on December 16, 2024, Commerce revised certain other existing regulations and promulgated additional new regulations to further enhance the trade remedy

¹ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997); and *Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 63 FR 65348, 65357 (November 25, 1998).

² See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300 (Sept. 20, 2021).

³ See *Regulations Improving and Strengthening the Enforcement of Trade Remedies Through the Administration of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 89 FR 20766 (March 25, 2024).

laws, with a particular emphasis on CVD laws and procedures.⁴

In order to accurately reflect the modified language, dates and new provisions in the AD and CVD regulations, Commerce is modernizing the annexes accompanying the regulations. Specifically, Commerce is updating the number of days and the regulation cross-reference for each of the listed events in annexes I through IV, and annexes VIII–A through VIII–C. Commerce is also creating new annexes IX, X, and XI to provide additional guidance to *Scope Inquires*, *Circumvention Inquiries*, and *Covered Merchandise Referrals*.⁵ Annexes IX, X, and XI will similarly contain a field with the number of days, event name, and regulation for each specific event. Lastly, Commerce is also removing existing Annex V as the provided cross-reference to regulations prior to 1997 is obsolete and reserving it for potential future use of a new annex V.

Rulemaking Considerations

A. Administrative Procedure Act

The changes in this rulemaking involve rules of agency procedure. See *Bachow Commc'ns Inc. v. FCC*, 237 F.3d 683, 690 (D.C. Cir. 2001) (changes to procedural rules are not subject to notice and comment review under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA)); *Inova Alexandria Hosp. v. Shalala*, 244 F.3d 342, 349 (4th Cir. 2001) (rules for handling appeals are procedural where they do not change the substantive standard for reviewing claims); *Nat'l Org. of Veterans' Advocates v. Sec'y of Veterans Affairs*, 260 F.3d 1365, 1375 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (Substantive rules “effect a change in existing law or policy or which affect individual rights and obligations,” whereas interpretative rules “clarify or explain existing law or

regulation and are exempt from notice and comment” review under the APA.).

Accordingly, prior notice and opportunity for public comment for the changes in this rulemaking are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b) or (c) or any other law. See *Cooper Techs. Co. v. Dudas*, 536 F.3d 1330, 1336–37 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (stating that 5 U.S.C. 553, and thus 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(B), do not require notice and comment rulemaking for “interpretative rules, general statements of policy, or rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice” (quoting 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A))). Similarly, there is no need for a 30-day delay in effective date pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(2).

In addition, Commerce finds good cause pursuant to the authority at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3) to forego prior notice, opportunity for public comment, and a 30-day delay in effective date because such procedures are unnecessary. This rulemaking merely updates the annexes to reflect changes to the AD and CVD regulations that have already undergone notice and comment. As such, the contents of the revised annexes have already undergone notice and comment rulemaking, and repeating that process is unnecessary.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

As prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, neither a Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis nor a certification under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) is required. See 5 U.S.C. 603.

C. Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review)

This rulemaking has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866 (September 30, 1993), as amended by Executive Order 14094 (April 6, 2023).

D. Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

This rulemaking pertains strictly to Federal agency procedures and does not contain policies with federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment under Executive Order 13132 (August 4, 1999).

E. Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule does not impact information collection requirements that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 19 CFR Part 351

Administrative practice and procedure, Antidumping, Business and industry, Confidential business information, Countervailing duties, Freedom of information, Investigations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 16, 2024.

Ryan Majerus,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

For the reasons stated above, the U.S. Department of Commerce amends 19 CFR part 351 as follows:

PART 351—ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 351 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 19 U.S.C. 1202 note; 19 U.S.C. 1303 note; 19 U.S.C. 1671 *et seq.*

■ 2. Revise annexes I through IV to read as follows:

ANNEX I TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATIONS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| 0 days | Initiation. | |
| 31 days ² | Notification of difficulty in responding to questionnaire. | 351.301(c)(1)(iii) (14 days after date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 35 days | Submission of factual information not directly responsive to or relating to that described in 351.102(b)(21)(i)–(iv). | 351.301(c)(5) (30 days before preliminary determination) or 14 days before verification. |
| 20 days* | Submission of factual information to measure adequacy of remuneration. | 351.301(c)(3)(i)(B) (45 days before preliminary determination). |
| 30 days* | Rebuttal, clarification, or correction of factual information to measure adequacy of remuneration. | 351.301(c)(3)(iv) (10 days after filing of factual information to measure adequacy of remuneration). |
| 47 days | Application for an administrative protective order. | 351.305(b)(3) (before submission of the first response to the initial questionnaire). |

⁴ See *Regulations Enhancing the Administration of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Trade Remedy Laws*, 89 FR 101694 (December 16, 2024).

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.225, 351.226, and 351.227.

ANNEX I TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATIONS—Continued

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|---|---|---|
| 40 days * | Request for postponement by petitioner | 351.205(e) (25 days or more before preliminary determination). |
| 45 days * | Allegation of critical circumstances | 351.206(c)(2)(i) (20 days before preliminary determination). |
| 47 days | Initial Questionnaire response | 351.301(c)(1)(i) (30 days from date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 65 days (May be postponed to 130 days). | Preliminary determination | 351.205(b)(1) (65 days after initiation of the investigation, but may be extended to 130 days after initiation of investigation). |
| 72 days | Submission of proposed suspension agreement. | 351.208(f)(1)(i)(B) (7 days after preliminary determination). |
| 75 days | Submission of ministerial error Comments after preliminary determination. | 351.224(c)(2) (5 days after the earlier of the release of disclosure documents or a disclosure meeting). |
| 77 days ³ | Request to align a CVD case with a concurrent AD case. | 351.210(i) (5 days after date of publication of preliminary determination). |
| 102 days | Request for a hearing | 351.310(c) (30 days after date of publication of preliminary determination). |
| 119 days | Critical circumstances allegation | 351.206(e) (21 days or more before final determination). |
| 122 days | Requests for closed hearing Sessions | 351.310(f) (No later than the date the case briefs are due). |
| 122 days | Submission of briefs | 351.309(c)(1)(i) (50 days after date of publication of preliminary determination). |
| 125 days | Allegation of upstream subsidies | 351.301(c)(2)(iv)(C) 60 days after the preliminary determination). |
| 127 days | Submission of rebuttal briefs | 351.309(d)(1) (5 days after deadline for filing case brief). |
| 129 days | Hearing | 351.310(d)(1) (2 days after submission of rebuttal briefs). |
| 140 days ⁴ (May be postponed to 230 days). | Final determination | 351.210(b)(1) (75 days after preliminary determination, but may be postponed to 165 days after preliminary determination). |
| 150 days | Submission of ministerial error comments after final determination. | 351.224(c)(2) (5 days after the earlier of the release of disclosure documents or a disclosure meeting). |
| 155 days | Submission of replies to ministerial error comments. | 351.224(c)(3) (5 days after filing of ministerial error comments). |
| 192 days | Order issued | 351.211(b) (7 days after affirmative final injury determination). |

¹ Indicates the number of days from the date of initiation. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

² Assumes that the Department sends out the questionnaire within 10 days of the initiation and allows 7 days for receipt of the questionnaire from the date on which it was transmitted.

³ Assumes that the Preliminary Determination is published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).

⁴ Assumes that the Preliminary Determination is published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).

* Date may change if Preliminary Determination is postponed.

ANNEX II TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN COUNTERVAILING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|---|---|--|
| 0 days | Request for review | 351.213(b)(1) (Last day of the anniversary month). |
| 30 days | Publication of initiation notice | 351.221(c)(1)(i) (End of month following the anniversary month). |
| 66 days ² | Notification of difficulty in responding to questionnaire. | 351.301(c)(1)(iii) (14 days after date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 75 days | Application for an administrative protective order. | 351.305(b)(3) (before submission of first response). |
| 90 days ³ | Initial Questionnaire response | 351.301(c)(2)(iii) (At least 30 days after date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 104 days | Submission of factual information to rebut, clarify, or correct initial questionnaire response. | 351.301(c)(1)(v) (14 days after initial questionnaire response). |
| 110 days | Countervailable subsidy allegation | 351.301(c)(2)(iv)(B) (20 days after filing of all responses to initial questionnaire). |
| 120 days | Withdrawal of request for review | 351.213(d)(1) (90 days after date of publication of initiation). |
| 130 days | Request for verification | 351.307(b)(1)(v) (100 days after date of publication of initiation). |
| 185 days * | Submission of factual information to measure adequacy of remuneration. | 351.301(c)(3)(ii) (60 days before preliminary results). |
| 195 days | Rebuttal, clarification, or correction of factual information to measure adequacy of remuneration. | 351.301(c)(3)(iv) (10 days after filing of factual information to measure adequacy of remuneration). |
| 215 days * | Submission of factual information not directly responsive to or relating to that described in 351.102(b)(21)(i)–(iv). | 351.301(c)(5) (30 days before preliminary results). |
| 245 days (May be extended to 365 days). | Preliminary results of review | 351.213(h)(1) (245 days after the last day of the anniversary month, but may be extended to 365 days after the last day of the anniversary). |
| 282 days ⁴ | Request for a hearing | 351.310(c) (30 days after date of publication of preliminary results). |
| 282 days | Request for a closed hearing session | 351.310(f) (date on which the case briefs are due). |
| 282 days | Submission of briefs | 351.309(c)(1)(ii) (30 days after date of publication of preliminary results). |
| 287 days | Submission of rebuttal briefs | 351.309(d)(1) (5 days after deadline for filing case briefs). |
| 289 days | Hearing | 351.310(d)(1) (2 days after submission of rebuttal briefs). |

ANNEX II TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN COUNTERVAILING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS—Continued

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|--|--|--|
| 372 days ⁵ (May be extended to 422 days). | Final results of review | 351.213(h)(1) (120 days after date of publication of preliminary results, but may be extended to 180 days after date of publication of preliminary results). |
| 382 days | Submission of ministerial error comments | 351.224(c)(2) (5 days after the earlier of the release of disclosure documents or the disclosure meeting). |
| 387 days | Replies to ministerial error comments | 351.224(c)(3) (5 days after filing of comments). |

¹ Indicates the number of days from the end of the anniversary month. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

² Assumes that the Department sends out the questionnaire 45 days after the last day of the anniversary month and allows 7 days for receipt of the questionnaire from the date on which it was transmitted.

³ Assumes that the Department sends out the questionnaire on day 45 and the response is due 45 days later.

⁴ Assumes that the Preliminary Results are published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).

⁵ Assumes that the Preliminary Results are published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).

*Date may change if Preliminary Results are extended.

ANNEX III TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|---|--|--|
| 0 days | Initiation. | |
| 21 days | Application/certification for separate rate | 351.108(d)(1) (21 days after publication). |
| 37 days | Application for an administrative protective order. | 351.305(b)(3) (before submission of first response to initial questionnaire). |
| 50 days | Country-wide cost allegation | 351.301(c)(2)(iii) (20 days after date on which initial questionnaire was transmitted). |
| 51 days ² | Notification of difficulty in responding to questionnaire. | 351.301(c)(1)(iii) (Within 14 days after date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 51 days | Section A response | None. |
| 67 days | Sections B, C, D, E responses | 351.301(c)(1)(i) (At least 30 days after date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 77 days | Viability arguments | 351.301(c)(2)(i) (10 days after response to relevant section of the questionnaire was filed). |
| 80 days * | Submission of publicly available information to value factors (nonmarket economy). | 351.301(c)(3)(i)(A) (60 days before date of publication of preliminary determination). |
| 87 days | Company-specific cost allegations | 351.301(c)(2)(ii)(A) (within 20 days after response to relevant section of questionnaire was filed). |
| 87 days | Major input cost allegations | 351.301(c)(2)(iii) (within 20 days after response to relevant section of questionnaire was filed). |
| 110 days * ³ | Submission of other factual information | 351.301(c)(5) (The sooner of 30 days before preliminary determination or 14 days before verification). |
| 115 days | Request for postponement by petitioner | 351.205(e) (25 days or more before preliminary determination). |
| 120 days | Allegation of critical circumstances | 351.206(c)(2)(i) (20 days before preliminary determination). |
| 140 days (May be postponed to 190 days). | Preliminary determination | 351.205(b)(1) (140 days after the publication of initiation, but may be extended to 190 days after the publication of initiation). |
| 150 days | Submission of ministerial error comments | 351.224(c)(2) (5 days after release of disclosure documents or holding of a disclosure meeting). |
| 155 days | Submission of proposed suspension agreement. | 351.208(f)(1)(i)(A) (15 days after preliminary determination). |
| 177 days ⁴ | Request for a hearing | 351.310(c) (30 days after date of publication of preliminary determination). |
| 194 days | Critical circumstance allegation | 351.206(e) (21 days before final determination). |
| 197 days (May be changed). | Request for closed hearing sessions | 351.310(f) (No later than the date the case briefs are due). |
| 197 days (May be changed). | Submission of briefs | 351.309(c)(1)(i) (50 days after date of publication of preliminary determination). |
| 202 days | Submission of rebuttal briefs | 351.309(d)(1) (5 days after deadline for filing case briefs). |
| 204 days | Hearing | 351.310(d)(1) (2 days after submission of rebuttal briefs). |
| 215 days | Request for postponement of the final determination. | 351.210(e). |
| 222 days ⁵ (May be postponed to 275 days). | Final determination | 351.210(b)(1) (75 days after the date of publication of preliminary determination, but may be postponed to 135 days after the date of publication of preliminary determination). |
| 232 days | Submission ministerial error comments | 351.224(c)(2) (5 days after release of disclosure documents or holding of a disclosure meeting). |
| 237 days | Replies to ministerial error comments | 351.224(c)(3) (5 days after filing of comments). |
| 274 days | Order issued | 351.211(b). |

¹ Indicates the number of days from the date of initiation. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

² Assumes that the Department sends out the questionnaire 5 days after the ITC vote and allows 7 days for receipt of the questionnaire from the date on which it was transmitted.

³ Assumes 30 days before the preliminary determination is sooner than verification.

⁴ Assumes that the Preliminary Determination is published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).

⁵ Assumes that the Preliminary Determination is published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).
 * Date may change if Preliminary Determination is postponed.

ANNEX IV TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN ANTIDUMPING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|--|--|--|
| 0 days | Request for review | 351.213(b)(1) (During the anniversary month). |
| 30 days | Publication of initiation | 351.221(c)(1)(i) (End of month following the anniversary month). |
| 37 days | Application for an administrative protective order. | 351.305(b)(3) (Before submission of first response to initial questionnaire). |
| 44 days | Application/certification for separate rate | 351.108(d)(2) (14 days after publication of initiation). |
| 60 days | Request for examine absorption of duties (AD). | 351.213(j) (30 days after date of publication of initiation). |
| 66 days ² | Notification of difficulty in responding to questionnaire. | 351.301(c)(1)(iii) (14 days after date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 66 days | Section A response | None. |
| 85 days | Viability arguments | 351.301(c)(2)(i) (10 days after relevant section is filed). |
| 90 days ³ | Sections B, C, D, E response | 351.301(c)(1)(i) (At least 30 days after date of receipt of initial questionnaire). |
| 110 days | Company-specific cost allegations | 351.301(c)(2)(ii)(B) (20 days after relevant section is filed). |
| 110 days | Major input cost allegations | 351.301(c)(2)(iii) (20 days after relevant section is filed). |
| 120 days | Withdrawal of request for review | 351.213(d)(1) (90 days after date of publication of initiation). |
| 130 days | Request for verification | 351.307(b)(1)(v) (100 days after date of publication of initiation). |
| 140 days | Submission of factual information | 351.301(b)(2). |
| 185 days | Submission of publicly available information to value factors (nonmarket economy). | 351.301(c)(3)(ii) (60 days before date of publication of preliminary results). |
| 215 days ⁴ | Submission of other factual information | 351.301(c)(5) (The sooner of 30 days before preliminary results or 14 days before verification). |
| 245 days (May be extended to 365 days). | Preliminary results of review | 351.213(h)(1) (245 days after the last day of the anniversary month, but may be extended to 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month). |
| 282 days | Request for a hearing and/or closed hearing session. | 351.310(c); 351.310(f) (30 days after date of publication of preliminary results). |
| 282 days | Submission of briefs | 351.309(c)(1)(ii) (30 days after date of publication of preliminary results). |
| 287 days | Submission of rebuttal briefs | 351.309(d)(1) (5 days after deadline for filing case briefs). |
| 289 days | Hearing; closing hearing session | 351.310(d)(1) (2 days after submission of rebuttal briefs). |
| 372 days ⁵ (May be extended). | Final results of review | 351.213(h)(1) (120 days after the date of publication of preliminary results, but may be extended to 300 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results). |
| 382 days | Ministerial error comments | 351.224(c)(2) (5 days after release of disclosure documents). |
| 387 days | Replies to ministerial error comments | 351.224(c)(3) (5 days after filing of comments). |

¹ Indicates the number of days from the end of the anniversary month. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.
² Assumes that the Department sends out the questionnaire 45 days after the last day of the anniversary month and allows 7 days for receipt of the questionnaire from the date on which it was transmitted.
³ Assumes that the Department sends out the questionnaire on day 45 and the response is due 45 days later.
⁴ Assumes 30 days before the Preliminary Results is earlier than 14 days before verification.
⁵ Assumes that the Preliminary Results are published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).

Annex V [Removed and Reserved] ■ 4. Revise annex VIII–A through VIII–C to read as follows:
 ■ 3. Remove and reserve annex V.

ANNEX VIII–A TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN 90-DAY SUNSET REVIEWS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|------------------|--|--|
| 0 days | Initiation | 351.218(c). |
| 15 days | Filing of Notice of Intent to Participate by domestic interested parties. | 351.218(d)(1)(i) (not later than 15 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 20 days | Notification to the ITC that no domestic interested party(s) has responded to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(B)(2) (normally not later than 20 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 30 days | Filing of substantive response to the Notice of Initiation by all interested parties; industrial users; and consumers. | 351.218(d)(3)(i) and 351.218(d)(3)(vi) (not later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 35 days | Filing of rebuttal to substantive response to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(d)(4) (not later than 5 days after the substantive response is filed with the Department). |
| 40 days | Notification to the ITC that no domestic interested party(s) provided adequate response to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(e)(1)(i)(C)(2) (normally not later than 40 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |

ANNEX VIII—A TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN 90-DAY SUNSET REVIEWS—Continued

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|------------------|--|--|
| 90 days | Final determination revoking an order or terminating a suspended investigation where no domestic interested party(s) responds to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(B)(3) and 351.222(i)(1)(i) (normally not later than 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of Initiation). |

¹ Indicates the number of days from the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

ANNEX VIII—B TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN EXPEDITED SUNSET REVIEWS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|------------------|---|---|
| 0 days | Initiation | 351.218(c). |
| 15 days | Filing of Notice of Intent to Participate by domestic interested parties. | 351.218(d)(1)(i) (not later than 15 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 30 days | Filing of Statement of Waiver by respondent interested parties. | 351.218(d)(2)(i) (not later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 30 days | Filing of a complete substantive response to the Notice of Initiation by all interested parties and industrial users and consumers. | 351.218(d)(3)(i) and 351.218(d)(3)(vi) (not later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 35 days | Filing of rebuttal to substantive response to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(d)(4) (not later than 5 days after the substantive response is filed with the Department). |
| 50 days | Written notification to the ITC that respondent interested parties provided inadequate response to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(1) (normally not later than 50 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 70 days | Comments on adequacy of response and appropriateness of expedited sunset review. | 351.309(e)(ii) (not later than 70 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 120 days | Final results of expedited sunset review where respondent interested parties, and foreign governments, provide inadequate response to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(B) and 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2) (not later than 120 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |

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ANNEX VIII—C TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN FULL SUNSET REVIEWS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|---|--|---|
| 0 days | Initiation. | |
| 15 days | Filing of Notice of Intent to Participate by domestic interested parties. | 351.218(d)(1)(i) (not later than 15 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 30 days | Filing of Statement of Waiver by respondent interested parties. | 351.218(d)(2)(i) (not later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 30 days | Filing of substantive response to the Notice of Initiation by all interested parties; industrial users; and consumers. | 351.218(d)(3)(i) and 351.218(d)(3)(vi) (not later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 35 days | Filing of rebuttal to substantive response to the Notice of Initiation. | 351.218(d)(4) (not later than 5 days after the substantive response is filed with the Department). |
| 110 days | Preliminary results of full sunset review | 351.218(f)(1) (normally not later than 110 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 120 days | Verification in a full sunset review, where needed. | 351.218(f)(2)(ii) (normally an approximate of 120 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 160 days | Filing of case brief in full sunset review | 351.309(c)(1)(i) (50 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results of full sunset review). |
| 165 days | Filing of rebuttal brief in full sunset review | 351.309(d)(1) (5 days after the time limit for filing a case brief, unless the Secretary alters the time limit). |
| 167 days | Public hearing in full sunset review if requested. | 351.310(d)(i) (ordinarily 2 days after the time limit for filing a rebuttal brief, unless the Secretary alters the date). |
| 240 days | Final results of full sunset review | 351.218(f)(3)(i) (normally not later than 240 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation). |
| 330 days (may be extended to 420 days). | Final results of full sunset review if fully extended. | 351.218(f)(3)(ii) (if full sunset review is extraordinarily complicated, period for issuing final results, but may be extended by not more than 90 days). |

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■ 5. Add annexes IX and X to read as follows:

ANNEX IX TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN SCOPE RULINGS

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|---|---|---|
| 0 days | Secretary's self-initiation or filing of scope rule application. | 351.225(b)/(c)(1). |
| 10 days | Comments on adequacy of the request by non-applicant. | 351.225(c)(3) (10 days after applicant filed application under (c)(1)). |
| 24 days | Comments and factual information Submission of rebuttal addressing self-initiation. | 351.225(f)(1) (14 days after comments were filed under (b)). |
| 30 days | Secretary's determination whether to initiate inquiry. | 351.225(d)(1) (30 days after application was filed or response to questionnaire is filed). |
| 30 days | Submission of comments and factual information addressing self-initiation. | 351.225(f)(1) (30 days after Secretary's self-initiated scope inquiry under (b)). |
| 31 days ² | Issuance of preliminary scope ruling | 351.225(g). |
| 45 days ³ | Issuance of questionnaires | 351.225(f)(3). |
| 45 days | Scope comments under (g) | 351.225(f)(4) (14 days after issuance of preliminary scope ruling). |
| 52 days | Rebuttal comments under (g) | 351.225(f)(4) (7 days after scope comments were filed under (f)(4)). |
| 60 days | Comments and factual information Submission of rebuttal by non-applicant. | 351.225(f)(2) (30 days after initiation under (d)(1)). |
| 74 days | Comments and factual information Submission of rebuttal by applicant. | 351.225(f)(2) (14 days after rebuttal by non-applicant was filed under (d)(1)). |
| 90 days | Comments and factual information Response to questionnaires. | 351.225(f)(3) (specified by the Secretary). |
| 104 days | Comments and factual information Rebuttal to questionnaire response. | 351.225(f)(3) (14 days after questionnaire response was filed by original submitter). |
| 111 days | Comments and factual information Rebuttal to questionnaire response's rebuttal. | 351.225(f)(3) (7 days after rebuttal to questionnaire response was filed). |
| 120 days (may be extended to 300 days). | Issuance of final scope ruling | 351.225(e)(1) (120 days after initiation under (b) or (d), but may be extended to 300 days after initiation). |
| | Publication of final scope rulings | 351.225(o) (quarterly). |
| | Publication of scope clarifications | 351.225(q). |

¹ Indicates the number of days from the date of initiation. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

² Assumes the Secretary did not issue a preliminary scope ruling concurrently with the initiation of the scope inquiry.

³ Assumes that the Department sends out the questionnaire on day 45 and the response is due 45 days later.

ANNEX X TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR PARTIES IN CIRCUMVENTION INQUIRIES

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| 0 days | Circumvention inquiry request or self-initiation | 351.226(b). |
| 10 days | Comments and information on the adequacy of the request. | 351.226(c)(3) (10 days after the circumvention inquiry request is filed). |
| 15 days | Rebuttal comments | 351.226(c)(3) (5 days after new factual information in support of adequacy comments is filed). |
| 30 days | Initiation determination of circumvention inquiry based on a request. | 351.226(d)(1) (30 days after the circumvention inquiry request is filed unless Secretary finds it is impracticable or seeks clarification). |
| 30 days | Comments and information addressing self-initiation. | 351.226(f)(1) (30 days after a circumvention inquiry is self-initiated). |
| 30 days | Scope ruling application rebuttal comments | 351.226(f)(2) (30 days after a circumvention inquiry is initiated under paragraph (d)(1)). |
| 44 days | Applicant rebuttal comments | 351.226(f)(2) (14 days after scope ruling application rebuttal comments are filed). |
| 157 days ² | Preliminary determination of self-initiated circumvention inquiry. | 351.226(e)(1) (150 days after the notice of self-initiation is published). |
| 187 days ³ | Preliminary determination of circumvention inquiry based on a request. | 351.226(e)(1) (150 days after the notice of initiation is published). |
| 171 days | Preliminary determination comments in self-initiated circumvention inquiry. | 351.226(f)(4) (14 days after the preliminary determination is issued). |
| 201 days | Preliminary determination comments in circumvention inquiry based on a request. | 351.226(f)(4) (14 days after the preliminary determination is issued). |
| 178 days | Preliminary determination rebuttal comments in self-initiated circumvention inquiry. | 351.226(f)(4) (7 days after the preliminary determination are filed). |
| 208 days | Preliminary determination rebuttal comments in circumvention inquiry based on a request. | 351.226(f)(4) (7 days after the preliminary determination are filed). |
| 300 days or 365 days | Final determination of self-initiated circumvention inquiry. | 351.226(e)(2) (300 days after the notice of initiation is published) (May be extended by no more than 65 days). |
| 330 days or 395 days | Final determination of circumvention inquiry based on a request. | 351.226(e)(2) (300 days after the notice of initiation is published) (May be extended by no more than 65 days). |

¹ Indicates the number of days from Initiation. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

² Assumes that the Preliminary Results are published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).
³ Assumes that the Preliminary Results are published 7 days after issuance (*i.e.*, signature).

■ 6. Add annexes XI–A and XI–B to read as follows:

ANNEX XI–A TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR COVERED MERCHANDISE REFERRAL WITHOUT PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| 0 days | Initiation | 351.227(b)(1) (within 20 days after acknowledging receipt of a covered merchandise referral from U.S. Customs and Border Protection). |
| 30 days | Filing of comments and factual information to the Notice of Initiation by interested parties. | 351.227(d)(1) (within 30 days after publication of the notice of an initiation of a covered merchandise). |
| 44 days | Filing of rebuttal comments and factual information to the Notice of Initiation by other interested parties. | 351.227(d)(1) (within 14 days after filing of comments and factual information by interested parties). |
| X ¹ days | Questionnaire submission received by Commerce. | 351.227(d)(2) (after the initiation of a covered merchandise inquiry). |
| X + 14 days | Filing of rebuttal, clarification, or correction of factual comment by an interested party other than the original submitter to the questionnaire response. | 351.227(d)(2) (within 14 days after a questionnaire response has been filed with the Secretary by the original submitter). |
| X + 21 days | Filing of rebuttal, clarification, or correction comment to the rebuttal, clarification, or correction of factual comment of the interested party by the original submitter. | 351.227(d)(2) (within 7 days of the filing of the rebuttal comment by interested party). |
| 120 days | Final covered merchandise determination | 351.227(c)(1) (within 120 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation, unless (1) extended by no more than 150 days under 351.227(c)(2), or (2) aligned with other segments under 351.227(c)(3)). |

¹ Indicates the approximate number of days from the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

² X represents the date a questionnaire is received by Commerce.

ANNEX IX–B TO PART 351—DEADLINES FOR COVERED MERCHANDISE REFERRAL WITH PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

| Day ¹ | Event | Regulation |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| 0 | Initiation ² | 351.227(b)(1) (within 20 days after acknowledging receipt of a covered merchandise referral from U.S. Customs and Border Protection). |
| 30 | Filing of comments and factual information to the Notice of Initiation by interested parties. | 351.227(d)(1) (within 30 days after publication of the notice of an initiation of a covered merchandise). |
| 44 | Filing of rebuttal comments and factual information to the Notice of Initiation by other interested parties. | 351.227(d)(1) (within 14 days after filing of comments and factual information by interested parties). |
| X ³ | Questionnaire submission received by Commerce. | 351.227(d)(2) (after the initiation of a covered merchandise inquiry). |
| X + 14 | Filing of rebuttal, clarification, or correction of factual comment by an interested party other than the original submitter to the questionnaire response. | 351.227(d)(2) (within 14 days after a questionnaire response has been filed with the Secretary by the original submitter). |
| X + 21 | Filing of rebuttal, clarification, or correction comment to the rebuttal, clarification, or correction of factual comment of the interested party by the original submitter. | 351.227(d)(2) (within 7 days of the filing of the rebuttal comment by interested party). |
| Z ⁴ | Preliminary Determination | 351.227(e) (may be between concurrently with Initiation and before Final Determination). |
| Z + 14 ⁵ | Comment to Preliminary Determination by interested parties. | 351.227(d)(3) (within 14 days after Preliminary Determination unless otherwise specified by Commerce). |
| Z + 21 | Rebuttal comment to comment to Preliminary Determination by other interested parties ³ . | 351.227(d)(3) (within 7 days after comment to Preliminary Determination unless otherwise specified by Commerce). |
| 120 | Final covered merchandise determination | 351.227(c)(1) (within 120 days from the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation, unless (1) extended by no more than 150 days under 351.227(c)(2), or (2) aligned with other segments under 351.227(c)(3)). |

¹ Indicates the approximate number of days from the date of publication of the Notice of Initiation. Most of the deadlines shown here are approximate. The actual deadline in any particular segment of a proceeding may depend on the date of an earlier event or be established by the Secretary.

² Commerce may issue a preliminary determination, either concurrently with the initiation or not. 19 CFR 351.227(e)(1). If Commerce issues a Preliminary Determination concurrently with Initiation, 19 CFR 351.227(d)(1)–(3) will not apply, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.227(d)(4). In such cases, Commerce will establish appropriate procedures on a case-specific basis. 19 CFR 351.227(d)(4).

³ X represents the date a questionnaire is received by Commerce.

⁴ Z represents the date of the Preliminary Determination.

⁵ If a Preliminary Determination is not issued concurrently with Initiation, Commerce will establish a schedule for the filing of comments and rebuttal comments to the Preliminary Determination. 19 CFR 351.227(d)(3).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Parts 510, 515, 526, 536, 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555, 558, 569, 570, 576, 578, 579, 582, 583, 584, 585, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 594, 597, 598, and 599

Updating Authorizations for Payments for Legal Services

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is adopting a final rule amending multiple CFR parts to update general licenses authorizing payments for legal services from funds originating outside the United States. Specifically, OFAC is replacing the reporting requirement in the general license with a recordkeeping requirement in applicable parts of 31 CFR chapter V. Additionally, in two CFR parts, OFAC is updating the general licenses authorizing the provision of certain legal services and adding a general license authorizing payment for legal services from funds originating outside the United States.

DATES:

Effective date: This rule is effective December 19, 2024.

Applicability date: This rule is applicable on March 12, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202–622–2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202–622–4855; or Assistant Director for Compliance, 202–622–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Background

Updating Existing General Licenses Authoring Payments for Legal Services From Funds Originating Outside the United States

In this rule, OFAC is updating 31 CFR 510, 515, 526, 536, 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555, 558, 569, 570, 576, 578, 579, 582, 583, 584, 585, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 594, 597, 598, and 599 to update or add general licenses authorizing payments for legal services from funds originating outside the United States. Specifically, OFAC is replacing the requirement in the general license to submit annual reports for payments received with a requirement to retain for ten years records with details of payments received.

In 31 CFR 591, in addition to replacing the reporting requirement with a recordkeeping requirement as described above, OFAC is revising the general license by simplifying the language that authorizes payments.

In 31 CFR 594 and 597, in addition to replacing the reporting requirement with a recordkeeping requirement as described above, OFAC is updating § 594.517 and § 597.513 to conform with current standards for OFAC general licenses including by removing the requirement for a letter of engagement prior to receiving payment from funds originating outside the United States.

In 31 CFR 549, OFAC is updating the general license at § 549.507 authorizing the provision of certain legal services to conform with current standards for OFAC general licenses including by removing the requirement that payment for legal services be specifically licensed. Additionally, OFAC is renumbering the general licenses at § 549.508 through 549.512 as § 549.509 through 549.513, respectively, and adding new § 549.508, which authorizes payment for legal services from funds originating outside the United States.

In 31 CFR 576, OFAC is updating the general license at § 576.507 authorizing the provision of certain legal services to conform with current standards for OFAC general licenses including by removing the requirement that payment for legal services be specifically licensed. Additionally, OFAC is adding new § 576.508, which authorizes payment for legal services from funds originating outside the United States.

Public Participation

Because the Regulations involve a foreign affairs function, the provisions of E.O. 12866 of September 30, 1993, “Regulatory Planning and Review” (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), as amended, and the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective date are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) does not apply.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collections of information related to the Regulations are contained in 31 CFR part 501 (the “Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations”). Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), those collections of information have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1505–0164. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid control number.

List of Subjects in 31 CFR Parts 510, 515, 526, 536, 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555, 558, 569, 570, 576, 578, 579, 582, 583, 584, 585, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 594, 597, 598, and 599

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Credit, Foreign trade, Legal services, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sanctions, Securities, Services.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, OFAC amends 31 CFR chapter V to read as follows:

PART 510—NORTH KOREA SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 510 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*, 1701 *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 287c, 9201–9255; Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890, as amended (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); Pub. L. 115–44, 131 Stat. 886 (codified in scattered sections of 22 U.S.C.); E.O. 13466, 73 FR 36787, 3 CFR, 2008 Comp., p. 195; E.O. 13551, 75 FR 53837, 3 CFR, 2010 Comp., p. 242; E.O. 13570, 76 FR 22291, 3 CFR, 2011 Comp., p. 233; E.O. 13687, 80 FR 819, 3 CFR,